# Chapter 5

# **Implementation**

A computer implementation of the content and processes of Aṣṭādhyāyī can be aptly compared with the automatic machines for buying railway tickets. When interacting with such a machine, a traveller needs to supply specific information about the destination, route, date and time, number of travellers, class etc. Depending upon the interactive design of the program this information is required by the machine as and when it needs to take some decision for which the wish and consent of the traveller is necessary. On its part, the machine can put constraints upon the choices depending upon the current situation, e.g. whether an option to take a particular route or train on a particular day is possible or not. Finally, the desired ticket is printed.

In a similar manner, a computer program that implements the derivation of a linguistic expression requires input by the user regarding her or his intention ( $vivakṣ\bar{a}$ ). This information is necessary to make appropriate decisions so that finally the desired expression is formed. The program, on its part, puts constraints upon the possible choices that are admissible.

In the following, I provide an overview of the computer implementation of the Pāṇinian system. As discussed in the previous chapters, my rendering of the grammar is through its formal representation. Therefore, the basis of the present computerisation is the formalisation discussed in chapters 3 and 4.

The programming codes specified here aim to show that my model of the Aṣṭādhyāyī facilitates its computer implementation. Because of the constraints of the space, there is no attempt to furnish the details which run into several thousand lines of program codes. Moreover, thus far there is no user interface for the system. This is because it does not directly contribute to the research questions and would simultaneously require considerable time which is beyond the scope of the present work. The programs are written in the Python Programming Language which runs on Windows, Linux/Unix, Mac

OS X and is available under open source license.<sup>1</sup> Needless to mention, there can be different ways of implementation depending upon the overall design of the program, the nature of the programming environment as well as the choices of the implementational platform.

There are two main aspects of the computer implementation which I will deal with in this chapter. Firstly, how to implement the grammatical content on a computer, and secondly, how to simulate the processes of derivation. The former has to deal with the data-structures of the program and the latter with its application and dynamics.

The basic categories of the formal framework introduced in chapters 2 and 3 aim to represent the grammar in such a way that its application can be effected in an algorithmic manner. The data-structures specified below are developed to render the categories of this formal framework.

#### 5.1 Data-structures

#### 5.1.1 Elements

A collection of elements—components, attributes and meaning-expressions—constitutes the basic database. A typical entry of this database looks as follows:

```
1 paTha_a;
2 ait_9 udAttet_9;
3 p_0;
4 a_0 hrasva_0;
5 Th_1;
6 a_0 hrasva_0 it_0 udAtta_0
```

The above string is separated by semi-colons (;). Here, the first entry (line 1) is the ID of the element. It is the ID of the verbal root paTha\_a. After this (line 2) the IDs of its attributes are noted with a blank space in between. There are two IDs mentioned here: ait\_9 which stands for the attribute that has the phoneme a\_0 as it\_0 marker. Secondly, the attribute udAttet\_9 says that the marker sound here is high-pitched. This is followed by entries for each phoneme and their attributes. There are four phonemes here (lines 3-6). The final phoneme a\_0 carries the attribute it\_0 and udAtta\_0, that makes the whole component ait\_9 and udAttet\_9.

The collection of elements is implemented by the Elements class.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Python Programming Language—Official website https://www.python.org (accessed on 22.03.2016) supplies free download of the Python interpreter as well as comprehensive documentation.

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```
1 class Elements:
2   def __init__(self):
3   self.elements = dictionary of elements(ELEMENTS FILE NAME)
```

The class variable is a dictionary of elements initialized by the file ELEMENTS FILE NAME. The class of elements can be instantiated as follows.

```
1 >>> from elements import Elements
2 >>> element = Elements()
```

The first command imports the class of Elements and the second one instantiates it. The variable element is now an object variable belonging to the Elements class. The class functions can now be executed. For example, the following function returns the boolean value True or False, depending upon whether an element is present in the database or not.

```
1 >>> element.is_an_element('paTha_a')
2 True
```

Another function of this class returns a component as a list of sets, which can be represented as language-components.

```
1 >>> element.get_component_in_langComp_form('paTha_a')
2 [set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9','p_0','ait_9']),
3 set(['hrasva_0','paTha_a','udAttet_9','a_0','ait_9']),
4 set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9','Th_1','ait_9'])]
```

A list consisting of three sets is returned in the above example. These three sets correspond to the three sounds of the said component. It should be noted that certain attributes, like ait\_9 i.e. having a as *it*-marker or udAttet\_9 having an *udātta*-marker are included in the database itself.

The value returned is suitable for representation in the new framework. Thus, the final marker sound is not included as part of the form of the component, but as an attribute. Thus, it has only three sets corresponding to the three sounds /p a th/, and not four sets. This is because the final phoneme in the original corpus is only a marker sound.

#### 5.1.2 Sound-sets

Each of the three sets representing the three phonemes of the component paTha\_a are stored as sound-sets which are implemented by the class SoundSets.

```
1 class SoundSets:
2   def __init__(self,a_set_of_item_ids):
3   self.soundSet = a_set_of_item_ids
```

It is instantiated by a set of IDs. For example, the above list of three sets can be represented through three SoundSets.

```
1 >>> from soundSets import SoundSets
2 >>> soundSet_1 = SoundSets(set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9',
3     'p_0','ait_9']))
4 >>> soundSet_2 = SoundSets(set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9',
5     'hrasva_0','a_0','ait_9']))
6 >>> soundSet_3 = SoundSets(set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9',
7     'Th_1','ait_9']))
```

A sound-set contains a collection of IDs. There is, however, an important constraint: it must have *exactly one* element from the following set of fundamental sounds.

