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0. A very pertinent feature in the analysis of Ayutla Mixtec¹ phonology is the two-syllable couplet² which is the nucleus of most phonological words. (For an exception, see 9.2.) It is phonologically marked by

¹ There are about 5,000 speakers of the Ayutla, Guerrero dialect of Mixtec. A number of residents of the community of Tepango were used as informants, but Artemio Alvarez was the principal one for the analysis of the segmental phonemes. Leo Pankratz did the analysis of the segmental phonemes and the lexical and grammatical materials were furnished by him. Eunice V. Pike did the analysis of tone, the phonological word, and the phonological phrase, using the informants José Maximino García and Sabino Morales Ángel. She also is responsible for the presentation of the material.

² K. Pike speaks of 'tonemic couplets' and morphemes which are 'basically dissyllabic' in the San Miguel el Grande dialect of Mixtec. See Kenneth L. Pike, *Tone Languages*, University of Michigan Press, (Ann Arbor, 1948), 79-80. Mak uses a 'tone couplet' in describing the morphotonemics of the San Esteban dialect. See Cornelia Mak, *A comparison of two Mixtec tonemic systems*, IJAL 19.87 (1953). Longacre calls the couplet 'the primary distributional matrix' in Mixtec. See Robert E. Longacre, *Proto-Mixtecan*, Publication No. 5 of Indiana University Research Center in Anthropology, Folklore, and Linguistics (1957), 11.

consonantal allophones and rhythm (2 and 9.1). Word-stress is predictable by tone provided that the couplet occurs word-initially, but it is not predictable if the couplet occurs elsewhere. Phrase-stress, however, is independent both of tone and of the couplet (10).

The phonological word and phrase are domains of two separate morphotonemic systems. These systems involve the lexical, phonological, and, to a lesser degree, the grammatical hierarchies, since in describing the morphotonemics it is necessary to classify the lexical items both according to their basic phonological shape, and (when describing the morphotonemics within a word) according to their grammatical status (i.e. according to stem versus proclitic versus enclitic).

Ayutla Mixtec is unique among the thirty or so Mixtec dialects and subdialects yet studied, in that it has a phonemic morpheme-final and word-final glottal stop.³ Although the morpheme-final glottal stop disappears word-medially, and the word-final glottal stop disappears phrase-medially, morphemes and words characterized by this feature are morphotonemically distinct from those not having it in their basic forms. In fact, the role of morpheme-final and word-final glottal stop in morphotonemics is so important that Ayutla Mixtec may be considered to preserve here an archaic feature of considerable importance to the understanding of the development of Mixtec morphotonemics in its manifold dialectal

³ Longacre (*Proto-Mixtecan*, p. 82) said confidently in 1957, "Mixtec loses final [Proto-Mixtecan] *-ʔ everywhere and without trace, except for the situation described under (4) [development of *CVʔ to Mixtec CVʔV]."

variations. In this paper special attention has been paid to morphotonemics.

1. There is contrast between the following consonant phonemes: voiceless stops and alveopalatal affricate /p (rare), t, tʸ, č, k, kʷ, ʔ/; prenasalized stops /b (rare), d, dʸ, g (rare), gʷ (rare)/; spirants /s, š, h (rare), hʷ (rare)/; nasals /m, n, ñ/; lateral, vibrant, and semiconsonants /l, r, v, y/.

Bilabials /p, b, v/: pa³lá¹ *brown sugar*, bé³e³ *sheep*, vá³ʔa³ *good*.

Alveolar and palatalized alveolar stops, and alveopalatal affricate /t, tʸ, č, d, dʸ/: tó³o³ *a span*, tʸó³ʔo³ *a root*, čó³ʔo³ *a nest*, dó³ʔo³ *adobe*, dʸó³ʔo³ *a humming bird*.

Velars and labialized velars /k, kʷ, g, gʷ, h, hʷ/: ka¹ʔá¹ra³ *he talks*, kʷá²ʔá³ra³ *he goes*, tí³ka³ *grasshopper*, í³ga³ *another*, sí³kʷí³ *tree sap*, í³-gʷí³í³ *fox*, ho³-lí¹í¹ *seseme seed*, ka³hʷé¹ *coffee*.

The glottal stop versus the absence of glottal stop, and versus /t/ and /k/: ná²ma³ *wall*, ná²maʔ³ *soap*, tó²to³ *clothing*, tʸo³kóʔ¹ *ant*, tʸo³ʔóʔ¹ *flea*, yó²koʔ³ *steam*.

The nasals, lateral, and vibrant /m, n, ñ, l, r/: tú³mi³ *feather*, nú²niʔ³ *corn*, ñú²ñuʔ³ *honey*, lú¹lu¹ *small*, a³ró¹ *rice*.

The semiconsonants /v, y/: yá¹ʔa¹ *brown*, vá³ʔa³ *good*, ná²yaʔ³ *a dog*, dá³va³ *rafter*.

The sibilants /s, š/ versus the affricate /č/: kí³si³ *a pitcher*, dí³ši³ *corn liquor*, dí³či³ *stringbean*.

2. The environment most pertinent to the description of the consonant variants is the nucleus of phonological word type one (9.1). This nucleus is a couplet which coincides with the grammatical stem. It has been indicated by a preceding hyphen. If a word contains no hyphen, the couplet follows word space. te³-sá³va³ *boy*, ká³ka³ *lime*. Since the couplet is marked by hyphen or word space, a stress mark is redundant; I have written it, however, since the rules are a bit complicated (9.1), and since the various phonemic tones are sometimes most easily identified in relation to stress.

Voiceless stops /t, tʸ, k, kʷ/ and the affricate /č/ are preaspirated when occurring as the second consonant in a couplet.⁴ sí[h]tí³ *cheek*, tú²[h]tʸa³ *atole*, šá³[h]kuʔ³ *a few*, ká²[h]čiʔ³ *cotton*, yá²[h]kʷaʔ³ *syrup foam*. (The following example has a word-medial, couplet-initial /k/ which is not preaspirated. tí³-ká³[h]tʸa³ *cornsilk*.)

A nasal, the nasal of a prenasalized stop, and the voiced continuants /l, v, y/ are lengthened when occurring as the second consonant in a couplet, tí¹m[·]aʔ¹ *candle*, šá³n[·]ju³ *daughter-in-law*, ñú²ñ[·]juʔ³ *honey*, kó²[n·]do³ *knee*, tí³-ná³n[·]aʔ³ *tomato*, čé¹l[·]e¹ *scissors*, vá³v[·]i³ *a joint*, ná²y[·]aʔ³ *dog*.

The voiceless continuants when occurring as the second consonant of a couplet are either lengthened, or are preceded by a slight hiatus. tó³s[·]o³ or tó³[#]so³ *a floral arch*, tí³-sú³[h]tʸa³ *a crane*, ká³š[·]í³ or ká³[#]ší³ *dew*.

When postcouplet⁵ the stop /k/ varies from a voiceless stop to a lenis voiced fricative, the affricate /č/ varies from a voiceless to a voiced affricate, and the bilabial continuant /v/ varies from slight friction to frictionless. ká¹ni³va¹ [ká¹n·i³va³] or [ká¹n·i³wa³] *it is very long*, ká²ka³ka³ra³ [ká²hka³ka³ra³] or [ká²hka³ga³ra³] *he will ask again*, ká²či³či³ [ká²hči³či³] or [ká²hči³ʒi³] *her cotton*.

If only native words were considered, the lateral /l/ could be described as a vibrant [ř] when in postcouplet position, and a lateral [l] in other environments. For example, lu¹lú¹ra³ *he is small*. However, due to Spanish

⁴ Longacre (Proto-Mixtecan p. 11) says of Metlatonoc Mixtec, 'The M couplet, thus defined, is phonologically marked by optional lengthening of its medial consonant (with voiceless element before medial t or k in M-M).' Longacre gleaned this information from unpublished data written by Edward Overholt.

