

Underspecification in Tima

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As is the case with many other languages in the Nuba Mountain area of Central Sudan, Tima has a rather rich system of derivational and inflectional morphemes many of which alternate with regard to the feature ATR. In addition, Tima has a system of fronting or rounding harmony for vowels in bound morphemes, which include affixes and clitics. In my presentation, I will address the question which morphemes are fully specified, and which ones are underspecified with regard to these harmonizing features.