A Detailed Treatment Of Suppletion
In French Verbal Morphology

Aurélien Giraud
Universität Bremen
aurelien@cl.uni-bremen.de

March 2005

Abstract

This paper aims at presenting an analysis of French verbal inflexion within the theoretical framework of HPSG and in regard to a current implementation of a fragment of French.

Many constraint-based analyses of French do not use any particular mechanism to handle suppletion phenomena. As a consequence, multiple entries have to be listed in the lexicon relative to the different suppletive forms of one verb.

The analysis presented in this paper palliates these redundancies. The approach to suppletion is taken from Bonami and Boyé (2002), but I provide an alternative HPSG formalisation to handle stem suppletion and suppletion of inflected forms.

References