```
1 FUNDAMENTAL_SOUNDS=['a_0','i_0','u_0',
    'R_1','1R_0',
2
3
     'e_0','o_0',
   'ai_0','au_0',
4
5
     'h_0','y_0','v_0','r_0',
    '1_0',
    'J_1','m_0','G_1','N_1','n_0',
7
    'jh_0','bh_0',
8
    'gh_0','Dh_1','dh_0',
9
    'j_0','b_0','g_0','D_1','d_0',
10
    'kh_0','ph_0','ch_0','Th_1','th_0','c_0','T_1','t_0',
11
     'k_0', 'p_0',
12
     'z_0','S_1','s_0',
13
    'h_0',
14
15 'H_1', 'M_1',
  'x_0']
16
```

In the above list, IDs in the first fourteen lines correspond to the fourteen Śivasūtras. In the 15th line,  $H_1$  and  $M_1$  correspond to the aspirated sound *visarjanīya* and the nasal sound *anusvāra* respectively. Finally,  $x_0$  in the 16th line is for a pause or  $vir\bar{a}ma$ .

Because of the constraint that exactly one ID from the above set must be present within a sound-set, the following set of IDs are invalid candidates for a sound-set.

```
1 >>> from soundSets import SoundSets
2 >>> soundSet_4 = SoundSets(set(['paTha_a']))
3 Invalid sound-set!
```

The soundSet\_4 does not contain any ID from the above set of FUNDAMENTAL SOUNDS and hence is an invalid set for a sound-set.

```
1 >>> soundSet_5 = SoundSets(set(['a_0','i_0']))
2 Invalid sound-set!
```

Here, soundSet\_5 has more than one ID from the set of FUNDAMENTAL\_SOUNDS.

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The following function of the class returns the phonetic form of a sound-set. The phonetic form may contain additional attributes like the length or intonation of vowels.

```
1 >>> soundSet_1.get_phoneme_as_a_set()
2 set(['p_0'])
3 >>> soundSet_2.get_phoneme_as_a_set()
4 set(['hrasva_0','a_0'])
```

A new attribute can be added to a sound-set. The following function implements it.

```
1 >>> soundSet_2.addAttributes(set(['at_1']))
2 >>> soundSet_2.get_soundSet()
3 set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9','a_0','hrasva_0','at_1','ait_9'])
```

Here, the attribute at\_1 is added to a sound-set. While adding the attributes, the consistency condition of the sound-set is taken care of. Thus, an attribute like dIrgha\_0 can not coexist with hrasva\_0 within the same sound-set.

```
1 >>> soundSet_2.addAttributes(set(['dIrgha_0']))
2 dIrgha_0 cannot coexist with hrasva_0 !!
```

Similarly, existing attributes can be removed from a sound-set.

```
1 >>> soundSet_2.remAttributes(set(['at_1']))
2 >>> soundSet_2.get_soundSet()
3 set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9','a_0','hrasva_0','ait_9'])
```

#### 5.1.3 Language-components

Language-components constitute an intermediate unit between the whole sentences and the individual sounds. They may roughly (but not necessarily) correspond to an inflected word within a sentence. From the point of view of data-structures, they are a list of sound-sets. The LangComps class implements the language-components.

```
1 class LangComps:
2   def __init__(self,list_of_sets=[]):
3   self.langComp=[SoundSets(ss) for ss in list_of_sets]
```

In order to initialize a language-component, the component should be rendered in a special form, namely as a sequence of sets of IDs. This is achieved by a function from the Elements class.

```
1 >>> from elements import Elements
2 >>> element = Elements()
3 >>> paTha=element.get_component_in_langComp_form('paTha_a')
```

```
4 >>> print paTha
5 [set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9','p_0','ait_9']),
6 set(['hrasva_0','paTha_a','udAttet_9','a_0','ait_9']),
7 set(['paTha_a','udAttet_9','Th_1','ait_9'])]
```

An object of the class LangComps can now be instantiated by using the above rendering of the component paTha\_a.

```
1 >>> from langComps import LangComps
2 >>> langComp = LangComps(paTha)
3 >>> print langComp
4 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
5 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
6 Th : Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
```

The output shows that the language-component has three sound-sets representing the sounds /p, a, Th/ respectively. The sound-sets contain several other IDs that characterise them as well as the language-component.

A number of functions are required to execute operations on language-components. For example, in order to check the conditions, it is important to identify the range of indices in which some attribute occurs. The question as to which sound-set in a particular language-component has any of the given attributes is implemented by the following function.

```
1 >>> langComp.range_withAny(['hrasva_0'])
2 [1]
```

It says that the attribute hrasva\_0 is in the second sound-set of the current language-component.<sup>2</sup> In case more than one IDs are searched, then this function returns all indices where *any* of the IDs occur.

```
1 >>> langComp.range_withAny(['a_0','p_0'])
2 [0, 1]
```

In the example above, indices of those sound-sets that contain any of the IDs in the list ['a\_0', 'p\_0'] are returned.

If one wants to attach the attribute dhAtu\_0 to those parts of language-component which contains the ID paTha\_a then the range of indices with the ID paTha\_a needs to be identified first, followed by the addition of the attribute dhAtu\_0 to the respective indices.

```
1 >>> langComp.range_withAny(['paTha_a'])
2 [0, 1, 2]
3 >>> langComp.addAttributes(set(['dhAtu_0']),[0,1,2])
4 >>> print langComp
5 p : p_0,ait_9,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
6 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
7 Th : Th_1,ait_9,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The lists in Python programming language are indexed beginning with 0. So the first element of a list list is list[0] and the second one is list[1] etc.