⁵ The postcouplet environment is pertinent in the description of the phoneme of the Mixtec or San Miguel el Grande also. K. Pike describes an allophone of /r/ as occurring enclitic initial (i.e. postcouplet) in that dialect. See Kenneth L. Pike, Analysis of a Mixteco text, IJAL 10.115 (1944).

loan words, the lateral and vibrant are in contrast. /lú¹lu¹/ *small*, /tó¹ro¹/ *bull*.

3. There is contrast between five oral /i, e, a, o, u/ and four nasalized vowels /ĩ, ẽ (rare), ą, ʉ/.

Front vowels /i, ı, e, ẽ/ contrast: i³kı¹?¹ *squash*, i³kı¹?¹ *bone*, dí³?i³ *pimple*, dé²?i³ *mud*, té²i³ *chair*, té¹i¹?¹ *narrow*, šá³tu³i³ *my trousers*, šá³tu³e³?³ *our trousers*. The vowel /a/ contrasts with the above. í³ta³i³ *my flower*, tu³tu³a³?³ *her paper*.

Back vowels /o, u, ʉ/ contrast: tó²to³ *clothing*, tú³tu³ *paper*, tu³tú¹?¹ *firewood*, šá²tu³?³ *box*, yá¹tu³?³ *tumpline*.

Central oral and nasal vowels contrast: t³á³?a³ *gourd*, t³á³?ą³ *spleen*.

4. The environments most pertinent to the description of vowel variants are contiguous nasal consonants, contiguous palatalized consonants, and contiguous vowels.

A vowel preceding /m, n, ñ/ becomes slightly nasalized, but there is still contrast between slightly nasalized oral vowel and phonemic nasal vowel in that environment: tu³tu³ñá³ *their paper*, tu³tú¹ñá¹ *their firewood*, i³i³ñá¹ *their husbands*, i³i³ñá¹ *their hides*, yú²ku³ñá³ *their leaf*, yú²ku³ñá³ *their furrow*.

When following a nasal consonant, a vowel, a vowel cluster, and vowels separated by /ʔ/ become nasalized, but since there is no contrast between a nasal and an oral vowel in that environment, we have considered them to be phonemically oral. nú³nı³a³?³ [nú³nı³ą³?³] *her corn*, ñá³?a³ [ñá³?ą³] *morning*.

In a cluster of diverse vowels the first of the cluster is very short, especially if it is not stressed. čí²t³a³i³ *my banana*. šá³nu³a³?³ *her sister-in-law*, tú³t³a³u³?³ *your atole*, só²?o³i³ *my ear*, sé³i³ *cold*. In spite of the shortness of the first vowel, there is contrast between the sequence /kuV/ and /k^wV/. yá²k^wa³?³ *syrup foam*, yú²ku³a³?³ *her leaf*. Vowels of the syllable pattern CV which occur post-couplet are shorter than vowels which occur in the couplet. For example, the last three

syllables of the following example are very short. sá¹ta³ka¹ra³ri³?³ *he is buying animals again*.

There are portmanteau phones [æ] and [æ̃] which phonemically are the clusters /ae/ and /aẽ/. They occur especially after palatalized consonants and in fluctuation with the vowel cluster after other consonants. dí²šą³e³?³ [dí²šæ̃³?³] *our sandal*, má²ta³e³?³ [má²tæ̃³?³] or [má²ta³e³?³] *our pocket*, čí²t³a³e³?³ [čí²t³æ̃³?³] *our banana*.

There is a portmanteau phone [o] which is phonemically the sequence /ou/. It contrasts with [u] /u/. tó²to³u³?³ [tó²htó³?³] *your clothing*, tu³tú¹?¹ [tu³htú¹?¹] *your firewood*, só²ko³u³?³ [só²hkó³?³] *your shoulder*, sú²ku³?³ [sú²hku³?³] *your neck*.

The phoneme /a/ has an allophone [aⁱ] which occurs when preceding /ʔi/. dá²?i³ [dá²?i³] *to shout*.

The first couplet vowel of the canonical pattern VCV or VCV[?] may become voiceless when preceding a voiceless stop, especially when nonstressed phrase medially. For example: ya³tá¹?¹ *old* + í²ka³?³ *basket* > ya³ta¹ i¹ká¹a³?³ [Iká¹a³?³] *the basket is old*.

5. There are certain systemic co-occurrence restrictions in the distribution of phonemes. Nasalized vowels do not occur following voiced consonants; rounded vowels do not occur following labial consonants; /i/ and /ı/ do not occur following /t^v, d^v, ñ/.

Some vowel clusters which occur at the juncture of couplet and postcouplet do not occur within a couplet. Some consonant clusters which occur in the second syllable of a couplet do not occur in a couplet-initial environment.

5.1. Nasal vowels do not follow voiced consonants, but they follow any of the voiceless consonants: pé¹ı¹ *handkerchief*, tú³?u³ *word*, t³á²ą³ *tomorrow*, čú³u³ *work*, kí¹?ı¹?¹ *much*, k^wá¹ą¹ *yellow*, sá²šı³ *nephew*, sú²ku³?³ *throat*, sı²?ı³ *leg*.

The vowels /o, u, ʉ/ do not follow labial consonants /p, k^w, b, g^w, m, v/, but they fol-

low other consonants. tú³t³v³a³ *atole*, t³v³ó³?o³ *root*, č³ó³?o³ *nest*, kú³š³i³ *bow*, d³ó³ko³ *shrimp*, d³v³ó³?o³ *humming-bird*, te³-g³ó³?o³ *Mexican*, s³ó³ko³ *shoulder*, š³u³?ú³?¹ *money*, lí³š³i³ *nectar*, yo¹?ó¹o³ *you* (sg).

The vowels /i, i/ do not follow /t^v, d^v, ñ, b, h/, but they do follow /č, š/ and other phonemes. čí³t³v³a³ *banana*, š³f³ni³?³ *head*, sá³š³i³ *nephew*, sí³t³i³ *cheek*, kí³s³i³ *a pitcher*, dí³ka³ *brush*, čí³?g³i³?³ *acorn*, i³-g³w³i³?³ *fox*, lí³ma³?¹ *a type of fish*, ví³?e³ *house*, kí³?i³?¹ *hook*, ne³-yí³vi³?³ *people*.

The vowels /a, a/ follow any consonant but /g^w/. pá³č³i³ *a spongy fruit*, tá²?ma³ *gorge*. tú³t³v³a³ *atole*, ča³?v³i³ra¹ *he will pay*, k^wá¹?a¹ *red*, ká³š³i³ *dew*, kó²?ba³ *oak gall*, dá³v³a³ *rafter*, sá³a³ *bird*, šá³a³ *jaw*, má²ta³ *pocket*, ná²ma³ *wall*, ñá³?a³ *morning*, la³tú³?¹ *youngest child*, yá³?vi³ *market*, vá³vi³ *joint*.

5.2. Within a stem, vowel clusters are either the geminates /ii, ee, aa, oo, uu; iï, aä, uu/ or they are diverse clusters /ei, ie, eï/. í³i³?³ *husband*, bé³e³ *sheep*, ká³a³ *metal*, kó²o³?³ *snake*, yú²u³?³ *stone*; í³i³?³ *hide*, t^vá²á³?³ *tomorrow*, t^vú³u³?³ *turkey*; sé³i³?³ *cold*, ví³e³?³i³?³ *my house*, t^éí³?¹ *narrow*.

