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The present paper applies Multiple Correspondence Analysis to test the validity of an existing theoretical model of the phonological system of Russian Sign Language (RSL). We show that comparing the importance of phonological features using ratio plots and MCA is a promising way of revealing non-binary oppositions in phonological systems of human languages irrespective of modality.

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1. Introduction

Despite the abundance of research into the phonological systems of sign languages precipitated by the seminal work of Stokoe (1960), full-scale phonological descriptions of individual sign languages are extremely rare, American Sign Language (ASL) being a notable exception (Stokoe 1960; Sandler 1989, amongst many others). More typical of research into sign language phonology is the situation where narrowly defined problems are given a solution based on considering individual aspects of individual sign language phonologies (Battison 1974; Lane, Boyes-Braem & Bellugi 1976; Boyes-Braem 1982; Wilbur 1990; Siedlecki Jr & Bonvillian 1993; Sandler 1996; Sandler 1999; Fontana 2008; Pfau 2008; Israel & Sandler 2009; Brentari 2011). Other sign languages whose phonological systems have been described in their entirety include Sign Language of the Netherlands (van der Kooij 2002), British Sign Language (Channon 2002), Turkish Sign Language (Kubuş 2008), and, recently, Russian Sign Language (RSL, Plaskovitskaya 2018) is the first attempt at checking the predictions of existing theories formulated on the basis of other sign languages for RSL, and compiling a preliminary set of phonological primitives and sketching their composition. This paper aims at showcasing the phonological diversity of RSL on the basis of a description of the RSL phonological system in its entirety, whilst also testing its descriptive adequacy.

Having analysed 400 monosyllabic verbs from Plaskovitskaya's (2018) annotated corpus of the Belarusian dialect of RSL, we claim that using even a modest set of data in combination with a crude phonological description (Plaskovitskaya 2018) it is possible to detect clear-cut phonological patterns.

The paper is structured as follows. First, in sec. 2, we sketch what we consider to be the consensus picture in the sign language literature as regards the internal composition of sign language lexical items, and introduce the difficulties surrounding the identification of segments inside them. Then, we proceed, in sec. 3, to explicate our data and method. We present our results in sec. 4, and discuss their statistical and theoretical significance in sec. 5.

2. RSL and the internal structure of signs

This section briefly describes the sociolinguistic context surrounding RSL and lays out our background assumptions regarding the internal structure of lexical items in sign languages, which is based on broadly the same set of principles in most sign languages studied to date.⁵

⁵Here we only present a concise and plausibly oversimplified description of the most basic of properties, but see Fenlon, Cormier & Brentari (2018) and references therein for a detailed overview of issues relating to sign language phonology.

2.1. RSL: key facts

Russian Sign Language is a natural sign language used by Deaf and hard-of-hearing people as well as children of Deaf adults (CODA) in the Russian Federation and some post-Soviet states (e.g. Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Ukraine). It is also used alongside Estonian Sign Language in Estonia, where its use is restricted to ethnic Russians. According to the 2010 population census, approximately 121,000 people are native signers of RSL in Russia, most of whom, as is commonly the case (Emmorey et al. 2008), are bilingual with Russian. The census results group the Deaf, hard-of-hearing, and CODA signers together as native signers.

According to Burkova & Varinova (2012), RSL displays a significant amount of regional dialectal variation that is primarily restricted to the lexical domain, though the exact numbers quantifying the lexical differences between the Moscow and Siberian dialects, or the Moscow dialect and the Belarusian dialect are as yet unavailable. In the absence of evidence to the contrary and for the purposes of this paper, we treat the observed contrasts as invariant, leaving the detailed investigation of the effects of dialectal variation on RSL phonology for future research.

Despite a growing number of publications on various aspects of RSL in both Russian and English (cf. Burkova & Varinova 2012 on regional variation; Burkova & Filimonova 2014 on the morphosyntactic and semantic effects of reduplication; Kimmelman 2014 *et seq.* on RSL syntax and information structure; Kimmelman et al. 2017 on metaphors), the language in general, and its phonology in particular, still remain severely understudied. Before we address the issue of identifying RSL phonological primitives, a few general remarks are in order on the approach and methods generally used in sign language phonology.

