

Logoori Noun Tone 2.0

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1. Introduction

Bantu noun tone has distributional gaps (HL, LH, LL, *HH); only 2 or 3 patterns for $\sigma\sigma$, $\sigma\sigma\sigma$
The (credible) null hypothesis for noun tone in Bantu:

Memorize where the surface tone is, for each noun

Very few alternations that motivate rules

There may be patterns: the grammar need not encode them

Verbs are different. The grammar *must* encode those alternations

Morphology provides ample evidence from alternations for a tone analysis of verbs

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| (1) | <i>L verb</i> | | <i>H verb</i> | |
| | vara-rakoorana | ‘they will release e.o’ | vara-vóhoollana | ‘they will untie e.o’ |
| | vaki-rákóórana | ‘they are still releasing e.o’ | vake-vohóólláná | ‘they are still untying e.o’ |
| | na va-rákóóráne | ‘they will release e.o’ | na va-vóhóólláne | ‘they will untie e.o’ |
| | váá-rákoorana | ‘they released e.o’ | váá-vóhoollana | ‘they untied e.o’ |
| | rakoorani | ‘release e.o!’ | vohóóllání | ‘untie e.o!’ |
| | ka-rakóóráne | ‘now release e.o!’ | ka-vohóólláné | ‘now untie e.o!’ |
| | vaka-rá ¹ kóóráná | ‘they just released e.o’ | vaka-vó ¹ hóólláná | ‘they just untied e.o’ |
| | vaa-rákóórání | ‘they released e.o (hest)’ | vaa-vóhóóllání | ‘they untied e.o (hest)’ |

A typical Logoori noun

- (2) σ -m σ -rógoori ‘Logoori person’ a-va-rógoori ‘Logoori people’
Proclitics (ni- “it’s a”, sa- “like”) reveal little.
Simple phrasal effects: avarógoori varáhi →avaró¹góórí varáhi ‘good Logooris’
Nothing spectacular or revealing: H spreads to the left.

Logoori noun tone in a nutshell

- (3) A stem can have \emptyset , 1 or 2 H tones
If 1 H, it is on the first stem syllable
Minor exception: a few stems with H on V₂ (the penult, almost always)
If 2 Hs, the second H is either final or penult
Then the first H goes towards the left edge of the stem (pre-stem or stem-initial)
The location of H₁ is governed by stem length and location of H₂.
H on a long penult is usually level H, but can be (lexically) falling

2. General tone processes

Downstep from concatenation of Hs

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| (4) | guugá | ‘grandfather’ | yáádeeka | ‘he is having cooked’ |
| | guugá ¹ yáádeeka | ‘grandfather is having cooked’ | | |
| | omó ¹ dóyá | ‘mashed beans’ | gótaayuga | ‘before they go bad’ |
| | omó ¹ dóyá ¹ gótaayuga | ‘before the beans go bad’ | | |

Downstep is the non-phonological interpretation of H H in the phonological output. Or late floating-L insertion between H autosegments, if you insist.

- (5) $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{guugá}^1 \text{ yáádeeka} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\ | \quad \wedge \quad | \\ \text{omó}^1 \text{ dóyá}^1 \text{ gótaayoga} \end{array}$

Leftward Spread: H spreads to the left (usually: there are blockage conditions)

- (6) ni vwaangũ marova kuvarizir_avaand_izing'oombe
 "it is easy for Marova to count cows for the people"

ní vwáángú máróvá kúvárízír_ávaánd_ízing'óómbé dáave
 "it is not easy for Marova to count cows for the people"

Spreading can result in H'H

- (7) ni rahísí marova korima 'it's easy for Marova to plow'
 ni rahísí máróvá kwíimba 'it's easy for Marova to sing'

Irreducible (token) optionality in spreading

- (8) ní vwáángú máróvá kwíimba 'it's easy for Marova to sing'
 ni vwaangũ maróvá kwíimba id.