Clusters of vowels also occur at the juncture of a couplet and postcouplet. If the couplet vowel is nasalized, the postcouplet vowel is also nasalized, but if the couplet vowel is oral, the postcouplet may be nasal. tú³?u³?³ *word* + a³?³ *her* > tú³?u³á³?³ *her word*; čí³t³v³a³ *banana* + u³?³ *your* (sg) > čí³t³v³a³u³?³ *your banana*.

If the postcouplet vowel is the same quality and tone as the couplet vowel, it fuses with it, and the two forms become homophonous. tú³č³i³?³ *vein* + i³?³ *my* > tú³č³i³?³ *my vein*; sá³š³i³?³ *nephew* + i³?³ *my* > sá³š³i³?³ *my nephew*; š³i³da³?³ *tongs* + a³?³ *her* > š³i³da³?³ *her tongs*.

In our data vowel clusters which occur at the juncture of a couplet and postcouplet are as follows: ka²č³i³?¹ *my cotton*, ti²?e³?¹ *my forehead*, ká³ka³i³?³ *my lime*, tó²to³i³?³ *my clothing*, tú³tu³e³?³ *our paper*, tú³č³i³e³?³ *our vein*, čé¹lé³e³?³ *our scissors*, ká³ka³e³?³ *our lime*,

tó²to³e³?³ *our clothing*, tú³tu³e³?³ *our paper*, tú³č³i³a³?³ *her veins*, čé¹lé³a³?³ *her scissors*, la¹šá¹a³?³ *her orange*, tó²to³a³?³ *her clothing*, tú³tu³a³?³ *her paper*, tú³č³i³u³?³ *your veins*, čé¹lé³u³?³ *your scissors*, ká³ka³u³?³ *your lime*, tó²to³u³?³ *your clothing*, ti¹kú¹u³?³ *your needle*.

Vowel clusters of three vowels may also occur at a juncture of couplet and post-couplet. i³i³?¹ *my husband*, šá³a³i³?³ *my jaw*, yó³o³i³?³ *my jar*, yu²u³?¹ *my stone*, í²í³?¹ *my salt*, dí³-sá³á³?³ *my meat tamale*, tú³ú³í³?¹ *I am black*, čí¹e³i³?³ *I am big*; se³í³?¹ *my corncob*, í³i³e³?³ *our husbands*, šá³a³e³?³ *our jaws*, yó³o³e³?³ *our jars*, yú²u³e³?³ *our stones*, í²í³e³?³ *our salt*, dí³-sá³á³e³?³ *our meat tamale*, tú³ú³e³?¹ *we are black*, se³í³e³?³ *our husbands*; í³i³a³?³ *her husband*, yó³o³a³?³ *her jar*, yú²u³a³?³ *her stone*, í²í³a³?³ *her salt*, tú³ú³í³á¹?¹ *it is black*, se³í³á³?³ *her corncob*; ka³da²á¹a³?³ *she is not going to move*; i³i³ú³?¹ *your husband*, šá³a³u³?³ *your jaw*, yó³o³u³?³ *your jug*, yu²u³ú³?¹ *your stone*, í²í³u³?³ *your salt*, dí³-sá³á³u³?³ *your meat tamale*, se³í³u³?³ *your corncob*, t^éí³u³?³ *your chair*.

There are occasional vowel clusters of four vowels as in kí³í³i³?¹ *I am not smart* ká³t^va³i³a³u³?³ *I am going to really throw it*.

5.3. Consonants that occur as the first in a cluster of two are restricted to /?, s, š m, n/.

In our data glottal stop may precede any of the voiced consonants but /r, g^w/. The resulting consonant clusters occur only in a couplet-medial environment. tá²?ma³ *gorge*, t^vá³?ni³ *chest*, dí³-ná³?ña³ *a scaly lizard*, yá³?vi³ *market*, d³ó³?yo³ *marsh*, kó²?ba³ *oak gall*, čí³?dú³?¹ *button*, čí³?lú³?¹ *button* (baby talk), ká³?d^va³ra³ *he will cut*, čí²?g³i³?³ *acorn*.

In addition there are a few examples with the clusters /sk, šk, št/. These occur only couplet-initial. sku³?ní³?¹ *entered*, šká³?d^va³ra³ *he will pass*, štà³?³ *tortilla*.

Clusters /mp/ and /nt/ occur in Spanish loan words. sí³-é³nto¹ *hundred*, ko³-mpá³rí¹ *compadre*.

5.4. All of the consonants but /g^w/ may occur both in couplet-initial and in couplet-medial environment. When couplet-medial,

however, /b/ occurs only following /?/. Examples are found randomly in other sections of the paper.

6. There is contrast between tone¹ (high), tone² (mid), and tone³ (low). The five contrastive tone sequences which occur most frequently on couplets in isolation are ¹3, ²3, ³3, ¹1, and ³1. *ší'ni³ hat, ší'ni³ head, tí'ku³ louse, ší'ñu¹ pineapple, yu³čí¹ pinole*. Tone couplets ¹2 and ³2 do not occur in any environment. When in isolation, the tone couplet ²1 occurs only in some idiolects and only in a question. For example in José's idiolect, *ya²k^{wá}?¹ is it crooked?*

The tone couplet ²2 occurs following ¹1 in contrast with ¹1 and ³3. *k^{wá}čí¹ tí'ku¹ the needles are small, lú'lú¹ tí'ku² the needle is small, lú'lú¹ tí'ku³ the louse is small*.

The tone couplet ²1 occurs in some environments in contrast with ¹1 and ³1. *ya³k^{wá}1 tí'ku¹ the needle is crooked, ya³k^{wá}1 tu²tú¹ the firewood is crooked, ya³k^{wá}1 tí³vá¹ the shell is crooked*.

Contrast of three tones can also be demonstrated in three syllable words: *su³t^{vá}i¹ I will swim, su³t^{vá}a²i¹ I will not swim, sa³ta³i¹ I will buy; nu³ñá¹ra¹ he will open, nu³ñá²rá¹ he will not open, ñu³nu³rá¹ his hammock*.

Examples of the various three syllable sequences follow: *ší'ñu¹ra¹ his pineapple, la¹šá¹ra³ his orange, ší'ni³ra¹ his hat, ší'ni³a³ra³ her hat, ku²nu³rá¹ his tobacco, sá²ší³ra³ his nephew, vi³e³á¹?¹ her house, kí³si³a³?³ her pitcher, ka³sá¹u¹?¹ your brother-in-law, ma³?ná¹i³ my drowsiness, te³-k^{wá}á²čí³?³ boys, da³va²rá¹ he will not run, ya²tá¹ra¹ is he old? ku¹-ya²ta¹?¹ she is becoming old*.

There are two additional sequences which occur only when following a tone¹. These are ²2, ²2³. *lú'lú¹ ší'ñu²ra² his pineapple is small, lú'lú¹ la²šá²ra³ his orange is small*.

7. The most obvious variants of the tonemes can be described in relation to their environment as defined by contiguous tones, by their position in the phonological word—

the couplet versus the non-couplet, by their occurrence in a stressed versus nonstressed syllable, and by their occurrence prepause versus non-prepause.

7.1. When otherwise analogous, syllables which precede a couplet-medial glottal stop frequently have higher allotones than those which do not. That is, in the following examples the first syllable of *ear* is frequently higher than the first syllable of *shoulder*, and the first syllable of *adobe* is frequently higher than that of *shrimp*. *só²?o³ ear, só²ko³ shoulder; dó³?o³ adobe, dó³ko³ shrimp*.

When in analogous environments, syllables with /i/ or /u/ frequently have higher allotones than syllables with /a/ or /o/. That is, in the following examples the syllables /ši¹/ and /ki¹/ have higher allotones than /sa¹/ and /ko¹/. *di³ší¹? green corn, ka³sá¹? sor-in-law; i³ki¹? bone, vi³kó¹? feast*.

There is a general downdrift of pitch within a phonological phrase, such that tone¹ at the end of a phrase is not as high as at the beginning, etc. (10).