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The above example shows that the attribute dhAtu\_0 is added to the indices corresponding to the sound-sets that contain paTha\_a.

#### 5.1.4 Sentences

Sentences consist of one or more language-components. They represent the whole unit of a typical linguistic expression with the possibility of a number of inflected words. This class is necessary since the rules of grammar consider the whole sentence and not just one word to be the unit of derivation.

From the point of view of a formal representation of grammatical processes, sentences can simply be defined as a sequence of language-components. Accordingly, the class of Sentences is implemented as a list of LangComps.

```
1 class Sentences:
2   def __init__(self,list_of_LangComps=[LangComps()]):
3   self.sentence = list_of_LangComps
```

The present formal framework uses three levels to represent any linguistic expression. Sentences correspond to the whole unit of a particular linguistic expression, while sound-sets correspond to the individual sounds. Language-components are an intermediate level between the two and are tentatively related to an inflected word. Depending upon the level from which conditional information can be gathered in a sufficient manner, the grammatical operations can be distinguished as those that apply to a sound-set or to a language-component or at the level of the whole sentence.

#### 5.1.5 Derivational states

The process of derivation is carried out when an operational statement is applied to a sentence or to its constituents, i.e. the language-components or the sound-sets. Together with an operational statement, a sentence forms the next data-structure of the system, namely the class DStates.

```
class DStates: # Derivational state
def __init__(self,(sentence,statement_string)=(None,None)):
self.dState = sentence
self.applied_statement_str = statement_string
```

The application of a particular statement brings about some change in the current state of a sentence. This change may be at the level of a sound-set if, for example, it gets a new attribute, or at the level of a language-component,

for example, addition of a new sound-set, or even at the level of a sentence itself, in the case of addition of new language-components. The dState variable of the class saves the changed state of the sentence after the application of some statement. The operational statement which is applied is stored in the variable applied\_statement\_str (see section 5.1.8 for the nature of an operational string).

#### 5.1.6 Slices

The current state of a sentence saved in a derivational state is the result of application of an operational statement on the previous state of that sentence. The sequence of such derivational states is stored in a slice and is implemented by the class Slices. From the point of view of data-structures, a slice is simply a sequence or list of derivational states or DStates.

```
1 class Slices:
2   def __init__(self,list_of_DStates=[]):
3   self.slice = list_of_DStates
```

There are two kinds of changes that the operational rules of grammar bring about: either the derivational state is *saturated* or it progresses towards *completion*. The process of saturation is associated with attachment of attributes, while addition of new components is related with incremental steps of completion of the derivational process. Slices contain only those changes where the derivational process is saturated, i.e. only when attributes are added to the components. The other case, when a new component is introduced, leads to the formation of a new slice.

## 5.1.7 Process-strips

The incremental steps of completion of the process of derivation results in a sequence of slices. Process-strips record this sequences of slices. This is implemented through the class PStrips.

```
class PStrips: # process-strips
def __init__(self,list_of_Slices=[]):
self.pStrip=list_of_Slices
```

The data-structures introduced thus far adequately represent the constituents and processes of the grammar in an integral manner. The processes of grammar are enacted through the operational rules. The next data-structure comprehends them.

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#### 5.1.8 Statements

In the previous chapter, the concept of statements in comparison with the  $s\bar{u}tras$  was introduced and specified. Statements are operational rules that are formulated in a formal framework and can be implemented through algorithmic functions.

The information related to a statement is stored in a particular format within the database. In order to point out the structure of the database of statements, consider the entry corresponding to the attachment of the attribute vRddhi\_0. In the original corpus it is the very first  $s\bar{u}tra$ .

```
1 Xm_ATT_a *
2 ATT_a & vRddhi_0 *
3 Xm:[At_2,aic_0] AND Xm_NOT:[vRddhi_0] *
4 ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] *
5 A_RULES:[a_11001]
```

The above entry consists of five parts that are separated by a \* sign. Each part is listed here in a separate line.

- 1. The first part denotes the type of the statement. In the present case, it is given by Xm\_ATT\_a. It implies that this statement is about ATTachment of an attribute a to some sound-set Xm.
- 2. The second part specifies the operation. In the present case it is given by ATT\_a & vRddhi\_0. It implies that vRddhi\_0 is the ATTachment here.
- 3. The third part notes the conditions that should be fulfilled in order to execute the operation. There are two parts and both of them need to be fulfilled. Hence they are conjoined by the logical AND.
  - a. The first part of the condition is given by Xm: [At\_2,aic\_0] that can be interpreted as the presence of either the attribute At\_2 or the attribute aic\_0 in the sound-set Xm.
  - b. The second part Xm\_NOT: [vRddhi\_0] ensures that the attribute is attached only if it is not already included in the said sound-set. This is important to avoid recursive attachment of an attribute.
- 4. The inter-relations between other statements within the database are noted in the fourth part. It also records the nature of the statements. Here, for example, it says that this statement is a STABILIZING statement which contributes to the *saturation* of the slice.
- 5. Finally, the fifth part records the links to the external associations, especially the correspondence with the original corpus of the Aṣṭādhyāyī. Here, the sūtra number a\_11001 is noted.