- (9) $\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \sigma \quad \sigma \end{array}$ *Leftward Spreading* (opt: usually applies)

Falling tone only exist in a long phrase penult

Long penult: H vs. fall lexical contrast

- (10) iri-dáanji 'tank' iri-dáanji llara '1 tank'
 oro-nyáasi 'medicine' oro-nyáásí ólláhi 'good medicine'
 omũ-sáaza 'man' omũ-sáaza voza 'only a man'
- omũ-sáára 'tree' omũ-sáára molla '1 tree'
 ín-dóómba 'drum' ín-dóó¹mb_ííndáhi 'good drum'
 eke-kóóndo 'monkey' eke-kóóndo voza 'only a monkey'

Fall Simplification

- (11) $\begin{array}{c} \sigma \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \mu \quad \mu \\ | \quad \vdots \\ \text{H} \end{array}$ $\mu \quad \mu$ (or: some featural analog, F→H)

Choice of Fall vs. H is tense-determined in verbs

Fall vs. H is lexical in nouns (how?)

3. Lexical tone distribution

Undoing the effect of LS and downstep: the possible patterns

(12)	om̩-doto	‘infant’	daadá	‘father’
	ich-áayo	‘herd’	omw-ááraabu	‘Arab’
	om̩-dingiro	‘crutch’	iri-syaamogoma	‘gecko’
	iki-bága	/iki-bága/	‘cat’	
	iki ¹ -foryá	/iki ¹ -foryá/	‘pan’	
	é ¹ -ngókó	/é ¹ -ngókó/	‘chicken’	
	eké ¹ -róóró	/eké ¹ -róóró/	‘chicken louse’	
	om̩-sáara	/om̩-sáara/	‘tree’	
	om̩ ¹ -yááyí	/om̩ ¹ -yááyí/	‘boy’	
	í-dwáasi	/í-dwáasi/	‘milk cow’	
	om̩-bú ¹ gósó	/om̩-bú ¹ gósó/	‘Bukusu’	
	oró-háá ¹ ngáywá	/oró-háá ¹ ngáywá/	‘cave’	
	iri-kááfori	/iri-kááfori/	‘padlock’	
	í-navódo	/í-navódo/	‘basket’	
	om̩-rógoori	/om̩-rógoori/	‘Logoori’	
	ich-áá ¹ mégéré	/ich-áá ¹ mégéré/	‘mushroom’	
	e-pé ¹ téroóri	/e-pé ¹ téroóri/	‘petrol’	

Class prefixes are underlyingly toneless: there is no H when attached to a L stem

(13)	om̩-ndu	‘person’	avaa-ndu	‘people’
	om̩-gera	‘river’	imi-gera	‘rivers’
	iri-davaangiro	‘badly-made pot’	ama-davaangiro	‘badly-made pots’
	iki-haraato	‘famine’	ivi-haraato	‘famines’
	e-jeengero	‘beer pot’	izi-jeengero	‘beer pots’

H on prefix by LS

(14)	/om̩-kóro/	om̩-kóro	‘initiate’
	/iri-dírisha/	iri-dírisha	‘windows’
	/ama-gáraba/	amá-gáraba	‘bean leaves’
	/eke-kóómoori/	eké-kóómoori	‘plant sp.’
	/í-darája/	í-darája	‘bridge’
	/izin-déve/	izin-déve	‘chairs’
	/oró-hágayo/	oró-hágayo	‘hoof’

But some stems require autonomous H on the class prefix

(15)	/iki ¹ -foryá/	iki ¹ -foryá	‘pan’
	/én ¹ -gókó/	é ¹ n-gókó	‘chicken’
	/iri ¹ -bwóoni/	iri ¹ -bwóoni	‘potato’
	/amá ¹ -bwóoni/	amá ¹ -bwóoni	‘potatoes’
	/om̩ ¹ -yááyí/	om̩ ¹ -yááyí	‘boy’
	/ov̩ ¹ -cháafu/	ov̩ ¹ -cháafu	‘dirtiness’
	/eké ¹ -seégéra/	eké ¹ -seégéra	‘eye swelling coming from spell by dogs’
	/ov̩ ¹ -nyeégéri/	ov̩ ¹ -nyeégéri	‘itch’

This is a lexical property of some noun roots: how is the distinction represented in the root? Why is this only found when there is a second H?

