Language Technology for Inuit Languages: The Nuuk-Tromsø Connection

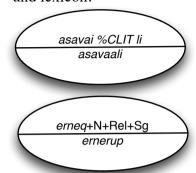
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Greenlandic

The Greenlandic transducers consists of serial finite-state rewrite rules for morphonology, and finite-state transducers for morphology and lexicon.



```
define cliticAassim
[ i -> a || a _ %CLIT ] ;
asavai+LI-> asavaali
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define fricativeassim
[ q -> r || Vow _
[ %> Segment | %CLIT ] ];
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Practical applications

The transducers form the backbone of several practical applications.



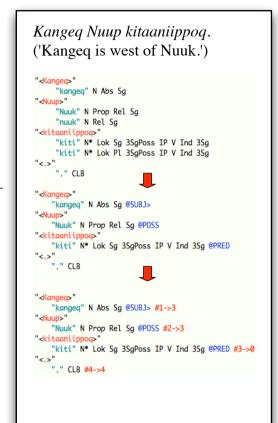
Syntactic analysis

Disambiguation, syntactic functions and dependency relations are done using the CG3 formalism and the vislcg3 constraint grammar compiler, *http://visl.sdu.dk*.

FST gives all possible morphological analyses.

Disambiguator picks the relevant analyses and adds grammatical functions.

Dependency gives the tree structure.



Kukkuniiaat, the Greenlandic spellchecker Giellatekno and Ogaasilerifik Ogaasileriffik

Giellatekno and Oqaasilerifik have made a spellchecker for Greenlandic, based upon a morphological transducer, integrated in MS Word by Lingsoft.

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The current state of the transducers

The Greenlandic transducer contains 85.000 lexical entries and 160.000 states. Tested on a corpus of 270.000 words of running texts, it recognizes 81% of the wordforms.

The Iñupiaq transducer is still in an experimental state, it contains 1990 lexical entries and 2911 states.

Converting Kleinschmidt to modern spelling

okausîsalo ilait pâsisimalâlerêrsimagavkit okautsíka paitsôrpatdlârkunagit sapíngisavnik tasamanimiut pâsisinaussait atorsínaussáka sule amigaraluakissut ilâtigut okauseralugit ima okalugpunga

oqaasiisalu ilaat paasisimalaalereersimagakkit oqaatsikka paatsoorpallaaqqunagit sapinngisannik tasamanimiut paasisinaasaat atorsinnaasakka suli amigaraluaqisut ilaatigut oqaaseralugit ima oqaluppunga

Converting Greenlandic spelling to IPA

Syllabic weight (1, 2, 3) follows Kleinschmidts law. High tone is marked with *.

Kaffimik aallerpoq "s/he fetched coffee" => ¹kaf.fi.mik a*:¹.¹²ερ.¹pɔq

Sunaaffa anereersut "it turned out they had left" => su. 3na:f.fa a.ne. 3ke:s.1sut

Flag diacritics in the morphological analysis of Iñupiaq

Problem:

- 1. Verbs are intransitive or transitive.
- 2. Most derivational affixes are common to both stem types.
- 3. Intransitive and transitive verbs have different inflectional affixes.
- 4. The transducer should remember stem type, in order to avoid duplicating the derivational component.

Solution:

- a. Stems are first flagged according to transitivity and stem type, IV and TV.
- b. They get derivation and mood markers according to stem type.
- c. They then get personal endings and clitics, where endings are marked with transitivity flags.
- e. Finally they pass through a filter that stops flag mismatches.

```
LEXICON IV
@P.IV.ON@
             junctionIV :
LEXICON TV
@P.TV.ON@
           iunctionTV :
LEXICON junctionIV
   v-der ;
verb_intr ;
LEXICON junctionTV
    verb_tr;
LEXICON v-der ! hundreds...
+NIAQ:%>niaq v-der-cont;
LEXICON v-der-cont
@R.IV.ON@ verb intr :
@R.TV.ON@ verb tr :
LEXICON verb_intr
+V+Ind+Prs:%>tu
                     indpers :
 +V+Ind+Prt:%>tua
                     indpers:
LEXICON indpersonaffix
+1Sg:%>na clit;
LEXICON verb tr
+V+Ind+Prs:%>ge indpers_tv_12 :
LEXICON indpers_tv_12
+1Sg+2Sg0:%>kpiñ
LEXICON clit
 +GUUQ:%>guuq
 +LU:%>lu
LEXICON f
 "@D.[IT]V.ON@" > #;
 Deletes iv/tv combinations
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Iñupiaq and Greenlandic analysers online

Both the Iñupiaq and Greenlandic analysers are available online, both for analysis and source code download.

iglu: iglu+N+Abs+Sg lñupiaq analyzer Copy text into the window below, and the program will give you all possible morphological analyses of the wordforms in question. If you choose Disambiguate, it will make an attempt iglu N+Abs+Sg iglu N+Abs+Sg+1Sg igluga choosing the analysis which suits the given context (warning: the development of the disambiguation program hasn't really started yet). iglu N+Abs+Sg+2Sg iglun You may also convert Iñupiaq text from the 8-bit IñupiaQ Dictionary encoding to Unicode (if your Iñupiaq text contains some of the letters e, f, x, b, you need to do this). Choose "Conv. iglu N+Abs+Sg+3Sg iglua iglu N+Abs+Pl Type the word forms iglu N+Abs+Pl+1Sg iglutka iglu N+Abs+Pl+2Sg iglutiñ iglu N+Abs+Pl+3Sg igluŋi iglu N+Abs+Du iglu N+Abs+Du+1Sg iglukka Give all word forms iglu N+Abs+Du+2Sg iglukiñ iglu N+Rel+Sg ○ Convert iglum Send form Reset form Character coding: • utf-8 | latin iglu N+Rel+Pl+3Sg igluŋisa iglu N+Trm+Sg iglumun iglu N+Trm+Pl iglunun iglu N+Loc+Sg iglumi Copyright © Sámi language technology project igluni iglu N+Loc+Pl iglu N+Loc+Du igluŋni

Future possibilities

Machine translation from Greenlandic to Inuktitut and Iñupiaq, intelligent dictionaries, synthetic speech...