

24.964 Topics in Phonology: Stress

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Class site: <https://stellar.mit.edu/S/course/24/sp14/24.964/index.html>

Place and time: Thursday 2-5, in 32D-831

Course prerequisites: a class in phonology or permission of instructor

Course requirements: do the readings; participate to class discussions; do a research project on a stress system, presented in class at the end of the term, and written up by end of May.

Course description: The main goal of this class is to explore the uses of metrical constituent structure in the analysis of stress. The recent literature on stress reports overgeneration and undergeneration problems posed by existing foot-based constraints, and seeks to remedy them by adding more foot types and more foot-based constraints. Most of this work, with Kager's 2012 exception, has not experimented with foot-free solutions. We will consider giving such alternatives a try. In the last two sessions we will apply what we have learned to the analysis of some complex metrical systems.

The course opens with a 4-week unit on background issues: how we can tell where stress is, important in light of how poor stress records occasionally are (deLacy 2012); whether stress is more than the sum of its acoustic correlates; and the early history of metrical analyses, including the debates between feet and grid-only analyses, which have set the stage for current research.

Schedule (subject to revisions)

6-Feb	Basics	Cues to stress; stress as distinct from its cues		Lieberman and Streeter 1978, Fry 1957, Huss 1987, Slujter et al. 1996; et alii
13-Feb		Early history of metrical structure	sw and grids	Lieberman and Prince 1977
20-Feb			feet	Hayes 1985, Mester 1994
27-Feb			grids only	Prince 1983, Gordon 2002
6-Mar	New arguments for feet	Overgeneration issues: foot-based solutions	mid-point pathology	Kager 2012
13-Mar			odd-parity pathologies	Hyde 2012
20-Mar			overlapping foot solution	Hyde 2008, 2002
27-Mar			Spring Break	
3-Apr	(cont.)	HS and feet	more non-local pathologies	Pruitt 2010
10-Apr			more on HS and stress	Elfner 2009
17-Apr		Undergeneration issues: segmental reflexes of foot structure	foot boundaries	Vajzman 2009
24-Apr			foot heads	Bennett 2012
1-May			macro-feet	Martínez Paricio 2013
8-May		Case studies	These include: Tripura Bangla, Chugach-Alutiq, Uspatenko, Nanti.	
15-May	Check out the Case studies topic on the Stellar site of the class for later additions.			