An individual operational statement is implemented by the Statements class and is instantiated by the corresponding entry string within the database.

```
1 class Statements:
2   def __init__(self,st_str=''):
3    self.statement_string=st_str
4   self.statement = parse_a_statement_str(st_str)
```

The function parse\_a\_statement\_str(st\_str) parses and returns the output as a five-tuple for the instantiation variable.

```
1 >>> statement_string = 'Xm_ATT_a *
2   ATT_a & vRddhi_0 *
3   Xm:[At_2,aic_0] AND Xm_NOT:[vRddhi_0] *
4   ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] *
5   A_RULES:[a_11001]'
6 >>> from statements import Statements
7 >>> statement = Statements(statement_string)
```

This class implements several functions that are important for the application of the statements. One such function is to get the *signature* of a given statement.

```
1 >>> statement.get_signature()
2 'Xm_ATT_a_ATT_a_Xm_Xm_NOT'
```

The signature of a statement specifies its *structure*. Associated with a statement, there is a function which executes its application. The nature of this applicational function is defined by the signature of the statement. All statements with the same signature can be applied by using the same function.

Another function supplies the information about the conditions that need to be fulfilled in order to apply that statement.

```
1 >>> statement.get_condition_type_vals_dict()
2 {'Xm': [['At_2','aic_0']],
3 'Xm_NOT': [['vRddhi_0']]}
```

Here, the return value is a dictionary. Its keys are the types or nature of the conditions together with the corresponding values for the particular case. Thus, the first condition type is Xm implying that the sound-set must contain any of the IDs At\_2 or aic\_0. The type of the second condition is Xm\_NOT and it says that the ID vRddhi 0 should not be in that sound-set.

## 5.1.9 Statement groups

The collection of Statements is implemented through the StatementGroups class.

```
1 class StatementGroups:
2   def __init__(self):
3   self.statementGroup = list_of_Statements
```

The functions of this class are primarily meant for organizing and referencing the statements.

```
1 >>> from statements import StatementGroups
2 >>> statementGroup = StatementGroups()
3 >>> statementGroup.get_statements_for_some_operation(
4   'ATT_a & guru_0')
5   [<statements.Statements instance at 0x10a24c3f8>,
6   <statements.Statements instance at 0x10a24c488>]
```

The list returned by the above function consists of two Statements instances corresponding to the two statements that provide for application of the attribute guru\_0.

```
1 >>> st1,st2=statementGroup.get_statements_for_some_operation(
2    'ATT_a & guru_0')
3 >>> st1.statement_string
4    'Xm_ATT_a * ATT_a & guru_0 * Xm:[hrasva_0] AND Xn:[saMyoga_0]*
5    ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] * A_RULES:[a_14010][a_14011]'
6 >>> st2.statement_string
7    'Xm_ATT_a * ATT_a & guru_0 * Xm:[dIrgha_0] *
8    ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] * A_RULES:[a_14012]'
```

Similarly, the following function returns a dictionary with signature of statements as keys and the corresponding statements as their values.

# 5.2 Processes of grammar

During the process of their derivation, linguistic expressions are represented through a sentence which consists of one or more language-components corresponding to the individual inflected words. Each language-component contains a sequence of sound-sets. Each sound-set corresponds to a single phoneme.

The derivational process is effected through a number of operational statements which are applied to a sentence. A sentence, together with an opera-

tional statement, constitutes a derivational state. There are two fundamental types of operations: (i) to saturate a sentence, in that all attributes that can be attached are added to it, and (ii) to add a new component and graduate towards completion of the derivational process. Accordingly, a slice contains a sequence of derivational states that arise during the process of saturation. A new slice is added, once a new component is introduced. A process-strip records a sequence of slices and thus registers the process of completion.

Given the above framework and corresponding data-structures, the general algorithm of the derivational process can be specified as follows.

```
1 initialize a process-strip
2 repeat the following steps:
3     saturate the process-strip
4     look for completing statements
5     if there is no statement to be applied
6     return the process-strip
7     else:
8     select a completing statement
9     apply it to the process-strip
```

After initialisation, the process-strip is populated with new components and saturated repeatedly, till there is no admissible component available. This brings the process of derivation to an end.

#### 5.2.1 Initialisation

The process of initialisation is implemented by the function initialize(). The initial process-strip contains an empty slice.

```
1 >>> from pStrips import PStrips
2 >>> pStrip = PStrips()
3 >>> pStrip.get_list_of_Slices()
4 []
```

The empty pStrip needs to be populated with some components. At this moment the meaning-expressions and a user become relevant. The user must be able to express her/his intention ( $vivak s \bar{a}$ ) by interacting with the system. Suppose, for example, the user wants to express the sentence  $b \bar{a} l a k a h p a that i$  (a boy recites). Then the choice of the components b A l a k a h a h a that a become imminent.<sup>3</sup> The following statement is chosen for application.

```
1 >>> st01 = Statements(
2 'E_ADD_y *
```

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  For the sake of simplicity and space, I will continue with the derivation of the verbal conjugation only.

```
3    ADD_y & paTha_a *
4    yM:[vyaktAyAM_x vAci_x] *
5    ST_TYPE:[COMPLETING] * ')
6 >>> st01.get_signature()
7    'E_ADD_y__ADD_y__yM'
```

The signature of the above statement is significant for choosing the appropriate signature-functions. These are required to execute some statement. Consider the following function for the application of statements with signature: E\_ADD\_y\_ADD\_y\_yM.

```
def E_ADD_y__ADD_y__yM(pStrip, statement):
1
     (op_type,op_val) = statement.get_operation_part()
2
3
     list_of_sets=Elements().get_component_in_langComp_form(op_val)
     langComp = LangComps(list_of_sets)
4
     sentence = Sentences(
5
       ([langComp], statement.get_vals_for_condition_type('yM')))
     dState = DStates((sentence, statement.get_statement_string()))
     slice = Slices([dState])
8
    pStrip = PStrips([slice])
10
    return pStrip
```

[1] The function takes pStrip and statement objects and returns the updated pStrip after application of the statement. [2] The values of operation-type and operation-value are stored in the variables op\_type and op\_val respectively. These are 'ADD\_y' and 'paTha\_a'. [3] The variable list\_of\_sets contains the list of sets of IDs corresponding to the op\_val which in this case is 'paTha\_a'. [4] The langComp is instantiated, followed by [5] sentence, [7] dState, [8] slice and [9] pStrip. [10] The updated pStrip is returned.