7.2. Tone¹: The highest allotone occurs when in a stressed syllable and followed in the same word by tone³. *k^{wá}čí¹ ší'ni³ the hats are small, la¹šá¹ra³ his orange*. (The highest syllables are /ši¹/ and /ša¹/.)

When postpause and not stressed, tone¹ does not have as high an allotone as a stressed tone¹ in that environment. *šá¹t^{vá}ra¹ he is digging, ku¹-tá¹ta¹ra¹ he is taking medicine*. (The syllable /ku¹/ is lower than /ša¹/.)

Between tone³ and pause, there is no contrast between tone¹ and tone². We have chosen to interpret such an allotone as tone¹ because to do so helps regularize the morphotonemics, and because a higher allotone is used when a following word is added. For example, *i³čí¹ tu²tú¹? the firewood is dry*. In the preceding example, the syllable /tu²?/ has a mid-like allotone. In the following example that syllable has a higher allotone. *i³čí¹ tu²tú¹ ñá²ni³ my brother's firewood is dry*.

7.3. Tone²: A tone² followed in the same

word by a tone ³ is higher than one without a following tone ³. *lú¹lu¹ la²ša²ra³ his oranges are small.* (The syllable /ša²/ is higher than /la²/.)

7.4. Tone ³ may have a downglide when preceding pause. *tí³ka³ grasshopper, ñá³ni³ra³ his brother, ma³?ná¹ra³ his drowsiness.*

When following tone ¹, a tone ³ has a raised allotone. *lú¹lu¹ kí³si³ the pitcher is small, ku³mí¹ yo³só¹ four grinding stones.* (The syllables /ki³/ and /yo³/ have raised allotones.)

When prepause, syllables with nasalized vowels frequently have lower allotones than syllables with oral vowels. That is, in the following examples /tu³?/ and /ku³?/ have lower allotones than the syllables /tu³ and /ku³/. *yá¹tu³ carrying rope, yá¹tu³ your (sg) carrying rope; yú²ku³ leaf, yú²ku³ furrow.*

Between tone ¹ and pause, there is no contrast between tone ³ and tone ². We have chosen to interpret such an allotone as tone ³ because to do so helps regularize the morphotonemics, and because a lower allotone is used when a following word is added. For example, *yá¹tu³ carrying rope, te³-ší¹ni³ drunkard.* In the preceding examples the syllables /tu³?/ and /ni³/ have mid-like allotones. In the following examples, those syllables have lower allotones. *yá¹tu³ ká¹ni³ a long carrying rope, te³-ší¹ni³ ká²ka³ra³ the drunkard will ask.*

Tone ³ (as part of a ³1 couplet) has a downgliding allotone when followed in the same word by a V³ or V³?. *tú³mi³ da³tú¹q³ the feather is not pretty, ví³šj³ du³-čí¹e² the rooster is cold.* (The syllable /da³/ has a downglide, but /du³/ does not.)

8. Each vowel is the nucleus of a syllable, even in a word with contiguous vowels. For example, the word *yá¹a³i¹ my tongue* has three syllables.

There are six syllable patterns: V, V[?], CV, CV[?], CCV, CCV[?]. All occur with all the vowels and with all the tones; however, their distribution in the phonological word (i.e.

into couplet versus postcouplet), and phonological phrase is restricted.

In our data, syllables with CCV or CCV[?] occur only in a couplet, never postcouplet. Those with ?CV or ?CV[?] occur only as the second syllable of a couplet. *yá³?vi³ market, ñú²?ma³ smoke, ka³?ví¹ younger brother.* Syllables sCV and šCV occur only in couplet-initial position. *sku³?ní¹ entered, štò³ bed.*

Syllables with final glottal stop may occur as the second syllable of a couplet, and in a word-final environment if at the same time they are phrase-final but they do not occur word-finally when in a phrase-medial environment. *sa³?má¹? napkin, but sa³?má¹ lú¹lu¹ a small napkin.*

9. There are two types of phonological words. Type one (described below) is an open class, containing most of the words of the language. Type two words have (probably the result of fusion) a one-syllable nucleus, and most of them begin with /s/ or /š/.

9.1. A phonological word may be composed of the nucleus only, or the nucleus may be preceded by a prenucleus syllable or syllables, or the nucleus may be followed by a postnucleus syllable or syllables.

The nucleus of a type one phonological word is composed of two syllables, a couplet which coincides with the grammatical stem. It is phonologically marked by a unit of time on the first syllable. This timing is sometimes actualized as voicelessness between the first vowel and the second consonant, and sometimes by a lengthening of the second consonant (**2**). In words in which all the syllables are tone ³ (or all tone ¹) and the couplet is not word-initial, the first syllable of the couplet is usually marked by a slight raise in pitch.

Examples of the phonological word composed of (1) the couplet only, *ñú²ma³ wax*, (2) precouplet plus couplet, *ši³-dú²?va³ spider web, te³še³ni³-sá³ta³? a man who bought*, (3) couplet plus postcouplet, *sa³ta³rá¹ he bought, sa³ta³ká¹ra³ he will buy more*, (4)

precouplet plus couplet plus postcouplet, ša³ni³-sa³ta³rá¹ *he already bought*, ko³-dá²v³ra³ *his shadow*.

A phonological word, in our data, may consist of from two to six syllables. ká³ni³ *hit (imperative)*, ká³ni³ra³ *he will hit*, ni³-ká³ni³ra³ *he hit (past)*, ni³-ká³ni³ka³ra³ *he hit (past) again*, ni³-ká³ni³ka³ra³ri^{ʔ3} *he hit (past) him (the animal) again*.

Each phonological word has a word-stress which occurs on the couplet or on a post-couplet syllable. Word-stress occurs on the first couplet or postcouplet syllable with a tone ¹ which is contiguously followed by tone ³. ší¹ni^{ʔ3} *hat*, la¹šá¹ra³ *his orange*, sa³ta³ká¹ra³ *he is going to buy more*. (A pre-couplet syllable never has word-stress even if tone ¹. kó³o³ tí¹-ka³čí^{ʔ1} *there are no blankets*.)

If there is no ^{1 3} sequence, word-stress occurs on a syllable with tone ² of a ^{2 3} sequence. lú¹lu¹ la²šá²ra³ *his orange is small*, čí²t^{ʔa} *banana*.

If there is neither the sequence ^{1 3}, nor ^{2 3}, word-stress occurs on the first tone ¹ of the couplet. or postcouplet; if there is no tone ¹, then it occurs on the first syllable of the couplet. ší¹ñu¹ra¹ *his pineapple*, ku¹-tá¹ta¹ra¹ *he is taking medicine*, ku²nu³rá¹ *his tobacco*, tó²to³ra³ *his clothing*, kí³si³a^{ʔ3} *her pitcher*, te³-sá³va³ *boy*.

A sequence of two precouplet syllables plus a couplet contrasts with a sequence of two couplets in that there is both a stress and a rhythm difference. That is, the precouplet syllables have no stress, and their vowels have shorter allophones than couplet vowels. ɸ³ te³ni³-dá³va³ *one who ran*, ɸ³ ná³ni³ dá³va³ *one brother will run*.

A sequence of couplet plus two postcouplet syllables contrasts with a sequence of two couplets. There is a difference (1) in stress placement, (2) occasionally in allo-tones (a tone ¹ preceding a postcouplet syllable with tone³ is higher than when preceding a separate word with tone ³, see 7.2), (3) in rhythm (nonstressed postcouplet syllables have shorter vowel allophones, see 4), and (4) occasionally, as in the following

example, there is a difference of the consonant allophones. That is, the /v/ of the postcouplet syllable is [w], but the couplet initial /v/ is a fricative, see 2. lu¹lú¹va³ra³ *he is very small*, lú¹lu¹ vá³vi³ *the joint is small*.