Other lacunae

- (16) *íkí-vanatu prefix H with no other H
 *eke-sememé ~ eké-sémémé H only on the final vowel
 *eke-severéta H only on the penult of 4-syllable or longer word
 *íkí-bí' ní' má three Hs

Nouns have 0, 1 or 2 H tones

- (17) L no H at all H 1 H, stem-initially; lexical split on long penult between level H and Fall
 Plus a minor V₂ single-H pattern.
 HH# Final H + H on prefix / stem initial
 HH penult H + H on prefix / stem-initial. Lexical split on long penult between level H and Fall

- (18) L: 25% of nouns (nb rarely V-initial)
 íkí-guro 'hill' í-nyuundo 'hammer'
 íkí-haraato 'famine' e-geengere 'bell'
 íkí-vouzuuzi 'whirlwind' eke-heregete 'measles'
 in-dóviri 'colobus monkey' ívi-goongomello 'paraphernalia'

- (19) H: 42% of nouns
 e-béde 'ring' uvó-chíma 'ugali'
 í-dááywa 'rooster' uvó-yúúsi 'corn silk'
 eké-kéreko 'potash sieve' umu-rógoori 'Logoori'
 í-kááyoongo 'weed' e-béenzi 'wash basin'
 í-báákoora 'cane' umu-nákivara 'non-Logoori'
 í-náánguroka 'ugali pot' umw-íísokuro 'grandchild'

Lexically-determined difference between level H and Fall

- (20) Level H: > 75% (of CVVCV single H)
 ama-géénga 'embers' amá-hóóro 'desire to meet s.o.'
 eke-bóóko 'cattle guide' e-véembe 'grass'
 í-búúnda 'donkey' í-dááywa 'rooster'
 íkí-búúsi 'cat' íkí-dóúndo 'bamboo plant'

Fall: < 25% (of CVVCV single H)

- í-híiri 'clan' am-béere 'milk'
 eké-róori 'heifer' é-ng'éende 'jigger'
 íkí-túumi 'mound' im-báande 'dove type'

Unclear right now how to deal with this. Bigger-picture issue: idiolectal variation where F → H optionally, randomly everywhere

V₂ H tone: 2% of the lexicon (almost entirely CVVCV loan roots)

- (21) om-féréji 'water tap' í-návodo 'drum'
 í-súgúdi 'conga drum' í-dágíga 'minute'
 nasáaye 'God' (also nasáye)
 ama-bárábaande 'loquat'

CVH roots: tone splitting or leftward hopping

Not a general phonetic process: something special about prepausal lexical H (not melodic H)

- (22) Final H = initial H in CV roots
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| amá-rwá ~ amá ¹ -rwá ~ amá-rwa | ‘alcohol’ | ama-rwá vuza | ‘only alcohol’ |
| ovó-tá ~ ovó ¹ -tá ~ ovó-ta | ‘bow’ | | |
| ím-bwá ~ í ¹ -mbwá | ‘dog’ | im-bwá ndara | ‘1 dog’ |
| amá-chí ~ amá ¹ -chí ~ amá-chi | ‘heels’ | | |
- (Leftward Spread as expected. Tone copy to penult? Shift to penult?)

Double-H nouns

Location of H₂ is lexically specified (final or penult)

Location of H₁ is predictable, given that

- (23) HH#=14% of the lexicon

H₁ stem initial with longer stems

eké-mé ¹ nénwá	‘cartilage’	izim-bá ¹ róká	‘cooked bananas’
í-ná ¹ máará	‘tick’	oro-séé ¹ ng’éeéngé	‘barbed wire’
irí-jíí ¹ kóró	‘crow’	iki-dúú ¹ kúúra	‘chicken flea’
ama-sí ¹ ríngókó	‘chicken droppings’	eké-dó ¹ vóngórýó	‘pool of water’
eké-kóó ¹ mámóólí	‘ringworm’	iki-síí ¹ mbííkírá	‘whydah’

H₁ is pre-stem with disyllabic stems

é ¹ n-gókó	‘chicken’	í ¹ n-dámá	‘tobacco plant’
iki ¹ -foryá	‘pan’	omó ¹ -zúné	‘sunbird’
oró ¹ fónó	‘tether’	oró ¹ -dááng’á	‘cattle-herding stick’
iki ¹ -fwóóyó	‘rabbit’	iri ¹ -ng’ááng’á	‘hadada ibis’

- (24) HH=4%
Penult H ~ F lexically determined
Location of left-edge H depends on stem prosody