The application of the above signature function results in the introduction of a new slice within the process-strip. Within this slice a new derivational state is added which records the changes in the sentence and saves the statement that is applied as well. The results are as follows.

```
1 >>> from signatureFunctions import E_ADD_y_ADD_y_yM
2 >>> pStrip = E_ADD_y_ADD_y_yM(pStrip,st01)
3 >>> print pStrip
4 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
5 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
6 Th : Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
7 :-: E_ADD_y * ADD_y & paTha_a *
9 yM:[vyaktAyAM_x vAci_x] *
9 ST_TYPE:[COMPLETING] *
```

#### 5.2.2 Saturation

At this stage the process of saturation is carried out. Consider the following statement.

```
1 >>> st02 = Statements(
2    'Xm_ATT_a *
3    ATT_a & at_1 *
4    Xm:[a_0][hrasva_0] AND Xm_NOT:[at_1] *
5    ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] *
6    A_RULES:[a_11070]')
```

This statement attaches the attribute at\_1 to a sound-set Xm that fulfils the following two conditions:

- 1. Xm: [a\_0] [hrasva\_0] i.e. the sound-set Xm must contain the phoneme a\_0 and the attribute hrasva\_0.
- 2. Xm\_NOT: [at\_1] implies that the attribute should not already be present in the said sound-set. This is necessary to avoid recursive attachment of an attribute.

The signature of this statement is as follows.

```
1 >>> st02.get_signature()
2 'Xm_ATT_a_ATT_a_Xm_Xm_NOT'
```

The implementation of this statement is effected through the following signature-function.

```
def Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT(pStrip, statement):
1
2
     sentence = _get_a_deepcopy_of_sentence(pStrip)
3
     for langComp in sentence.sentence:
       for soundSet in langComp.langComp:
4
5
         chk_results_dict = _Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT__CHECK(
6
           soundSet,statement)
         if chk_results_dict.get('APPLICABILITY'):
7
8
           soundSet.addAttributes(
9
             set([chk_results_dict.get('ATT_a')]))
10
           pStrip.get_last_Slice().extend_Slice(
11
             DStates((sentence, statement.get_statement_string())))
12
     return pStrip
```

[1] Again the function takes up the pStrip and a statement and [12] returns the updated strip after the application of the statement. [2] A deep copy of the sentence is needed to avoid over writing. [3-4] Since the operation is executed at the level of sound-sets, the two for loops are carried out. [5-6] The function \_...\_CHECK checks the conditions whether the statement is applicable to the soundSet or not. The results of this check function are stored in the dictionary chk\_results\_dict. [7] If applicable, then [8-9] the appropriate attribute is added to that soundSet, and [10-11] pStrip gets updated.

The above function uses another function to check the conditions.

```
1 def _Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT__CHECK(soundSet,statement):
2    chk_results_dict = {}
3    oper_part_key, oper_part_val = statement.get_operation_part()
4    if CHK_Xm_Xm_NOT(soundSet,statement):
5        chk_results_dict['APPLICABILITY'] = True
6    chk_results_dict[oper_part_key] = oper_part_val
7    return chk_results_dict
```

[1] The \_...\_CHECK function takes a soundSet and a statement and returns chk\_results\_dict a dictionary of results. [4] It uses another function CHK\_Xm\_Xm\_NOT that checks whether the Xm and Xm\_NOT conditions are fulfilled.

The statement st02 can now be applied.

```
1 >>> from signatureFunctions import Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT
2 >>> pStrip = Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT(pStrip,st02)
3 >>> print pStrip
4 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
5 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
6 Th: Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
7
   :-: E_ADD_y * ADD_y & paTha_a *
        yM:[vyaktAyAM_x vAci_x] *
8
        ST_TYPE: [COMPLETING] *
9
10 :::
11 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
     : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
13 Th : Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
14 :-: Xm_ATT_a * ATT_a & at_1 *
15
        Xm:[a_0][hrasva_0] AND Xm_NOT:[at_1] *
        ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] * A_RULES:[a_11070]
16
```

The application of the above statement has resulted in an extension of the slice. [10] A new derivational state is added. [12] The effect of this function is visible in this line, where the sound-set gets the attribute at\_1 added to it. This is the only sound-set where the conditions of the statement are fulfilled.

It should be noted that multiple application of this statement to the same pStrip does not result in any further changes.

```
1 >>> pStrip = Xm_ATT_a_ATT_a_Xm_Xm_NOT(pStrip,st02)
2 >>> pStrip = Xm_ATT_a_ATT_a_Xm_Xm_NOT(pStrip,st02)
3 >>> print pStrip
4 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
5 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
6 Th : Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
7 :-: E_ADD_y * ADD_y & paTha_a *
8     yM:[vyaktAyAM_x vAci_x] *
9     ST_TYPE:[COMPLETING] *
10 :::
11 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
```

Consider now the following two statements.

```
>>> st03 = Statements(
1
     'Xm_ATT_a *
2
3
      ATT a & vRddhi 0 *
      Xm:[At_2,aic_0] AND Xm_NOT:[vRddhi_0] *
4
      ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] * A_RULES:[a_11001]')
  >>> st04 = Statements(
7
    'Xm_ATT_a *
     ATT_a & guNa_0 *
8
9
      Xm:[at_1,eG_0] AND Xm_NOT:[guNa_0] *
      ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_11002]')
10
```