The following samples are the same number of syllables, and have the same phonemic tones, but they differ in word division and couplet placement. These contrasts are phonologically marked by word-stress and rhythm. šá³ku³ tí¹-ka³čí^{ʔ1} *a few blankets*, šá³ku³ ší¹ni³ra¹ *a few hats*, t^{ʔa}a³nu³rá¹ t^{ʔa}a³ká^{ʔ1} *he is going to send fish*.

Part of the morphotonemic system marks word borders. Specifically (11.1 rule 8), when a morpheme with a final glottal stop in its basic allomorph precedes a word with the tone sequence ^{2 3 3}, the tones of that word change to ^{1 1 3}. That is, in the following example the word čí²t^{ʔa}ra³ *his banana*, becomes čí¹t^{ʔa}ra³. ku³mí^{ʔ1} *four* + čí²t^{ʔa}ra³ *his banana* + ya³tá^{ʔ1} *old* > ku³mí^{ʔ1} čí¹t^{ʔa}ra³ ya³tá^{ʔ1} *four of his old bananas*. If, however, the sequence ^{2 3 3} is interrupted by a word border, an extra syllable with tone ³ is added. Notice that in the following example an extra syllable is added to the interrupted sequence ^{2 3 3}. ku³mí^{ʔ1} *four* + čí²t^{ʔa} *banana* + ya³tá^{ʔ1} *old* > ku³mí^{ʔ1} čí¹t^{ʔa}a³ ya³tá^{ʔ1} *four old bananas*.

9.2. There is a second phonological word type in which the nucleus has one syllable only. All the words of this type (except those containing the morpheme “to be”) have an initial consonant cluster of /s, š/, followed by /t, k, n/. Four of the words sometimes occur as one-syllable utterances. They are: štà^{ʔ2 3} *grandmother*, ští^{ʔ2 3} *nose*, štà^{ʔ2 3} *tortilla*, and štò³ *bed*. They contrast with phonological word type one in so²o³rá¹ *his shell*, versus ští^{2 3}ra¹ *his nose*; yó³o³a^{ʔ3} *her water jar*, versus štò³a^{ʔ3} *her bed*. (We have marked the phonological word type two with a grave accent; type one has an acute accent.)

Those with the tone cluster ^{2 3} act morphotonemically like a phonological word type with the tone sequence ^{2 3} (11.1, rule 8). ku³mí^{ʔ1} štá¹a^{ʔ3} *four tortillas*.

The word štò³ *bed* has a variant which acts morphotonemically like a type one word with the tone sequence ^{3 3} (11.1, rule 9). šá³ku³ ší¹to³ *a few beds*.

Type one words with /s, š/ as the first consonant of the couplet and with /t, k, n/ as the second consonant may drop the first couplet vowel especially when that vowel is in an environment that does not receive word-stress. The alternant form is type two. k^wé¹i¹ snà³ra³ (or sa¹ná¹ra³) *his horse*. ni³-škà²ra³ ñú³u³ or ni³-ší²ka³ra³ ñú³u³ *he walked to town*.

In most environments the morpheme *to be* is a couplet dú¹u¹ and therefore is part of a phonological word type one. For example, ña³-dú¹u¹ vé¹la¹ *a woman who is old*, te³-dú¹u¹ te³-tá¹ta¹?¹ *a man who is a doctor*, t^va³ká¹ni¹-dú¹u³ ri⁷? *it was a fish*.

In one environment, namely when in the durative aspect preceding a pronoun, this morpheme *to be* has only one syllable and thus becomes the nucleus of a phonological word type two. te³-tá¹ta¹ dù¹ra¹ *he is a doctor*, ne³-yí¹vi³ dù¹e⁷? *we are people*, ña³-sá³va³ dù¹čí¹ *she is a young woman*.

There is a contrast of length between a type one word with a couplet as nucleus, and a type two word with one syllable as nucleus as in the following examples. di³-sí¹tj³ na³-du³ri⁷?¹ *the tadpole will undergo a change*, di³-sí¹tj³ dù¹ri⁷?¹ *the tadpole is an animal*.

A type two word made up of its one syllable nucleus plus a postnucleus syllable contrasts with a type one word made up of its couplet as nucleus in that the medial consonant of the type two word does not have couplet-medial allophones (2). For example, the [č] of ña³-sá³va³ dù¹čí¹ *she is a young woman* contrasts with the [hč] of sa³ta³rá¹ dú¹čí¹?¹ *he will buy beans*, and the /ñ/ in ne³-yí¹vi³ dù¹ña¹ *they are people* is shorter than the /ñ/ in ší¹ñu¹?¹ *pineapple*.

In the potential aspect /ku³/ precedes the allomorph /du³/ *to be*. In this environment the /du³/ is the second syllable of a couplet—the only couplet which in our data is made up of two morphemes. We consider ku³du³ to

be a couplet, and the word kú³du³ra³ to be a type one phonological word since the /ku³/ is stressed (9.1), and since the /d/ has a couplet-medial allophone (2). Notice that in the following pair of examples, the /ku³/ is stressed in the first example, but not stressed in the second. te³-tá¹ta¹ kú³du³ra³ *he will be a doctor*. te³-tá¹ta¹ ku³-dá³ni³ra³ *the doctor will know*.

10. A phonological phrase is characterized by (1) downdrift of pitch, (2) the fact that morphotonemic changes do not occur across a border between two phonological phrases, (3) by a phrase stress which occurs on the last word in the phrase, and (4) by pause.

The downdrift of pitch can be illustrated in the sentence tu³tú¹ ta³?ví¹ ka³sá¹?¹ *her son-in-law will split kindling*. Each successive tone ¹ is lower in pitch than the preceding tone ¹.

A syllable with phrase-stress may be louder than other syllables, but the most consistent contrastive feature is added length with a bit of crescendo before decay. (The final syllable of a word, however, which is not prepause may have length, but with decrescendo.) Phrase-stress occurs on the final syllable if it has the canonical pattern CV or CV?, but if the final syllable has the canonical pattern ?V, V, V?, or ?V? there is variation. That is, if it has a higher tone than the preceding syllable, it is stressed; if it is the same tone, or a lower tone than the preceding syllable, phrase-stress frequently occurs on the preceding syllable. (In this section phrase-stress has been indicated as ^, as in /lú¹/; in other sections it has not been marked.) tó²to³ lú¹lú¹ *the small clothes*, tó²to³ ká¹ní⁷? *the long clothes*, tó²to³ ka³sá¹rá¹ *his brother-in-law's clothes*, tó²to³ k^wá¹?a¹ (or, rarely, k^wá¹?á¹) *the red clothes*, tó²to³ t^vá²á³ (or, rarely, t^vá²a³) *the man's clothes*.