2.2. Sign languages and their phonologies

Since sign languages are natural languages, it stands to reason that sign language lexical items, or signs, possess the very same highly constrained and organised internal complexity as their spoken language counterparts, decomposing into combinations of semantic, syntactic and phonological features and feature attributes. Unlike phonemes and morphemes in spoken languages, however, the sublexical elements in sign languages are not ordered sequentially but can be realised simultaneously due to the absence in the visual-gestural modality of articulatory constraints imposed by the auditory modality. Traditionally, the following structural elements of a sign are identified: handshape, hand orientation, place of articulation, movement, trajectory, and non-manual marking. Frequently, none of these is capable of independently carrying lexical information, as can be demonstrated for the RSL sign for *MOSCOW* shown in Fig. 1. The sign in question consists of the following identifiable sublexical units:

- **handshape:** fist

- **orientation:** vertical, palm facing inwards
- **place of articulation:** dominant hand side of chin
- **trajectory:** towards signer
- **movement:** repeated
- **non-manual component:** mouthing [maskva] ‘Moscow’ in Russian



Figure 1: moscow

None of the individual sign parameters just listed for the *MOSCOW* sign above carries lexical semantic information, which only appears once they are assembled together, and behave like phonological features in spoken languages. Moreover, substituting one of them for another can create minimal pairs, just as is the case with phonological features in spoken languages. To illustrate, changing the trajectory of the repeated fist movement at the chin on the side of the dominant hand from straight to clockwise circular changes the sign’s lexical meaning from *MOSCOW* to *GRANDMOTHER*, yet the movements in question themselves (i.e. straight *vs.* circular) are not uniquely associated with the lexical semantics of either *Moscow* or *grandmother* since they recur in numerous lexically unrelated signs. Thus, both *MOSCOW* and *GRANDMOTHER* are arbitrary in the Saussurean sense.

Nevertheless, a significant proportion of sign language vocabulary is iconic, which makes identifying phonological primitives and even segments, as well as determining their composition a non-trivial task. Moreover, scouring the sign language phonology literature creates an impression that the number of features differentiating one lexical item from another is virtually limitless, especially when several sign languages are considered simultaneously, whilst there are surprisingly few explicit arguments in favour of ascribing those features a phonological status. On the contrary, the number of minimal pairs relative to the vast number of features is exceedingly small, which has to do with the iconic character of certain sublexical elements carrying semantic information whose status as

morphemes is controversial. Indeed, once these iconic elements are subtracted from a sign, the remaining residue does not constitute a morpheme either (see van der Kooij 2002 for a detailed discussion of iconicity-related problems for sign language phonology).

To solve the problem of the overabundance of phonological primitives in sign language phonologies, van der Kooij (2002) proposes to only use minimal (or near-minimal) pairs, and treat as phonetic/prosodic residue those surface realisations that are predictable on the basis of either the phonological or semantic environment in which they occur. Anticipating the discussion in Sec. 3, the first candidate for elimination is movement.

In this paper we adopt van der Kooij's (2002) approach of constructing minimal pairs and augment it by subjecting the preliminarily identified phonological primitives to statistical testing. In particular, we employ the Multiple Correspondence Analysis technique with a view to determining if the primitives in question form natural classes in a manner roughly similar to the way in which vowels and consonants of spoken languages form natural classes with a few elements in between.

3. Data and method

We take Plaskovitskaya (2018), which is, as far as we are aware, the only existing description of RSL phonological system to date, as the point of departure for our study both empirically and analytically. The data for our study comes from a small annotated corpus presented in Plaskovitskaya (2018), whose main aim was to test the predictions of existing approaches to SL phonology against the data from RSL, and to compile a preliminary inventory of phonological primitives in RSL as well as sketch a model of their compositional interaction.

3.1. The model: Plaskovitskaya (2018)

The model in Plaskovitskaya (2018) is a modified version of Van der Kooij's (2002) *Dependency model*. Like van der Kooij (2002), and unlike most of the other models of sign language phonology, it is inductively organised and crafted on the basis of large datasets, rather than being deductive in character. It is also hierarchical: head nodes can restrict the values of their dependent nodes, which, in turn, modify them. The Dependency model and its descendants differ from most of the other phonological models (e.g. Sandler 1996) in viewing movement as a phonetic/prosodic reflex rather than as a separate parameter as described in Sec. 2 above. In such a model, signs are conceptualised as consisting of at least two states (e.g. an initial state and a final state), movement being a mere transition from the initial state to the final state. The proposed hierarchical structure of an RSL sign is schematically represented in Fig. 2.

