Phonology II

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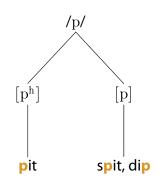
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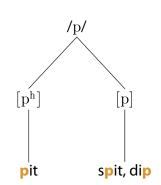


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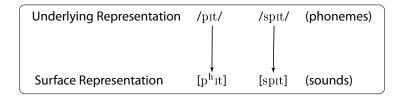
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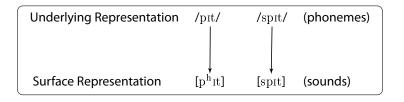
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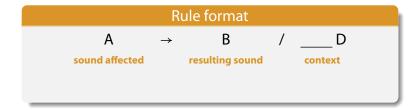
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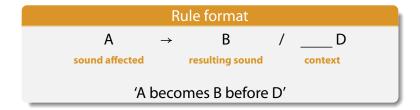
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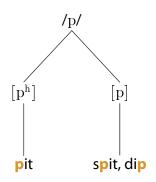
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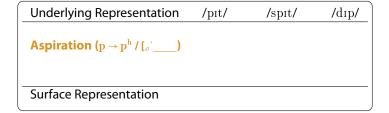
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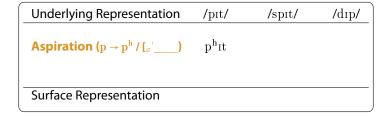
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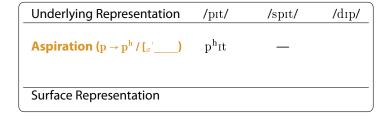
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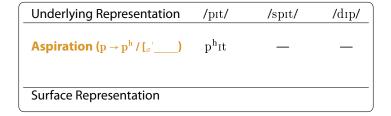
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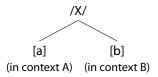
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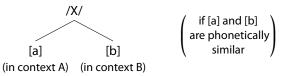
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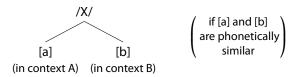


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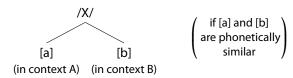


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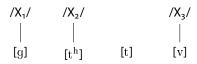
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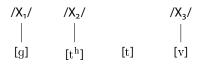
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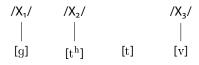


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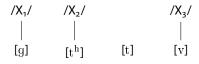


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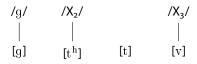
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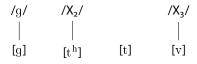
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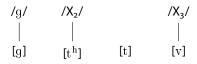
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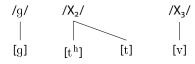
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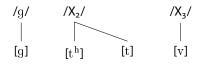
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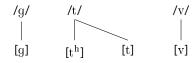
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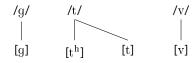
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- /g/, /t/, /v/ are phonemes, but there is no phoneme */t $^{\rm h}$ / in English.



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- In such a case, we say that these sounds are allophones in free variation



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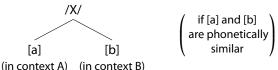
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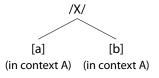
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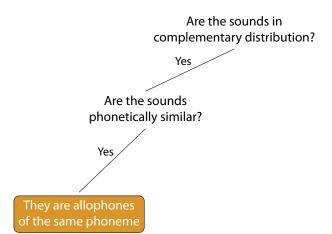
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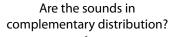
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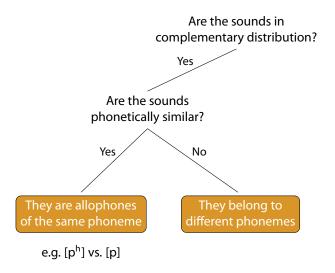
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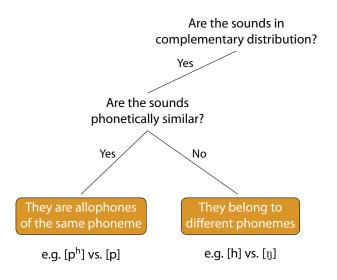
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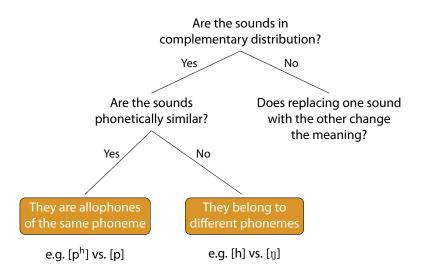
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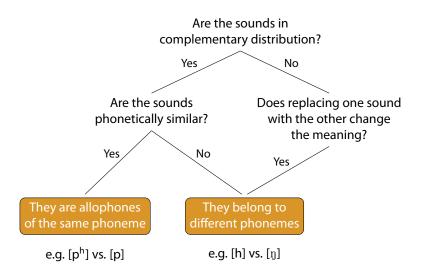
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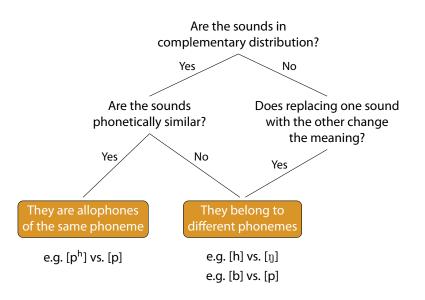
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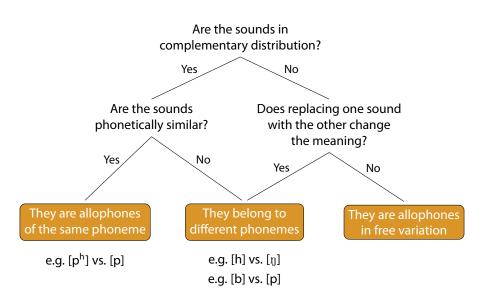