Words which are not prepause have a word-stress which is characterized by loudness or a raised allotone (7 and 9). If a word-stressed syllable has a tone ¹, it may be louder and more prominent than the phrase-

stress. This is especially so if the phrase-stress is on a syllable with tone ³. *ya³kú³ra³ ví³tí³ he will shred today, la¹śá¹ra³ ví³śí³ his cold oranges.*

A word with the tone sequence ¹¹¹, or ³³³ has word-stress on the first syllable, and when prepause it has phrase-stress on the last syllable. Therefore when postpause the first syllable is the more prominent, but when prepause the last syllable is the more prominent. Therefore in the following examples the syllables /śí³/ and /śí¹/ are the more prominent: *śí³to³ra³ ná³t³vá³ his uncle will wash, śí¹ñu¹ra¹ ná³t³vá³ she will wash his pinec³pple.* But when those words are prepause the syllables /ra³/ and /ra¹/ are the more prominent. *ná³t³vá³ śí³to³rá³ his uncle will wash, ná³t³vá³ śí¹ñu¹rá¹ she will wash his pineapple.*

The tones of one word do not cause the tones of a following word to change if a border of a phonological phrase occurs between them. In the first example, with no medial phonological-phrase border, there is interaction of tone between the tones of all three words (11.1, rules 3 and 9). *ka³śí³rá¹ dí¹ví³ vá¹?a³, he will eat the good egg.* In the second example, due to an intervening phrase border, there is no interaction between the tones of the second and third word. *ka³śí³rá¹ dí¹ví³, vá³?a³. He will eat the egg. It is good.* In the third example, due to an intervening phrase border, there is no interaction between the tones of the first and second words. *ka³śí³rá¹, dí²ví³ vá¹?a³. He will eat. The egg is good.*

11. One morphotonemic system has to do with the interaction of tones between words within a phonological phrase. This system cannot be described wholly in terms of phonological words since one of the factors causing the change is the presence versus the absence of a final glottal stop in the basic lexical form (allolog) involved. Since the glottal stop is lost phrase-medially, homophonous forms may cause different tone changes. For example, *vá³?a³ good* when following the word *wall* has the tone sequence

³³, but when following the word *soap*, it has the sequence ¹³. *ná²ma³ vá³?a³ the good wall,* versus *ná²ma³ vá¹?a³ the good soap.* These changes are predictable, however, in terms of the basic allologs *ná²ma³ wall* versus *ná²ma³ soap.*

Another factor in the interaction of tones between words is the presence versus the absence of one of an arbitrary class of words (11.1, rule 10).

The second morphotonemic system has to do with interaction of tones between morphemes of varying grammatical status within a phonological word. There is interaction of tone between stem and enclitic, between two enclitics, and between proclitic and stem. Again, one of the factors causing tone changes is the presence versus the absence of a morpheme-final glottal stop in the basic allomorph involved. (In the above morphotonemic system it was the word-final glottal stop.) For example the tone difference in the following pair of examples is due to the glottal stop in the basic allomorph *ná²ma³ soap. ná²ma³rá¹ his soap* versus *ná²ma³ra³ his wall.*

11.1. Rules for morphotonemic changes between words within the phonological phrase follow.

In this section, # indicates the absence of a word-final glottal stop in the basic allolog, and ³#, etc., means a word which ends in tone ³ with no final glottal stop in its basic allolog. In the listed rules, ¹?, etc., means a word which ends with tone ¹ and which has a glottal stop in its basic allolog. (See Chart 1 for a summary of morphotonemic changes between phonological words.)

Rule 1: ³# + any tone sequence > same. Words which in the basic allolog have no final glottal stop, and which end in tone ³ never cause a change of tone in a following word. *ú²śa³ ćí¹lo¹ seven pairs of scissors, ú²śa³ kí²ni³ seven pigs, ú²śa³ tú³tu³ seven pieces of paper, ú²śa³ sa³?má³?¹ seven napkins, ú²śa³ śí¹ni³?³ seven hats.*

Rule 2: ¹# + ¹³ or ¹¹ > ¹²³ or ¹²². Words which in their basic allologs have no final

glottal stop, and which end in tone ¹, cause a following tone ¹, or a sequence of tone ¹'s to become tone ². *k^wá¹ʔa¹ red + tí¹ma¹u¹ your candle > k^wá¹ʔa¹ tí²ma²u² your candle is red; lá¹ša¹ orange + k^wí¹ʔ³ green > lá¹ša¹ k^wí²ʔ³ a green orange; ša²tu³rá¹ his box + lú¹lu¹ small > ša²tu³rá¹ lú²lu² his box is small.*

Rule 3: $1\# + 2^3 > 11^3$. Words which in their basic allologs have no final glottal stop and which end in a tone ¹ cause a following tone ² to become tone ¹. *yá¹ʔa¹ brown + ná²ma² soap > yá¹ʔa¹ ná¹ma² the soap is brown; ka³ni³rá¹ he will kill + ná²ya² dog > ka³ni³rá¹ ná¹ya² he will kill the dog.*

Rule 4: $1\# + 3^3$ or $3^1 >$ same. Words which in their basic allologs have no final glottal stop and which end in a tone ¹ do not cause a following word with tone 3^3 or 3^1 to change. *lú¹lu¹ tú³mi³ the feather is small, lú¹lu¹ sa³ma¹ the napkin is small.*

Rule 5: $1^?$ or $3^?$ + 1^3 or $1^1 >$ same. Words which in their basic allologs have a final glottal stop and which end in tone ¹ or tone ³ do not cause a following word with tone ¹ to change. *k^wá¹či¹ small (pl) + tí¹ma¹u¹ your candle > k^wá¹či¹ tí¹ma¹u¹ your candles are small; ví³e³ʔá¹ her house + lú¹lu¹ small > ví³e³ʔá¹ lú¹lu¹ her small house; šá³ku³ a few + ší¹ni³ hat > šá³ku³ ší¹ni³ a few hats.*

Rule 6: $1^?$ or $1^3?$ + $3^3 > 1^2^3$ or $1^3^2^3$. Words which in their basic allologs have a final glottal stop and which end in tone ¹, or the tone sequence 1^3 , cause a following word with the tone sequence 3^3 to become 2^3 (unless it is part of the tone sequence 3^3^1 Class B, see rule 10). *či¹ló¹a³ her knife + ví³ši³ cold > či¹ló¹a³ ví²ši³ her cold knife; k^wí¹ʔ³ green + tí³-ná³na³ tomato > k^wí¹ʔ³ tí²-ná³na³ the tomato is green, ku³mí¹ four + dí³ka³ brush > ku³mí¹ dí²ka³ four brushes. k^wá¹či¹ small (pl) + tú³mi³ feather > k^wá¹či¹ tú²mi³ the feathers are small.*

Rule 7: $1^?$ + 3^1A (but not 3^1B) $> 1^2^1$. Words whose basic allologs end in tone ¹ and glottal stop cause the sequence 3^1 (Class A) to change to the sequence 2^1 , but do not cause 3^1 (Class B) to change. *ya³k^wá¹ crooked + tu³tú¹ (Class A) firewood >*

ya³k^wá¹ tu²tú¹ the firewood is crooked; k^wá¹či¹ small (pl) + i³kí¹ (Class A) bone > k^wá¹či¹ i²kí¹ the bones are small. But 3^1 (Class B) does not change. k^íʔ¹í¹ much + šu³ʔú¹ (Class B) money > k^íʔ¹í¹ šu³ʔú¹ much money; ku³mí¹ four + tí³vá¹ (Class B) shell > ku³mí¹ tí³vá¹ four shells.