As can be glimpsed from the representation in Fig. 2, Plaskovitskaya (2018) indeed follows van der

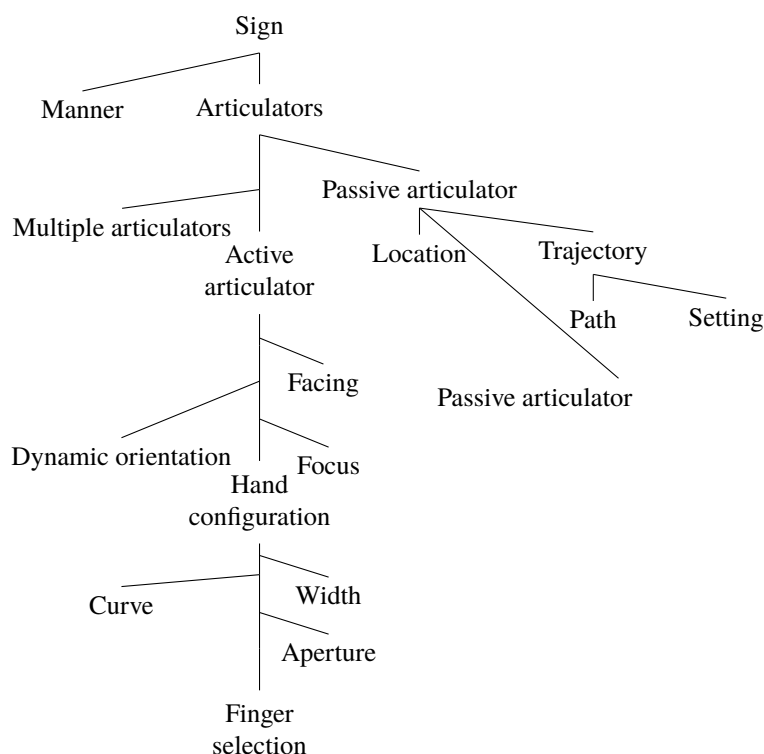


Figure 2: segment structure in RSL phonological system (Plaskovitskaya 2018)

Kooij (2002) in removing movement in the case of the active articulator from within the purview of phonology and assigns it a phonetic/prosodic status, whereas the passive articulator is specified with both Location and Trajectory nodes with an internal complexity of their own.

By way of illustration, let us consider a minimal working example of the model at work: the RSL sign for BETRAY, for instance, will receive the schematic representation in Fig. 3.

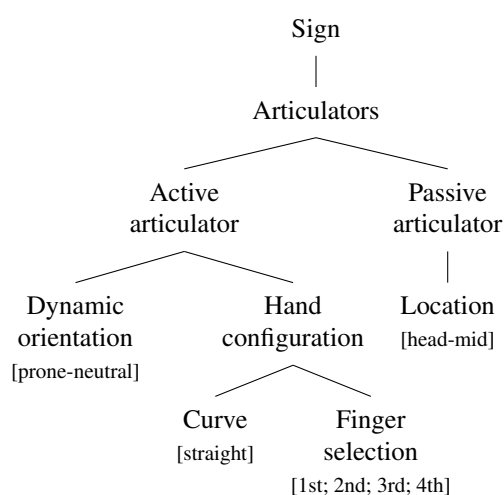


Figure 3: BETRAY in Plaskovitskaya (2018)

The sign involves two articulators: an active articulator (i.e. the dominant hand) and a passive articulator corresponding to the middle of the signer's face (Location: mid-head). Four fingers of

the dominant hand are extended (Curve: straight), and the dominant hand dynamically changes orientation from prone (i.e. palm facing down) to neutral.

Perhaps the most significant departure of Plaskovitskaya (2018) from van der Kooij (2002) concerns the placement of the [symmetrical] and [crossed] features in the hierarchical representation of RSL signs:⁶ whilst van der Kooij (2002) situates them inside the Manner node (which is structurally higher than any of the articulators), Plaskovitskaya (2018) notes that they are restricted to the Active Articulator node, and their original positioning in the Manner node runs the risk of generating unattested interpretations. To see the necessity of this modification, let us consider the symmetrical two-handed sign *DETER*, which is schematically represented in Fig. 4.

The RSL sign for *DETER* involves two active articulators (H1 and H2) with fist as the requisite handshape synchronically moving along a straight diagonal path from a higher to a lower position in front of the passive articulator (trunk). Since both H1 and H2 are moving symmetrically, the [symmetrical] feature must be present in the representation, which van der Kooij (2002) situates in the Manner node dominating both the active and passive articulators. This makes the prediction that the sign's symmetry must also apply to the passive articulator, contrary to fact. Plaskovitskaya (2018), on the contrary, introduces an additional node that she dubs Multiple articulators above the active articulator but crucially below the passive one, thereby capturing the narrow scope of [symmetrical] in all cases.