- (25) Two syllables: H₁ is pre-stem. Always CVVCV (*CV¹-¹CVCV)
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| iri ¹ -bwóoni | ‘potato’ | ovó ¹ -cháafu | ‘dirtiness’ | í ¹ n-jóogú | ‘peanut’ |
| omó ¹ -yááyí | ‘boy’ | om ¹ -stáári | ‘line’ | iri ¹ -tóónda | ‘fruit’ |

Trisyllabic stems: H₁ is prestem or initial, depending on penult length

Short penult: H₁ is pre-stem

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| í ¹ n-dógónyi | ‘ant sp.’ |
| omó ¹ -ndéréva | ‘driver’ |
| iri ¹ -dágálla | ‘grasshopper’ |
| ovó ¹ -nyéégéri | ‘itch’ |
| iri ¹ -káánzíra | ‘sp. greens’ |
| eké ¹ -séégéra | ‘eye swelling’ |

Long penult (fall or level): H₁ is stem-initial

iri-dá ¹ ráamu	‘drum’	iri-tó ¹ fáali	‘brick’	vó-tá ¹ jíiri	‘riches’
iri-chí ¹ llóóndo	‘bird sp.’	om-fá ¹ ráánza	‘Frenchman’	ich-áá ¹ ndáángú	‘back door’

- With stems of 4 syllables or more, H₁ is always stem-initial
- (27) iri-ká¹rádáasi ‘paper’ eke-mé¹rémeénde ‘candy’
 im-bá¹rábára ‘road’ eké-hé¹ṅáhéṅe ‘contempt’
 i-tá¹pyórééta ‘typewriter’ iki-bí¹ráúóni ‘small clay bowl’

Unifying generalization: H₁ links to a toneless stem-initial syllable if it is not immediately followed by a short H-toned syllable

Un-prefixed HH# trimoraic class 1a stems: final H only

With a prefix: pre-stem and final H as usual

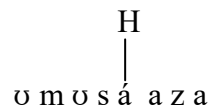
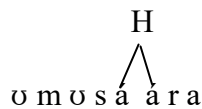
- (28) guugá vá-¹gúúgá ~ váá-¹gúúgá ‘grandfather’
 baabá vá-¹báábá ~ váá-¹báábá ‘father’
 koozá vá-¹kóózá ~ váá-¹kóózá ‘uncle’
 ofisá va-ó¹físá ‘officer’
 m-shaará ~ óm-¹sháára vá-¹sháára ~ váá-¹sháára ‘cousin’

*gú¹úgá, *ó¹físá, *m¹sháára

4. Warts

Now, what about penult H vs Fall?

- (29) om̩-sáara ‘tree’ om̩-sáaza ‘man’
 om̩¹-yááyí ‘boy’ iri¹-bwóoni ‘potato’
 om-fá¹ráánza ‘Frenchman’ iri-dá¹ráamu ‘drum’
 e-pé¹téroóri ‘petrol’ iri-ká¹rádáasi ‘paper’



Lexical contrastive association of H within a long initial syllable?

- (30) /om̩-saára/ ‘tree’ /om̩-sáaza/ ‘man’
 /H om̩-yaáyí/ ‘boy’ /H iri-bwóoni/ ‘potato’
 /H om̩-faraánza/ ‘Frenchman’ /H iri-daráamu/ ‘drum’
 /H e-peteroóri/ ‘petrol’ /H iri-karadáasi/ ‘paper’

The contrast exists even where there are no underlying long vowels – stem initially

/V+V/ → [V:]

- (31) omw-áana ‘child’ omw-áámi ‘chief, officer’
 om-únyu ‘seasoning’ orw-ááchi ‘enclosure’
 omw-éeri ‘month, moon’ omw-óógo ‘cassava’
 vw-íno ‘ink’ omw-íífa ‘nephew, niece’

Maybe nouns exceptionally can have initial long vowels?

- (32) /áana/ ‘child’ /(a)ámi/ ‘chief, officer’
 /únyu/ ‘seasoning’ /(a)áchi/ ‘enclosure’
 /éeri/ ‘month, moon’ /(o)ógo/ ‘cassava’
 /íno/ ‘ink’ /(i)íífa/ ‘nephew, niece’

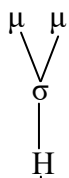
Cl. 11-10 nouns have expected lengthening only after CV class prefix
 If these stems have long vowels, why is the vowel short in the plural?