Rule 8: $1^?$ or $3^?$ + 2^3 or $2^3A > 111^3$ or 311^3 , $1^?$ or $3^?$ + $2^31 > 111^31$ or 311^31 , $1^?$ or $3^?$ + 3^2A or $3^2^3A > 1111^3$ or 3111^3 . Any word with a final glottal stop in the basic allolog causes a following word with the tone sequence 2^3 or 2^3A to become 11^3 , causes 2^31 to become 11^31 , and causes 3^2^3A and 3^2^3A to become 111^3 . *ná¹ʔa¹ she is washing + tó²to³ clothing > ná¹ʔa¹ to¹tó¹o³ she is washing clothing; ká²ka³u³ you will ask + ná²ma² soap > ká²ka³u³ ná¹má¹a³ you will ask for soap; ku³mí¹ four + sá²ši³ > ku³mí¹ sa¹ši¹í³ four nephews; sá²ši³ra³ his nephew, ku³mí¹ sa¹ši¹ra³ four of his nephews; tí³ká²či³ whirlwind, ku³mí¹ tí¹ka¹čí¹ four whirlwinds; ka³sá¹ son-in-law + ká²ka³ka³ra³ he will ask more, ka³sá¹ ka¹ká¹ka³ra³ the son-in-law will ask more, kó³o³ there is none + ká²či³ cotton > kó³o³ ka¹čí¹ there is no cotton; kó³o³ there is none + ka²či³rá¹ his cotton > kó³o³ ka¹čí¹ra³ there is none of his cotton.*

In José's speech, unless the tone sequence 2^3 occurs on a word with a canonical pattern CVCV or CVCV? it sometimes changes to 1^3 instead of to 11^3 . *té²í³ chair > té¹í³ or te¹í³, kó²o³ snake > kó¹o³ or ko¹o¹o³, kú²u³ bush > kú¹u³ or ku¹ʔú¹u³, ší²ʔí³ mushroom > ší¹ʔí³ or ší¹ʔí¹ʔí³, sí²ʔva³ cocoa bean > sí¹ʔva³ or sí¹ʔvá¹a³.*

Rule 9: $2^3?$ or $3^3?$ + $3^3 > 2^31^3$ or 3^31^3 . A word whose basic allolog has tone 2^3 or 3^3 and which ends with a glottal stop causes a following word⁶ with the sequence 3^3 (unless a part of the sequence 3^3^1 Class B, see rule

⁶ There is one exception to this rule. Sequences *tú³ku³ra³ another* and *tú³ku³ra³ again* are homophonous except when following a morpheme whose basic allomorph ends in /ʔ/. In that environment *tú³ku³ra³ another* follows the regular rules, whereas *tú³ku³ra³ again* is an exception. It becomes *tú¹ku¹ra¹*. For example, *dá³tu³ tú¹ku³ra³ another pretty one; dá³tu³ tú¹ku¹ra¹ he is pretty again.*

10) to change to ¹³. *ší²da³ tongs + ví³ší³ cold > ší²da³ ví¹ší³ the cold tongs; kó³o³ there is none + ñá³?mi³ sweet potatoes > kó³o³ ñá¹?mi³ there are no sweet potatoes; ti³-ná³na³? tomato, kó³o³ ti¹-ná³na³? there are no tomatoes. (Notice that a ^{13?} differs from a ^{23?} or ^{33?} in that after a ^{13?} a ³³ becomes ²³. See Rule 6.)*

Rule 10: ^{3?} + ³¹, ³³¹, ³¹³, ³²¹ (all Class B) > ³¹ or ³ followed by ^{31/131}, ^{331/1331}, ^{313/1313}, ³²¹. Also ^{3?} + ²³³ (Class B) > ³¹ or ³ followed by ^{133/113}. Also ^{3?} + ³²³ (Class B) > ³¹ or ³ followed by ³²³.

Tone sequences ³¹, ³³¹, ³¹³, and ³²¹ which are Class B act morphotonemically as though preceded by a proclitic with tone but no segmental phonemes. (In our data a few nouns and all verbs in negative and complete aspect are Class B.) When preceded by a basic allolog has a final ^{3?}, the proclitic with zero segmental phonemes is actualized as tone ¹. The place of its occurrence alternates between the end of the first word and the beginning of the second, or it may even occur on both. All of the following phonemic shapes are frequent. *šá³ku³ a few + ka³sá[?] (Class B) son-in-law > šá³ku³ú¹ ka³sá[?], or šá³ku³ ká¹a³sa[?], or ša³ku³ú¹ ká¹a³sa[?] a few sons-in-law; ná²ma³ soap + ka³?vi²rá¹ (Class B) he is not counting > ná²ma³á¹ ka³?vi²rá¹ he is not counting soap; ná²ya³ dog + ša³ší¹? is not eating > ná²ya³á¹ ša³ší¹? or ná²ya³á¹ šá¹a³ší¹? or ná²ya³ šá¹a³ší¹? the dog is not eating.*

When the tone sequence ²³³ (Class B) occurs following ^{3?}, the preceding word changes from a final tone ³ to a final ³¹, and the word with ²³³ (Class B) changes either to ¹¹³ or to ¹³³. *ná²ma³ soap + ší¹ka³ra³ (Class B) he asked for > ná²ma³á¹ ší¹ka³ra³ or ná²ma³á¹ ší¹ka³ra³ he asked for soap.*

When the tone sequence ³²³ (Class B) occurs following ^{3?}, the preceding word changes from a final tone ³ to a final ³¹. *ná²ya³ dog + ní³-kí²ší³ slept > ná²ya³á¹ ní³-kí²ší³ the dog slept.*

Rule 11: The change that one word causes in a following word is based on the tone of its

basic allolog, not on the tone which occurs in that specific environment.

For example, in the second of the following pair of examples, *vá³?a³ good* is still changed to ¹³ even though a ^{13?} is preceding it. *šá²tú³ box + vá³?a³ good > šá²tú³ vá¹?a³ a good box; ší¹to¹ra¹ šá¹tú³ vá¹?a³ he is guarding a good box.*

In the second of the following pair of examples, *vá³?a³ good* is changed to ²³ even though a ^{23?} is preceding it. Compare rules 6 and 9. *ší¹ni³ hat, ší¹ni³ vá²?a³ a good hat; ší¹to¹ra¹ ší²ni³ vá²?a³ he is guarding a good hat.*

11.2. Rules for morphotonemic changes within the phonological word and between a stem and an enclitic are dependent upon the presence versus the absence of stem-final glottal stop in the basic allomorph, and also the enclitic-final glottal stop in the basic allomorph. Therefore in the following rules # means an enclitic without glottal stop. A ? means an enclitic with a glottal stop. A ^{1?}, etc., means a stem which ends with tone ¹ and has a glottal stop in the basic allomorph.

CHART 1. The numbers in the chart give the tones of the second word which actually occur in that environment. An s means that the tone in that environment is the same as that of the basic allolog.

Final tone of the first word, with or without ?	Basic tones of the second word				
	11	13	23	33	31A
3#	s	s	s	s	s
1#	22	23	13	s	s
23?/33?	s	s	113*	13	s
13?	s	s	113*	23	s
1?	s	s	113*	23	21

* See Rule 8.

CHART 2.

STEM Final tone, with and without ?	ENCLITIC	
	Without ?	With ?
3# or 1#	3	3 or 1*
3?	1	3 or 1**
1?	1	1

* See enclitic rules 3 and 4.

** See enclitic rule 6.

(See Chart 2 for a summary of the morphotonic changes within a phonological word.)

Rule 1: $1^? + \#$ or $? > 1^1$. Both enclitics with glottal stop and those without glottal stop have tone 1 when added to a stem with final tone 1 and final glottal stop in its basic allomorph. yo^3s6^1 *grinding stone* + i^3 *my* > $yo^3s6^1i^1$ *my grinding stone*; tu^3t4^1 *firewood* + ra^3 *his* > $tu^3t4^1ra^1$ *his firewood*; $š1^1ñu^1$ *pine-apple* + $a^?3$ *her* > $š1^1ñu^1a^1$ *her pineapple*.

Rule 2: $\# + \#$ or $? > 1^3$. When added to a stem with final tone 1 and without final glottal stop in the basic allomorph, enclitics both with and without glottal stop have tone 3 . lu^1lu^1 *small* + a^3 *it* > $lu^1lu^1a^3$ *it is small*, $č1^1lo^1$ *knife* + $e^?3$ *our* > $č1^1l6^1e^?3$ *our knife*.

Rule 3: $\#^3\# + \#$ or $? > 3^3$. When added to a stem with final tone 3 and with neither medial nor final glottal stop in the basic allomorph, all enclitics remain tone 3 . $tú^3tu^3$ *paper* + $e^?3$ *our* > $tú^3tu^3e^?3$ *our paper*, $ná^2ma^3$ *wall* + ra^3 *his* > $ná^2ma^3ra^3$ *his wall*; $ká^3da^3$ *to move* + $u^?3$ *you* (sg) > $ká^3da^3u^?3$ *you will move*.