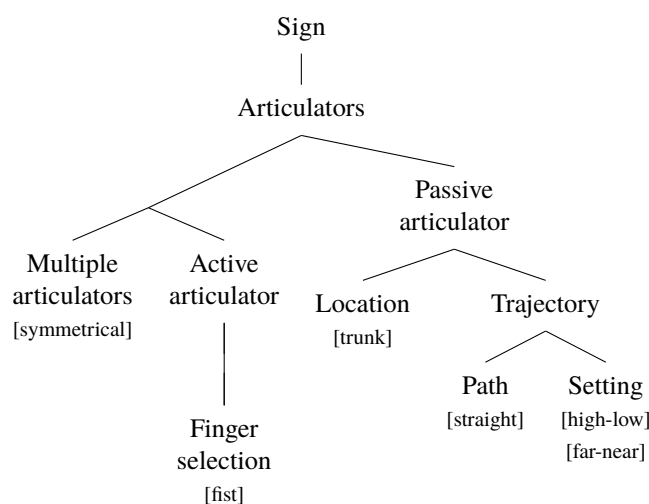


Figure 4: *DETER* in Plaskovitskaya (2018)

With the basic familiarity with both the model in hand, we are now in a position to explore the frequency of occurrence (and cooccurrence) of the phonetic and phonological features within the

⁶One set of such difficult cases where annotating the citation form of a sign-language verb is insufficient involves the so-called *agreeing* verbs (see Pfau, Salzmann & Steinbach 2018 for a recent minimalist analysis), also sometimes dubbed *indicating* verbs (Schembri, Cormier & Fenlon 2018), where one or more of a sign's parameters can change depending on the presence of agreement targets in the sentence.

RSL lexicon as compiled by Plaskovitskaya (2018). The motivation behind this is as follows: since the model ascribes some features (but not others) a phonological status, this should be visible in the data because subsets of those features—as well as segments of which they consist—will form natural classes like vowels do as opposed to consonants in spoken languages. But first, we offer a few words on the data.

3.2. Data

Plaskovitskaya's (2018) corpus consists of 400 primarily monomorphemic, citation-form verbs taken from the *Spread the Sign* dictionary in the Belarusian dialect of RSL. Because the signs normally appear in the dictionary in their citation form, annotation also resorted to entries from other dialects of RSL from the same dictionary as well as field notes from elicitation sessions with the native signers of the Belarusian dialect of RSL to resolve any potential ambiguities and facilitate decision making.⁷

All entries were manually annotated in ELAN v.5.1 (Crasborn & Sloetjes 2008). The theoretical model buttressing the annotation is Van der Kooij's (2002) Dependency model with minor modifications, briefly addressed directly below. The approach to annotation is intentionally detailed: even minute features are annotated or introduced to test the theoretical predictions regarding their status as RSL phonemes, paving the way for statistically oriented studies such as the one attempted in this paper. The data, their annotation in the .eaf format and a dedicated script to facilitate corpus navigation are all freely available for download as a GitHub repository at https://github.com/ToszaPlaskovickaja/Term_paper.

Since the model does not view movement as being phonological, some of the signs will consist of multiple segments. It therefore stands to reason that whatever procedure is employed for establishing the restrictions on their occurrence and cooccurrence must deal with those segments full signs or even syllables.

We first automatically extracted the segments from the annotation and created a table where all features (19 in total) appear as columns, and the segments (515 segments in total) as rows. A snapshot of the resulting table is presented as Fig. 5. All data manipulations were made with R (R Core Team 2018), all visualisations were created with `ggplot2` package (Wickham 2016).

In Fig. 5, Roman numbers encode distinct lexical items, and multiple segments forming a single lexical item appear as adjacent cells in such a way as for their sequential order in the sign to be

⁷The [symmetrical] feature encodes the identity in handshape between H1 and H2, as well as either their identical or mirrored orientation and/or motion. Its semantics can be viewed as essentially a copying operation whereby all features on the node to which it applies (i.e. hand configuration and orientation) are represented on all articulators in its scope. The [crossed] feature notates the fact that the articulators traverse the middle part of the signer's body.

	Sign	H1 FingerSelection	H1 Aperture	H1 Curve	H1 Bent	H1 Facing
1	должен_I	[1-st]	NA	straight	straight	palm
2	называть_I	[1-st]	NA	straight	straight	tips
3	называть_I	[1-st]	NA	straight	straight	tips
4	оскорбить_II	[1-st]	open-closed	straight-curved	straight-bent	tips
5	оскорблять	[1-st]	NA	straight-curved	straight	tips
6	происходить	[1-st]	closed-open	curved-straight	bent-straight	palm
7	происходить	[1-st]	closed-open	curved-straight	bent-straight	palm
8	должен_II	[1-st]	NA	straight	straight	palm
9	мочиться	[1-st]	NA	straight	straight	root
10	вмешиваться_I	[1-st]	NA	straight	straight	tips
11	вмешиваться_I	[1-st]	NA	straight	straight	radial

Figure 5: Data structure following automatic extraction of segments from annotation

reflected: rows 2 and 3, for example, correspond to two segments of one and the same sign (NAME_I), and the segment in row 2 precedes the segment in row 3.

