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Title: Restrictions on exponence: Roots, Aspects and Tenses in Indo-European verbs

Abstract: As part of my (ongoing) dissertation work, where I look at restrictions on exponence more broadly, here I focus on the interactions between R(oots), A(spects) and T(enses) of Indo-European verbs in exponence. The empirical observation of interest is that in triples of verb words where the first and second share an A feature and the second and third share a T feature (i.e. 1{R, +T, +A} - 2{R, -T, +A} - 3{R, -T, -A}), exponence may be shared by 1, 2 and 3, by 1 and 2 to the exclusion of 3, by 2 and 3 to the exclusion of 1, or not be shared at all, but it is crucially hardly ever shared by 1 and 3 to the exclusion of 2. I argue that the relevant gap is not easily accommodated by the 'containment' approach to *ABA and explore alternative ways of modelling it.