(33)	urw-íiga	‘horn’	ízinz-íga	‘horns’
	urw-áana	‘childishness’	ízinz-ána	‘childishnesses’
	urw-áako	‘boundary’	ízinz-áko	‘boundaries’
	urw-íimbu	‘song’	ízín-ímbo	‘songs’
	urw-ááchi	‘enclosure’	ízinz-áchi	‘enclosures’
	urw-áása	‘gap in teeth’	ízinz-ása	‘gaps in teeth’

Cl. 1 → adj derivation

(34)	a.	umú-doto	‘infant’
		urugaga ro-doto	‘soft fence’
		zindéve zi-ndoto	‘soft chair’
		umó [!] -hááyá	‘Haya’
		imívánó ímí [!] -hááyá	‘Haya knives’
		eng’óómbé í [!] -mbááyá	‘Haya cow’
	b.	umw-áana	‘child’
		misáará !my-áana	‘young trees’
		ímbwá !ínz-ána	‘young dog’
		umw-áámi	‘chief’
		ikígúútí ch-áámi	‘chief field’
		inyóómba inz-ámi	‘royal house’
		umw-íivi	‘thief’
		éng’óómbé inz-ívi	‘thief cow’
		ékémóórí ch-íivi	‘thief calf’

urú - i g a



f → ∅ if short or pre-penult

urú - a ch i



The Spurious-H problem: a subset of H nouns that gain final H phrasally

Invariant single stem-initial H

(35)	a.	um-rógoori	‘a Logoori’
		avar-ógoori mia móója	‘100 Logoori’
		akoonyi ava-rógoori vwaangu	‘he helped the Logooris quickly’
		umú-rógoori vóza	‘only a Logoori’
		ava-rógoori amsiini	‘50 Logoori’

Second H in stem clearly because of LS

b.	ava-ró [!] góórí ámsiini	‘50 Logoori’
	ava-ró [!] góórí vózá váá [!] kókoonyi	‘only the Logooris have helped us’
	umú-ró [!] góórí mtáambi	‘tall Logoori’
	mbooll_aava-ró [!] góórí górizí ómgádi	‘I told the Logooris “sell the bread!”’
	um-ró [!] góórí n_ómwáángú dáave	‘the Logoori is not quick’

Similar nouns

- (36) i-mísheni ‘mission’ i-mísheni voza ‘only a mission’
 mu-nákivara ‘non-Logoori’ mu-nákivara molla ‘1 non-Logoori’
 óófisi ‘office’ óófisi voza ‘only an office’
 omw-íísokoro ‘grandchild’ omw-íísokoro molla ‘one grandchild’
 ri-kááfori ‘padlock’ iri-kááfori llitu ‘heavy padlock’
 omw-sáájeni ‘sergeant’ omw-sáájeni omwaangu ‘quick sergeant’

Nouns that gain a second H before a toneless word: the Spurious-H subset

- (37) a. omw-íídako ‘Idako’
 va_v_aav-íídako ‘they are Idakhos’
 kir_omw-íídako ‘every Idakho’
H in the noun because of LS
 b. mw-íí¹dákó m¹táámbi ‘tall Idakho’
 mw-íí¹dákó m¹óráhi ‘good Idakho’
 av-íí¹dákó n_áv¹aráhi ‘the Idakhos are good’
 av-íí¹dákó v¹áárima ‘the Idakhos plowed’
 av-íí¹dákó v¹áné ‘4 Idakhos’
 ☞ *No good reason for this second H*
 c. omw-íí¹dákó molla ‘1 Idakho’
 omw-íí¹dákó voza ‘just Idakho’
 av-íí¹dákó vara ‘those Idakho’