3.3. Method

To analyse the data that had been collected, we used several tools. First, we calculated for each feature the ratio of segments employing one of the feature’s values. Simplifying somewhat, we assume here that the phonological behaviour of a feature could be deduced from the frequency of occurrence of that feature in an annotated lexicon.

Second, we applied Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA, see Husson, Lê & Pagès 2017, especially ch. 3). Since all features in Plaskovitskaya’s annotation are instances of categorical data, MCA appears tailor-made to solve the issue of reducing the dimensionality of the data. In particular, it provides a way of visualising both the feature values and the segments from the annotation in one and the same coordinate system. Whilst many clusterisation techniques are in principle compatible with the goals of our study, it is the MCA which allows us to abstract away from the binary division/union inherently present in hierarchical clusterisation.

4. Results

With regard to the ratio that is plotted on the x axis in Fig. 6, we observe two groups of features plotted on the y axis: (i) rare ones (e.g. H2 Aperture, H2 Focus, H2 Width etc.), and (ii) the rest (e.g. Location, H1 Finger Selection etc.). Features with the lowest ratio seem to be mainly associated with two-handed features. Amongst the features with the highest frequency rate ratio, Manner-type features show the lowest rate ratio (e.g. manner_bidirectional), the ratio rising as we

move onto the H1 handshape features (e.g. H1 FingerSelection).

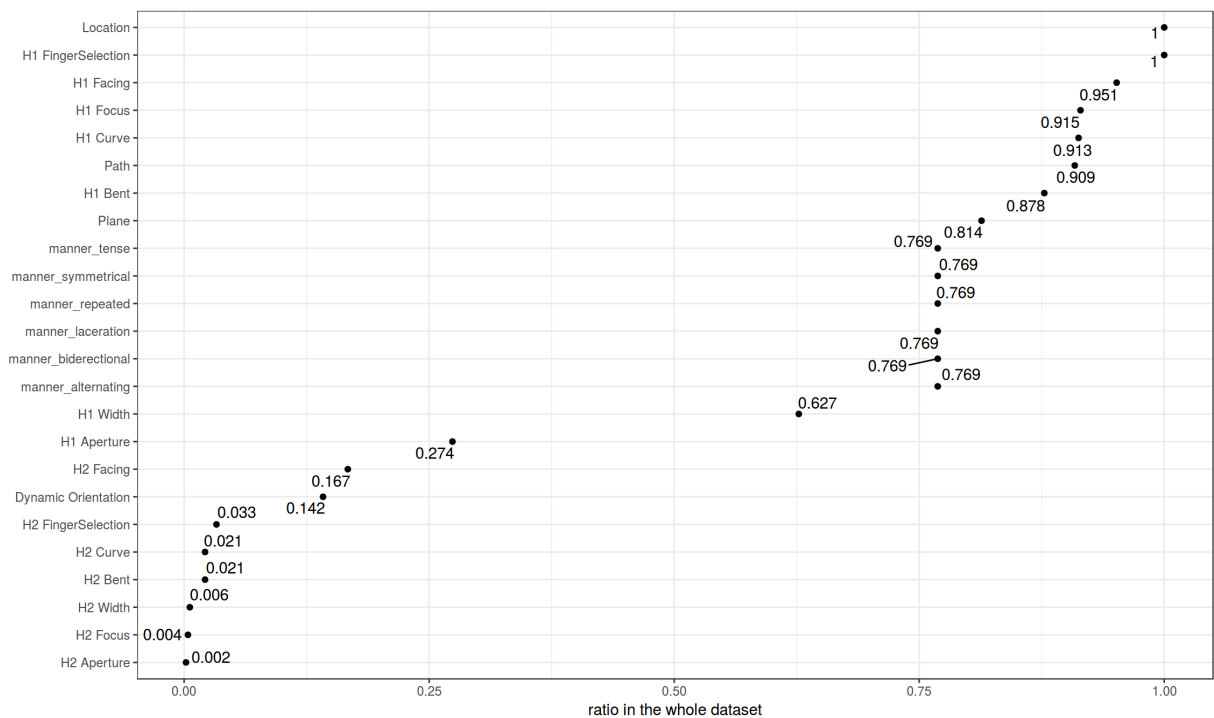


Figure 6: Ratio in the whole dataset

Now we turn to the MCA plot in Fig. 7. Since MCA provides dimensionality reduction from multiple dimensions to more optimal spaces, the x and y axes themselves are meaningless. The plot shows a similar distribution of features. The bottom right-hand corner of the graph is occupied by features characterising two-handed signs, which can be explained by those features' low occurrence rate in the annotation. The second cluster, situated in the top right-hand corner of the graph, can be loosely characterised as a less marked class comprising one-handed signs defined by H1 features that include a change of state from a physiologically less tense state to a physiologically more tense one.