Rule 4: $?^3\# + \# > 3^3$; $?^3\# + ? > 3^3$ (Sabino), or 3^1 (José).

When added to a stem with final tone 3 and stem-medial glottal stop, enclitics without glottal stop in the basic allomorph remain tone 3 . Enclitics with glottal stop may be either tone 3 or tone 1 . (José usually has tone 1 ; Sabino prefers tone 3 .) $vi^3?e^?3$ *house* + ra^3 *his* > $vi^3?e^3ra^3$ *his house*; $vi^3?e^3$ *house* + $a^?3$ *her* > $vi^3e^3?á^1$ *her house*; $t4^3?u^3$ *word* + $e^?3$ *our* > $t4^3?u^3?é^?1$ or $t4^3?u^3?é^?3$ *our word*; $t4^3?u^3$ *word* + i^3 *my* > $t4^3?u^3i^3$ *my word*; $tʔá^3?ni^3$ *chest* + $a^?3$ *her* > $tʔa^3?ni^3?á^1$ or $tʔá^3?ni^3a^?3$ *her chest*.

Rule 5: $3^? + \# > 3^1$. When added to a stem with final tone 3 and with final glottal stop in the basic allomorph, an enclitic whose basic allomorph does not end in glottal stop becomes tone 1 . $ná^2ma^?3$ *soap* + ra^3 *his* > $na^2ma^3ra^1$ *his soap*; $šá^2tu^?3$ *box* + i^3 *my* > $ša^2tu^3i^1$ *my box*.

Rule 6: $3^? + ? > 3^3$ or, occasionally, 3^1 .

When added to a stem with final tone 3 and with final glottal stop in the basic allomorph, an enclitic whose basic allomorph ends in glottal stop usually remains tone 3 , but with José it varies to tone 1 . $ná^2ma^?3$ *soap* + $e^?3$ *our* (*inclusive*) > $ná^2ma^3e^?3$ or $na^2ma^3é^?1$ (rare); $šá^2tu^?3$ *box* + $a^?3$ *her* > $šá^2tu^3a^?3$ or $ša^2tu^3?á^?1$ (rare) *her box*.

Rule 7: The rules for enclitic plus enclitic are the same as the above rules for stem plus enclitic. $š1^1to^?1$ *watching*, $ri^?3$ *he* (*animal*), ra^3 *he* (*man*), $š1^1to^1ri^?1$ *he* (*the animal*) *is watching*, $š1^1to^1ri^1ra^1$ *he* (*the animal*) *is watching him* (*the man*), $š1^1to^1rá^1ri^?3$ *he* (*the man*) *is watching him* (*the animal*); $ká^3ši^?3$ *to eat*, $ka^3ši^3ri^3rá^1$ *he* (*the animal*) *will eat him* (*the man*); $ka^3ši^3rá^1ri^?3$ *he* (*the man*) *will eat him* (*the animal*).

11.3. The morphotonic rules between proclitic and stem need further study. In our present data, however, a proclitic with tone 1 causes a following stem with tones 3^3 to become 1^3 , a stem with tones 2^3 to become 1^13 , and a stem with 3^1A to become 2^1 . Stems with 1^3 , 1^1 , and 3^1B remain unchanged. $vá^3?a^3$ *good*, $ku^1-vá^1?a^3ra^3$ *he is becoming good*; $š1^1ñu^3$ *bright*, $ku^1-š1^1ñu^1a^3$ *it is becoming bright*; ya^3ta^1 (Class A) *old*, $ku^1-ya^2ta^1ra^1$ *he is becoming old*; si^3ni^1 (Class B) *industrious*, $ku^1-si^3ni^1$ *he is becoming industrious*. (Except that a proclitic with tone 1 plus a 3^3 stem becomes 1^13 (instead of 1^23), the above changes are the same as those of a word with $/1^?/$ followed by another word.)

For the most part a proclitic with tone 3 causes no change in the tone of the stem. $ku^3-vá^3?a^3ra^3$ *he will become good*, $ku^3-š1^1ñu^3a^3$ *it will become bright*, $ku^3-ya^3ta^1$ *it will become old*. There are, however, certain frozen forms which do not coincide with the above rules. Notice the contrast between the following words. $k^wá^1?i^?1$ *small* (pl), $te^3-k^wá^1?i^?1$ *those (men) who are small*, $te^3-k^wá^2?i^?3$ *boys*.

12. Tone has a heavy functional load in Ayutla Mixtec. It is one of the contrastive features used to distinguish lexical items. A

few examples of minimal pairs are: k^wá¹?a¹ *red*, k^wá³?a³ *right-hand side*; na²ma³rá¹ *his soap*, ná²ma³ra³ *his wall*; ká²va[?]? *gall bladder*, ká³va[?]? *cliff*.

With some verbs, tone is the contrastive feature which distinguishes aspects: ká³da³ra³ *he will move*, ka¹dá¹ra³ *he is moving*; ná³t^va³ra³ *he will wash*, ná¹t^va¹ra¹ *he is washing*; su²t^vá¹ra¹ *he will swim*, sú¹t^va³ra¹ *he is swimming*; nu³ñá¹ra¹ *he will open*, nú¹ñá¹ra¹ *he is opening*; ku²-tá¹ta¹ra¹ *he will take medicine*, ku¹-tá¹ta¹ra¹ *he is taking medicine*.

Tone, in combination with a contrast between a single vowel and a cluster of geminate vowels, distinguishes most affirmative descriptive clauses from negative descriptive clauses; lu¹lú¹ra³ *he is small*, lu³lu²ú¹ra³ or lu³lu²u¹rá¹a³ *he is not small*; ví³ši³ra³ *he is cold*, ví³ši²ra³ or ví³ši²i¹rá¹a³ *he is not cold*; ká¹ni³a¹ *it is long*, ka³ní¹a³a¹ *it is not long*.

Affirmative verbs are distinguished from negative verbs by tone, or by tone in combination with a contrast between a single vowel and a cluster of geminate vowels: ká²ka³ra³ *he will ask*, ka²ka²á¹ra³ *he will not*

ask; ší¹ta¹ra¹ *he is singing*, ši²ta²rá¹ *he is not singing*.

In Jose's idiolect many interrogative descriptive clauses are distinguished from affirmative descriptive clauses by tone. (Sabino introduced the interrogative descriptive clause with /a³a¹/.) ši²ñu³a³ *it is shiny*, ši²ñu²ú¹a³ *it is not shiny*, ši¹ñu¹a³ *is it shiny?*

Following are a few examples of words which are distinguished from each other by tone, or by tone in combination with a contrast between a single vowel and a cluster of geminate vowels. ší¹ni³ra¹ *his hat*, ši²ni²rá¹ *his head*, ší¹ni¹ra¹ *he understands*, ši²ni²rá¹ (Sabino prefers ši³ni³i²rá¹) *he doesn't understand*, ši¹ní¹ra³ *he knows*, ši²ni³ra³ *he knew*, ši³ni²i¹ra³ or ši²ni²rá¹a³ (Sabino prefers ši³ni³i²rá¹a³) *he doesn't know*, ší¹ni³ra³ *he is drunk*; ša¹kú¹ra³ *he is laughing*, šá²ku³ra³ *he laughed*, ša³ku²ú¹ra³ or ša³ku²rá¹a³ (Sabino prefers ša³ku³u²rá¹a³) *he isn't laughing*, šá¹ku¹ra¹ *he is crying*, šá³ku²ra³ *he cried*, ša³ku²rá¹ (Sabino prefers ša³ku³u²rá¹) *he isn't crying*.