Both of them have the same signature as the previous statement.

```
1 >>> st03.get_signature()
2   'Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT'
3 >>> st04.get_signature()
4   'Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT'
```

This implies that both of them can be applied by using the same signature function. The execution of st03 shows that it is not applied at all. This is obvious as none of the sound-sets fulfill the required conditions. The pStrip remains as it is. This is evident from the output below.

```
1 >>> pStrip = Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT(pStrip,st03)
2 >>> print pStrip
3 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
4 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
5 Th: Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
  :-: E_ADD_y * ADD_y & paTha_a *
7
        yM:[vyaktAyAM_x vAci_x] *
8
        ST_TYPE: [COMPLETING] *
9
  :::
10 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
11 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
12 Th: Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
   :-: Xm_ATT_a * ATT_a & at_1 *
14
        Xm:[a_0][hrasva_0] AND Xm_NOT:[at_1] *
15
        ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_11070]
```

The execution of st04 however brings out some changes.

```
1 >>> pStrip = Xm_ATT_a__ATT_a__Xm_Xm_NOT(pStrip,st04)
2 >>> print pStrip
3 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
4 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
```

```
5 Th: Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
   :-: E_ADD_y * ADD_y & paTha_a *
        vM:[vvaktAvAM x vAci x] *
        ST_TYPE: [COMPLETING] *
8
9
   :::
10 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
11 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
12 Th : Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
   :-: Xm_ATT_a * ATT_a & at_1 *
        Xm:[a_0][hrasva_0] AND Xm_NOT:[at_1] *
14
15
        ST TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A RULES: [a 11070]
16
  :::
17 p : p_0,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
18 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,guNa_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
19 Th : Th_1,ait_9,paTha_a,udAttet_9
   :-: Xm_ATT_a * ATT_a & guNa_0 *
20
21
        Xm:[at_1,eG_0] AND Xm_NOT:[guNa_0] *
22
        ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_11002]
```

[18] The attribute guNa\_0 is now attached to the sound-set having the attribute at\_1. There is a hierarchy among the saturating statements that is decided by the dependency of their conditions together with the operational attachment. Thus, while st03 and st04 can be applied in any order, st04 can only be applied after the application of st02.

The next statement attaches an attribute not only to just one sound-set, but to several of them.

```
1 >>> st05 = Statements(
2    'X_ATT_a *
3    ATT_a & bhvAdi_0 *
4    X:[bhU_a,paTha_a,ji_a,pUG_a,dheT_a] AND X_NOT:[bhvAdi_0] *
5    ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] * ')
6 >>> st05.get_signature()
7    'X_ATT_a_ATT_a_X_X_NOT'
```

This statement attaches the group name bhvAdi\_0 for the *bhvādi-gaṇa* of the verbal roots. Here, for the sake of readability, I have not listed all the roots that are mentioned in this group.

```
1 >>> from signatureFunctions import X_ATT_a_ATT_a_X_X_NOT
2 >>> pStrip = X_ATT_a_ATT_a_X_X_NOT(pStrip,st05)
3 >>> print pStrip
4 ...
5 :::
6 p : p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
7 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,guNa_0,paTha_a,
8     udAttet_9 *
9 Th : Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9
10 :-: X_ATT_a * ATT_a & bhvAdi_0 *
11     X:[bhU_a,paTha_a,ji_a,pUG_a,dheT_a] AND X_NOT:[bhvAdi_0] *
12     ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] *
```

The attribute bhvAdi\_0 is added to all three of the sound-sets that constitute the component paTha\_a. In the above output, I have deleted the earlier derivational states to save space and to aid readability.

The next statement that attaches the attribute dhAtu\_0 is similar.

```
>>> st06 = Statements(
2
    'X_ATT_a *
3
      ATT_a & dhAtu_0 *
4
      X:[bhvAdi 0,adAdi 0,juhotvAdi 0,divAdi 0,svAdi 0,
         tudAdi_0,rudhAdi_0,tanAdi_0,kryAdi_0,curAdi_0] AND
5
      X_NOT:[dhAtu_0] *
      ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_13001]')
7
8 >>> st06.get_signature()
   'X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT'
10 >>> from signatureFunctions import X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT
11 >>> pStrip = X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT(pStrip,st06)
12 >>> print pStrip
13
14 :::
15 p : p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
16 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,guNa_0,
        paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
17
18 Th: Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9
   :-: X_ATT_a * ATT_a & dhAtu_0 *
19
        X:[bhvAdi_0,adAdi_0,juhotyAdi_0,divAdi_0,svAdi_0,
20
21
           tudAdi_0,rudhAdi_0,tanAdi_0,kryAdi_0,curAdi_0] AND
        X_NOT:[dhAtu_0] *
22
        ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_13001]
```

## 5.2.3 Completion

The next statement introduces the component laT\_0. This component is added *after* the language-component Xi. The semantic condition for its addition is stated in the condition yM: [vartamAna\_x]. This condition is satisfied once the user confirms her or his intention to express vartamAna\_x or present tense.

```
1 >>> st07 = Statements(
2    'Xi_ADD_y *
3    ADD_y & laT_0 *
4    Xi:[dhAtu_0] AND Xj_NOT:[lakAra_9] AND yM:[vartamAna_x] *
5    ST_TYPE:[COMPLETING] * A_RULES:[a_32123]')
6 >>> st07.get_signature()
7    'Xi_ADD_y__ADD_y__Xi_Xj_NOT_yM'
```