To summarise, as a result of applying MCA to our dataset, we discovered 3 clusters corresponding to

- two-handed signs
- signs defined by H1 features including movement to a physiologically less tense position
- one-handed signs defined by H1 features including movement to a physiologically more tense position.

Before proceeding to the discussion of the theoretical significance of the results obtained in the course of the present study, we address the issue of iconicity, and the extent to which it can hinder the identification of phonemes and morphemes of the RSL vocabulary. Since iconicity is part and parcel of linguistic research into various aspects of sign languages regardless of theoretical frameworks and persuasions (see Kimmelman, Klezovich & Moroz 2018 for a recent discussion

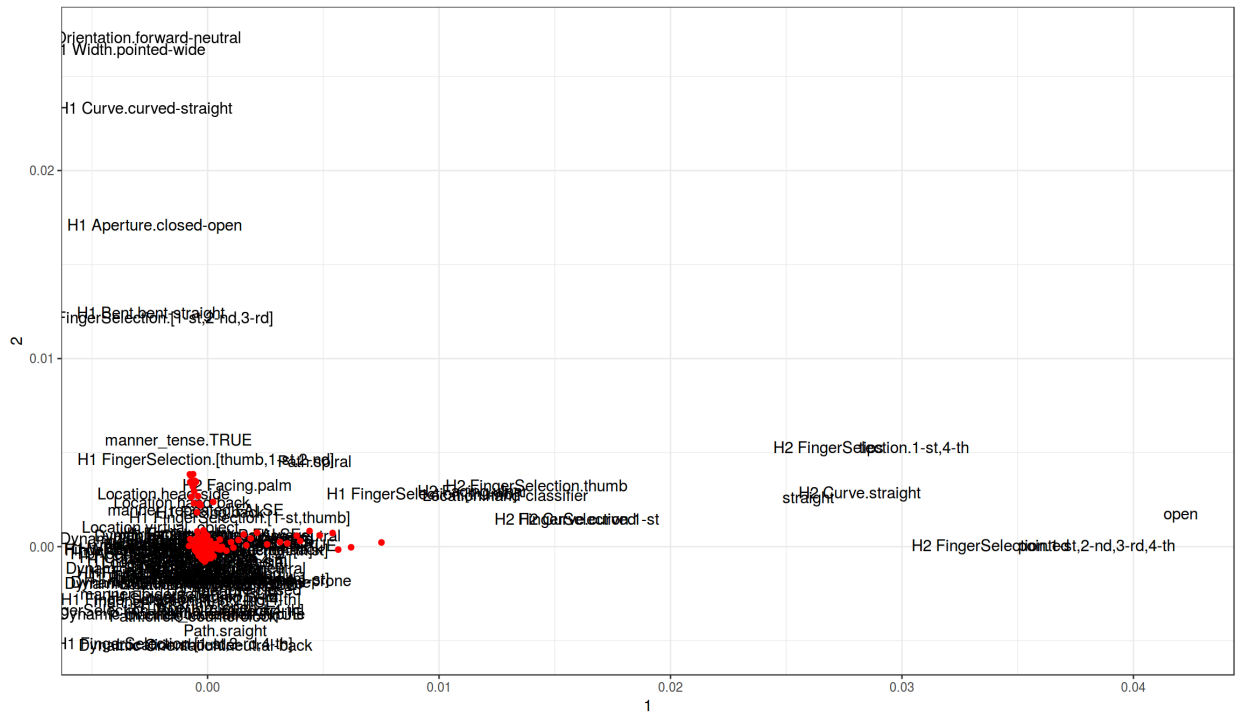


Figure 7: The first two dimensions obtained by MCA for the whole dataset

and references), we extended Plaskovitskaya’s (2018) annotation scheme to include iconicity, and fed the resulting annotation back into the MCA, thereby obtaining the results in Fig. 8.

Fig. 8 indicates that, on average, iconicity seems not to correlate with any particular feature from our annotation. We can see that, even though almost all outliers are iconic, the converse does not hold: the main cluster involves both iconic and non-iconic signs in roughly equal proportions.

5. Discussion

In this paper, we have subjected the only existing phonological model of the structure of RSL signs (Plaskovitskaya 2018) to empirical scrutiny.

The first thing to note concerns the intuitive appeal of clusters identified by the ratio plot and MCA. Indeed, the distinction between one-handed and two-handed signs seems important to us as far as sign languages go, and therefore what stands out in Plaskovitskaya’s (2018) annotation scheme is the lack of consistency in annotating two-handed signs, which leads to numerous inconsistencies. It is our hope, however, that the amended annotation will take into consideration two-handed signs as well as their features, thereby raising their visibility, which should lead to the features forming a more homogeneous continuum.