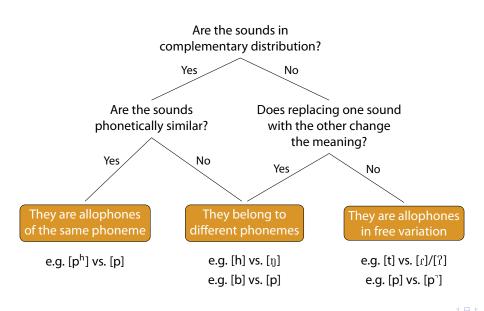






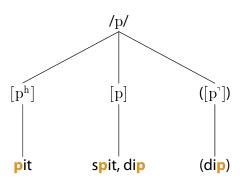






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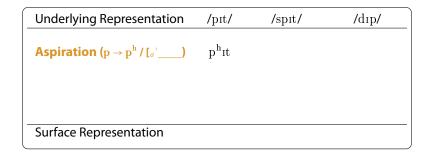


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[kɔːɾi]	'distance'	[talda]	'sweet'
[əːlmana]	'how much'	[nore]	'song'
[purida]	'to use'	[solhwa]	'legend'
[pulgogi]	'barbecued meat'	[saram]	'person'
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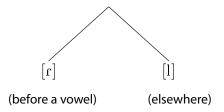
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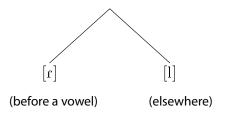
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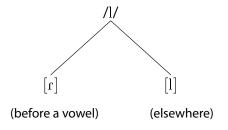


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UR /sul/ /salam/
///
$$\rightarrow$$
 [r] / __ V __
SR

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Even though [1] and [1] are not allophones of the same underlying phoneme in English, they are in Korean!

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Are the vowels [i], [a] and [u] phonemes or allophones?

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They are all phonemes: /a/, /i/, /u/

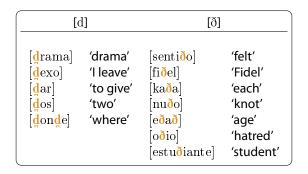
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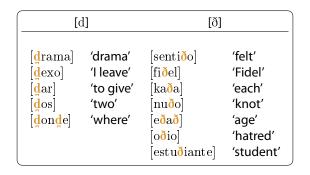
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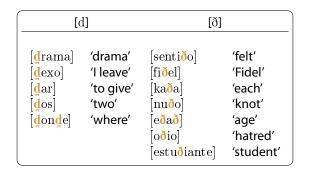
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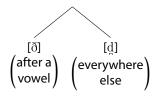
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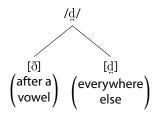


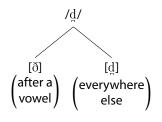


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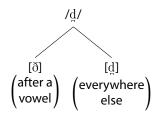
Conditioning environment: [ð] after a vowel, [d] occurs everywhere else







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$$/d$$
/ → [δ] / V____ 'A dental stop becomes a dental fricative after a vowel'

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