The above statement is applied through the corresponding signature function. It is a completing statement and therefore a new slice is added. Line [16] notes the slice boundary.

```
1 >>> from signatureFunctions import Xi_ADD_y__ADD_y__Xi_Xj_NOT_yM
2 >>> pStrip = Xi_ADD_y__ADD_y__Xi_Xj_NOT_yM(pStrip,st07)
3 >>> print pStrip
4
5
   :::
6 p : p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
      : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,guNa_0,
        paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
8
9 Th: Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9
10 :-: X_ATT_a *
11
        ATT a & dhAtu 0 *
12
        X: [bhvAdi_0, adAdi_0, juhotyAdi_0, divAdi_0, svAdi_0,
13
         tudAdi_0,rudhAdi_0,tanAdi_0,kryAdi_0,curAdi_0] AND
14
        X_NOT:[dhAtu_0] *
15
        ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_13001]
16 -::-::-
17 p : p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
18 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,guNa_0,
        paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
20 Th : Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9 *
21 l : 1_0,Tit_9,ait_9,laT_0,lakAra_9
22 :-: Xi_ADD_y *
23
        ADD_y & laT_0 *
        Xi:[dhAtu_0] AND Xj_NOT:[lakAra_9] AND yM:[vartamAna_x] *
24
25
        MEXGRP_0001 * A_RULES:[a_32123]
```

[21] The above statement also extends the language-component and a new sound-set for laT\_0 is added. laT\_0 is a Tit\_9 and ait\_9 lakAra\_9 and these attributes are already specified in the database.

The next statement specifies whether the components within a particular language-component form a sentence in active, passive or middle voice. Again, the decision to employ active voice is reached on the basis of the semantic condition, which the user must address directly.

```
1 >>> st08 = Statements(
2
     'X_ATT_a *
3
      ATT_a & xkartR_9 *
      X:[dhAtu_0] AND X_NOT:[xkarman_9][xbhAva_9][xkartR_9] AND
4
5
      X_M:[kartRprayoga_x] *
      ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] *')
6
  >>> st08.get_signature()
7
8
    'X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_M_X_NOT'
9 >>> from signatureFunctions import X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_M_X_NOT
10 >>> pStrip = X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_M_X_NOT(pStrip,st08)
11 >>> print pStrip
12
  :::
13 p : p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
14 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,guNa_0,
        paTha_a,udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
15
16 Th : Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,udAttet_9,
17
        xkartR_9 *
18 1 : 1_0,Tit_9,ait_9,laT_0,lakAra_9
```

```
19 :-: X_ATT_a *
20     ATT_a & xkartR_9 *
21     X:[dhAtu_0] AND X_NOT:[xkarman_9][xbhAva_9][xkartR_9] AND
22     X_M:[kartRprayoga_x] *
23     ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] *
```

The following statement attaches the attribute parasmaipada\_0 to the language-component.

```
1 >>> st09 = Statements(
2
     'X_ATT_a *
3
      ATT_a & parasmaipada_0 *
      X:[dhAtu_0][xkartR_9] AND X_NOT:[Atmanepada_0] *
      ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] *')
6 >>> st09.get signature()
    'X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT'
7
8 >>> from signatureFunctions import X_ATT_a_ATT_a_X_X_NOT
9 >>> pStrip = X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT(pStrip, st09)
10 >>> print pStrip
11 ...
12 :::
13 p : p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
15 a : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,guNa_0,
        paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
17 Th : Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
18
19 1 : 1_0,Tit_9,ait_9,laT_0,lakAra_9
20
  :-: X_ATT_a *
21
        ATT_a & parasmaipada_0 *
        X:[dhAtu_0][xkartR_9] AND X_NOT:[Atmanepada_0] *
22
        ST TYPE: [STABILIZING] *
```

The following statement provides for the substitution of laT\_0 by the third person singular suffix tip\_0.

```
1 >>> st10 = Statements(
2    'Xi_REP_y *
3     REP_y & tip_0 *
4     Xh:[dhAtu_0][parasmaipada_0] AND Xi:[lakAra_9] AND
5     yM:[prathama_0][ekavacana_0] *
6     ST_TYPE:[COMPLETING] * A_RULES:[a_34077][a_34078]')
7 >>> ST10_obj.get_signature()
8    'Xi_REP_y__REP_y__Xh_Xi_yM'
```

Again, the decision to opt for the third person and singular is taken by the user on the basis of the semantic conditions prathama\_0 and ekavacana\_0 respectively.

```
1 >>> from signatureFunctions import Xi_REP_y__REP_y__Xh_Xi_yM
2 >>> pStrip = Xi_REP_y__REP_y__Xh_Xi_yM(pStrip,st10)
3 >>> print pStrip
4 -::-::-
```

```
: p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
5
6
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
      : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,guNa_0,
        paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
8
9
  Th : Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
10
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
      : 1_0,REPLACED_9,Tit_9,ait_9,laT_0,lakAra_9 *
12 t : t_0,pit_9,tip_0 *
     : hrasva_0,i_0,pit_9,tip_0
  :-: Xi_REP_y *
14
15
        REP v & tip 0 *
        Xh:[dhAtu_0][parasmaipada_0] AND Xi:[lakAra_9] AND
16
17
        vM:[prathama 0][ekavacana 0] *
18
        ST_TYPE: [COMPLETING] * A_RULES: [a_34077] [a_34078]
```

Replacement is implemented by attaching the attribute REPLACED\_9 to those parts that are replaced (line [11]) and adding the replacement components at the appropriate index (line [12–13]).