What does this tell us about the theory of phonology? We find that a comparison with spoken languages is useful for illustrating the point at hand. In spoken language phonology, there is no

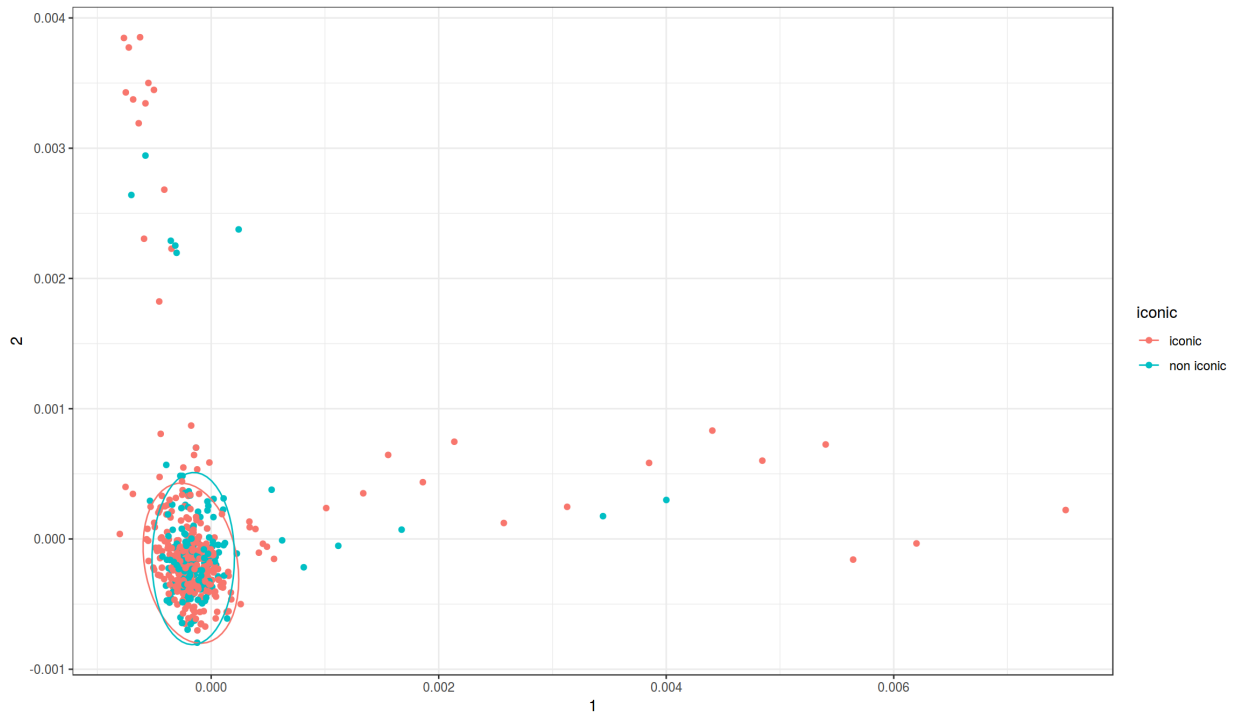


Figure 8: The first two dimensions obtained by MCA for the whole dataset, iconicity colour-coded

expectation that all features should be distributed evenly. Quite to the contrary, situations abound when an individual feature that is rare nevertheless turns out to be phonological (e.g. pharyngealisation in some languages of the Caucasus), yet this never happens with entire classes of features (e.g. features characterising all consonants at the same time). Therefore, the rare distribution we have observed in the case of so important a class of features as two-handedness should not have such a low frequency ratio, which hints at either the sample not being sufficiently representative or the chosen annotation method being too inconsistent. Further work will help determine which feature sets play an important part in RSL phonology, and which natural classes, if any, can be identified on their basis.

This work also provides a demonstration of a new approach to investigating the composition of phonological systems. In classic phonology, all possible oppositions are treated as being equally significant, and the idea of treating a particular feature within a given phonological system in a privileged way simply does not arise. However, just the presence or absence of a phonological feature (that is common for works on phonological typology) has nothing to say about the role that feature plays in that system or the feature hierarchies in it. To take a concrete case, what both Andi (Northeast Caucasian) and French have in common is the presence of a [nasal] feature in vowels, yet this feature is ubiquitous in French whilst being barely present in Andic. Comparing the importance of phonological features using ratio plots and MCA is a promising way of revealing non-binary oppositions in phonological systems of human languages irrespective of modality.

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A. Features and their attributes

This appendix comprises the list of all fields and their attributes that were used to annotate the corpus for Plaskovitskaya (2018).