Similar nouns

- (38) ekes-é¹gésé voza ‘roof peak only’ ke-ségese ‘roof-peak’
 kóké-sé¹gésé kííndí ‘different peak’ eke-sé¹gésé killa ‘one roof peak’
 iki-dáhiru ‘dipper’ iki-dá¹híró killa ‘1 dipper’
 iri-gáraba ‘bean leaf’ iri-gá¹rábá llara ‘1 bean leaf’
 ama-gá¹rábá m¹aráhi ‘good bean leaf’ ama-gá¹rábá maangu ‘light bean leaves’
 ama-gá¹rábá gára ‘those bean leaves’ amá-gá¹rábá sííini ‘60 bean leaves’

HH# nouns: two H's everywhere

- (39) om-bó¹gósó ‘Bukusu’ om-bó¹gósó molla ‘1 Bukusu’
 om-bó¹gósó mwaangu ‘quick Bukusu’ ava-vó¹gósó¹vávirí ‘2 Bukusu’
 avá-vó¹gósó¹sábá ‘7 Bukusu’ avá-vó¹gósó¹á¹vííngi ‘many Bukusus’
 avá-vó¹gósó¹só vara ‘those Bukusus’
 avá-vó¹gósó¹váárima ‘the Bukusus plowed (stative)’

Similar nouns

- (40) ro-háá¹ngáywá ‘cave’
 ro-háá¹ngáywá llara ‘1 cave’
 ro-háá¹ngáywá¹róhéne ‘big cave’
 iri-jíí¹kóró ‘crow’
 iri-jíí¹koró voza ‘crow only’
 iri-jíí¹kóró tayáari ‘ready crow’

om-ki¹kóyó ‘Kikuyu’
 m-ki¹kóyó molla ‘1 Kikuyu’
 om-ki¹kóyó ¹mtáámbi ‘tall Kikuyu’

ki-dúú¹kúúra ‘chicken flea’
 ki-dúú¹kúúra chaangu ‘fast chicken flea’
 ki-dúú¹kúúra kenéne ‘big chicken flea’

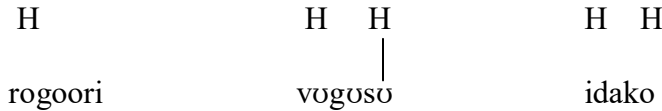
Three behavioral classes

- (41) CV-CV̇CVCV## CV-CV̇CVCV# L H CV-CV̇CVCV# L = (35)
- CV-CV̇¹CVCV## CV-CV̇¹CVCV# L H CV-CV̇¹CVCV# L = (39)
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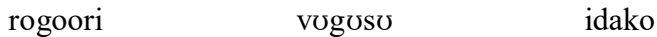
The big puzzle: what distinguishes these lexical subsets?

Some possibilities:

- (42) CV̇CVCV = H; CV̇¹CVCV̇ = H' + *linked* final H; variable CV̇CVCV = H' H'



CV̇CVCV = H L; CV̇¹CVCV̇ = H H#; variable CV̇CVCV = H (H←∅ before L word)



Synopsis

- 1: Noun stems can have up to two underlying Hs
- 2: The location of the last H is lexically specified
 (*eke-kéréko* vs. *ɪ-dagíga*; *omó¹-yááyí* vs. *íkí¹-fwóóyó*)
- 3: The first H in a 2-H stem maps by rule either to the first stem syllable, the pre-stem syllable, or deletes.
- 4: Phonological Hs divide into two subtypes, level and falling. Proposal:



The original question: how much *cannot* just be stored in the lexicon?

The answer: location of H₁ in double-H nouns

- (43) *H₁ association*
 $\begin{matrix} H' & & H \\ & \diagdown & | \\ & [\sigma'] & \sim \sigma \\ & & | \\ & & \mu \end{matrix}$
(complement notation: "and not...")

Hardcore puzzles

(44) The \acute{V} - $\acute{C}\acute{V}$ ~ \acute{V} - $^{\flat}\acute{C}\acute{V}$ ~ \acute{V} -CV alternation in CV H nouns

The spurious H problem

Analysis impeded by considerable variation

$\acute{C}\acute{V}$ problem needs unification with verb tone patterns

Spurious H mechanics connected to grammatical H in certain NP contexts? See H ~ \emptyset alternation on demonstratives –

H	ava-rógoori vára	‘those Logooris’
Spur-H	ama-gá!rábá gára	‘those bean leaves’
HH#	ava-vó!gósó vara	‘those Bukusus’
L	izin-dóóngóózi zira	‘those peaks’