The following statement attaches the attribute tiG\_0 to the third person singular suffix tip\_0.

```
>>> st11 = Statements(
1
2
     'X_ATT_a *
      ATT_a & tiG_0 *
3
4
      X: [tip_0, tas_0, jhi_0, sip_0, thas_0, tha_0, mip_0, vas_0, mas_0,
5
       ta_0,AtAm_0,jha_0,thAs_1,AthAm_0,dhvam_0,iT_1,vahi_0,mahiG_0]
           AND
6
      X_NOT:[tiG_0] *
      ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_34078] [a_11071]')
7
8 >>> st11.get_signature()
     'X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT'
10 >>> from signatureFunctions import X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT
11 >>> pStrip = X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT(pStrip,st11)
12 >>> print pStrip
13
  :::
14 p
      : p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
15
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
      : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,guNa_0,
16 a
        paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
17
18 Th : Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
19
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
20 1
      : 1_0,REPLACED_9,Tit_9,ait_9,laT_0,lakAra_9 *
      : t_0,pit_9,tiG_0,tip_0 *
22 i : hrasva_0,i_0,pit_9,tiG_0,tip_0
23
   :-: X_ATT_a *
        ATT_a & tiG_0 *
24
        X:[tip_0,tas_0,jhi_0,sip_0,thas_0,tha_0,mip_0,vas_0,mas_0,
25
26
           ta_0, AtAm_0, jha_0, thAs_1, AthAm_0, dhvam_0, iT_1, vahi_0,
               mahiG_0] AND
27
        X_NOT:[tiG_0] *
28
      ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_34078] [a_11071]
```

To a tiG\_0 or a zit\_9 component, the attribute sArvadhAtuka\_0 is attached by the following statement.

```
1 >>> st12 = Statements(
2    'X_ATT_a *
3     ATT_a & sArvadhAtuka_0 *
4     X:[tiG_0,zit_9] AND X_NOT:[sArvadhAtuka_0] *
5     ST_TYPE:[STABILIZING] * A_RULES:[a_34113]')
6 >>> st12.get_signature()
7    'X_ATT_a_ATT_a_X_X_NOT'
```

The application of this statement is similar to the other attachments of the attributes.

```
1 >>> from signatureFunctions import X_ATT_a_ATT_a_X_X_NOT
2 >>> pStrip = X_ATT_a__ATT_a__X_X_NOT(pStrip,st12)
3 >>> print pStrip
4
   . . .
5 :::
6 p : p_0,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
7
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
     : hrasva_0,a_0,ait_9,at_1,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,guNa_0,
        paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
9
10 Th : Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
11
     : 1_0,REPLACED_9,Tit_9,ait_9,laT_0,lakAra_9 *
12 1
     : t_0,pit_9,sArvadhAtuka_0,tiG_0,tip_0 *
     : hrasva_0,i_0,pit_9,sArvadhAtuka_0,tiG_0,tip_0
  :-: X_ATT_a *
        ATT a & sArvadhAtuka 0 *
16
17
        X:[tiG_0,zit_9] AND X_NOT:[sArvadhAtuka_0] *
18
        ST_TYPE: [STABILIZING] * A_RULES: [a_34113]
```

Finally, the infix zap\_0 is introduced by the following statement.

```
1 >>> st13 = Statements(
2    'Xi_ADD_y *
3     ADD_y & zap_0 *
4     Xi:[dhAtu_0] AND Xj:[sArvadhAtuka_0] AND Xj_M:[kartR_0] * *
5     A_RULES:[a_31068]')
6 >>> st13.get_signature()
7    'Xi_ADD_y__ADD_y__Xi_Xj_M'
```

The conditions also provide the index where the new components should properly be added.

```
paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
9
10
  Th : Th_1,ait_9,bhvAdi_0,dhAtu_0,paTha_a,parasmaipada_0,
11
        udAttet_9,xkartR_9 *
      : hrasva_0,a_0,pit_9,zap_0,zit_9 *
12 a
13 l
     : 1_0,REPLACED_9,Tit_9,ait_9,laT_0,lakAra_9 *
14 t : t_0,pit_9,sArvadhAtuka_0,tiG_0,tip_0 *
15 i : hrasva_0,i_0,pit_9,sArvadhAtuka_0,tiG_0,tip_0
16
   :-: Xi_ADD_y *
17
        ADD_y \& zap_0 *
        Xi:[dhAtu_0] AND Xj:[sArvadhAtuka_0] AND Xj_M:[kartR_0] * *
18
19
        A RULES: [a 31068]
```

The above steps demonstrate the dynamics of the process of derivation. At each step, a larger number of characterising statements are employed. The main algorithm of the derivational process is summarized in the following main function.

```
def execute():
    pStrip = initialize()
2
3
    while 1:
       pStrip = saturate(pStrip)
4
       possible_statements = interpret(pStrip)
6
       if len(possible_statements) == 0:
         return pStrip
8
       else:
9
         statement = select(pStrip,possible_statements)
10
         pStrip = apply(pStrip, statement)
```

[1] The main function which returns a process-strip. [2] The function initialize() initializes the process-strip. [3] The third line specifies a loop. [4] At this stage, a given process-strip is saturated, i.e. attributes are attached to the language-components or sound-sets. [5] Once the process-strip is saturated, it is tested for any possible completing statement that could be applied. The list of all such candidates is stored in possible\_statements. [6] In case the list is empty, i.e. there is no statement that may be applied, [7] then the process-strip is returned. Otherwise, [9] one statement is selected, depending upon the semantic considerations and the intention (vivakṣā) of the user. [10] Finally, that statement is applied and the process-strip is updated.