- H1 (dominant hand)
- H2 (non-dominant hand)
- FingerSelection
 - thumb
 - 1-st (index finger)
 - 2-nd (middle finger)
 - 3-rd (ring finger)
 - 4-th (little finger)
- Aperture
 - open
 - closed
- Curve
 - straight
 - curved
- Bend
 - straight
 - bent
- Width
 - pointed
 - wide
 - crossed
- Facing and Focus
 - tips
 - root
 - palm
 - back

- radial
- ulnar
- Dynamic Orientation
 - prone (palm facing up)
 - supine (palm facing down)
 - forward (bent forwards)
 - back (bent backwards)
 - neutral
- Location
 - head
 - neck
 - shoulder
 - trunk
 - arm
 - hand
 - space
 - virtual object
- Plane
 - horizontal
 - parallel
 - sagittal
- Settings
 - x-y (empty/variable start and end points)
 - high
 - low
 - proxi (proximal)
 - distal
 - near
 - far
 - contra (contralateral)
 - ipsi (ipsilateral)
 - in situ
- Path
 - straight
 - arc
 - circle-clock
 - circle-counterclock
 - wave

- spiral
- iconic
- Manner
 - tense
 - repeated
 - laceration
 - symmetrical
 - alternating
 - bidirectional
 - crossed

B. R code for creating visualisations

```
{r setup, include=FALSE} knitr::opts_chunk$set(eval = FALSE, message =
FALSE, warnings = FALSE, fig.width = 12, fig.height = 7)

library(tidyverse)
theme_set(theme_bw())
df <- read_csv("segments_old.csv", na = "")
df$label <- paste(df$Sign, df$segment)
colnames(df)

data_frame(value = colMeans(!is.na(df[,-c(1, 12, 21:26, 33)])),
           features = names(colMeans(!is.na(df[,-c(1, 12, 21:26, 33)])))) %>%
  mutate(features = reorder(features, value)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(features, value, label = round(value, 3)))+
  ggrepel::geom_text_repel()+
  geom_point()+
  coord_flip()+
  labs(x="", y = "ratio in the whole dataset")

read_csv("segments_old.csv", na = "") %>%
  select(-c(1,12, 21:26)) ->
  df_mca

df_mca <- as.data.frame(sapply(df_mca , factor))

MCA <- MASS::mca(df_mca)
df <- cbind(df, MCA$rs)
```

```
variables <- as_data_frame(MCA$cs)
variables$var_names <- rownames(MCA$cs)
```

B.1.

B.1.1. Meaning

```
df %>%
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, label = label))+
  geom_text()
```

B.1.2. H1.FingerSelection

```
df %>%
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H1 FingerSelection`))+
  geom_point()+
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.3. H1.Aperture

```
df %>%
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H1 Aperture`))+
  geom_point()+
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.4. H1.Curve

```
df %>%
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H1 Curve`))+
  geom_point()+
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.5. H1.Bent

```
df %>%
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H1 Bent`))+
  geom_point()+
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.6. H1.Facing

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H1 Facing`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.7. H1.Focus

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H1 Focus`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.8. H1.Width

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H1 Width`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.9. Dynamic.Orientation

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `Dynamic Orientation`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.10. Location

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = Location))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.11. Plane

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = Plane))+  
  geom_point()+
```

```
stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.12. Settings

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = Settings))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.13. Path

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = Path))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.14. H2.FingerSelection

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H2 FingerSelection`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.15. H2.Aperture

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H2 Aperture`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.16. H2.Curve

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H2 Curve`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.17. H2.Bent

```
df %>%
```

```
ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H2 Bent`))+  
geom_point()+  
stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.18. H2.Width

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H2 Width`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.19. H2.Facing

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H2 Facing`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.20. H2.Focus

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = `H2 Focus`))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.21. manner_tense

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = manner_tense))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.22. manner_repeated

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = manner_repeated))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.23. manner_laceration

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = manner_laceration))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.24. manner_symmetrical

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = manner_symmetrical))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.25. manner_alternating

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = manner_alternating))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.26. manner_bidirectional

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = manner_bidirectional))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.27. manner_alternating

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = manner_alternating))+  
  geom_point()+  
  stat_ellipse()
```

B.1.28. iconicity

```
df %>%  
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, color = iconic))+  
  geom_point()+
```

```

stat_ellipse()

df %>%
  arrange(desc(`1`)) %>%
  select(labeled_url, `1`, `2`) %>%
  DT::datatable(escape = FALSE, options = list(pageLength = 10, dom = 'ftip'))

variables %>%
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`, label = var_names))+
  geom_text()
# scale_x_continuous(limits = c(-0.03, 0.06))

df %>%
  ggplot(aes(`1`, `2`))+
  geom_text(data = variables, aes(`1`, `2`, label = var_names))+
  geom_point(color = "red")

```

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