

lottibeass  
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uksageahči

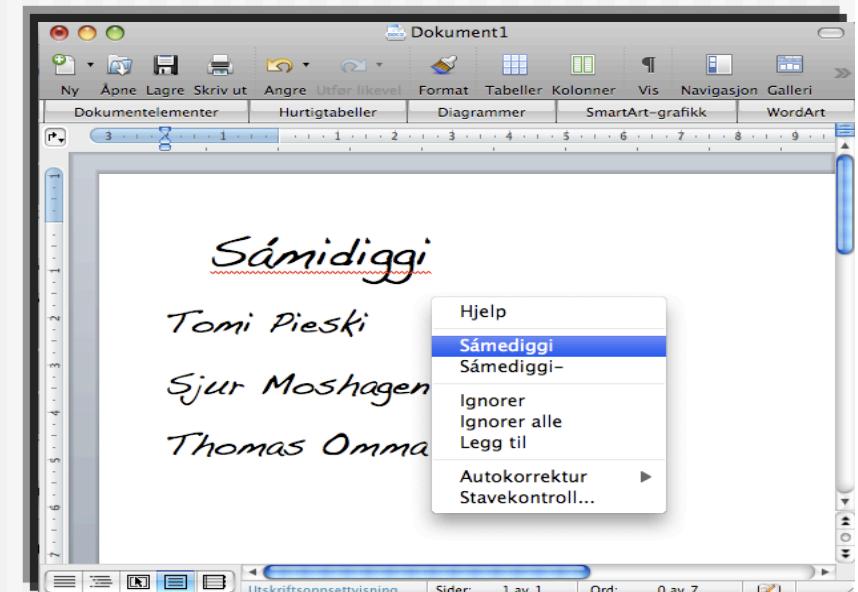
lottečivga

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# Compounding in Divvun-tools

Uvssageahči

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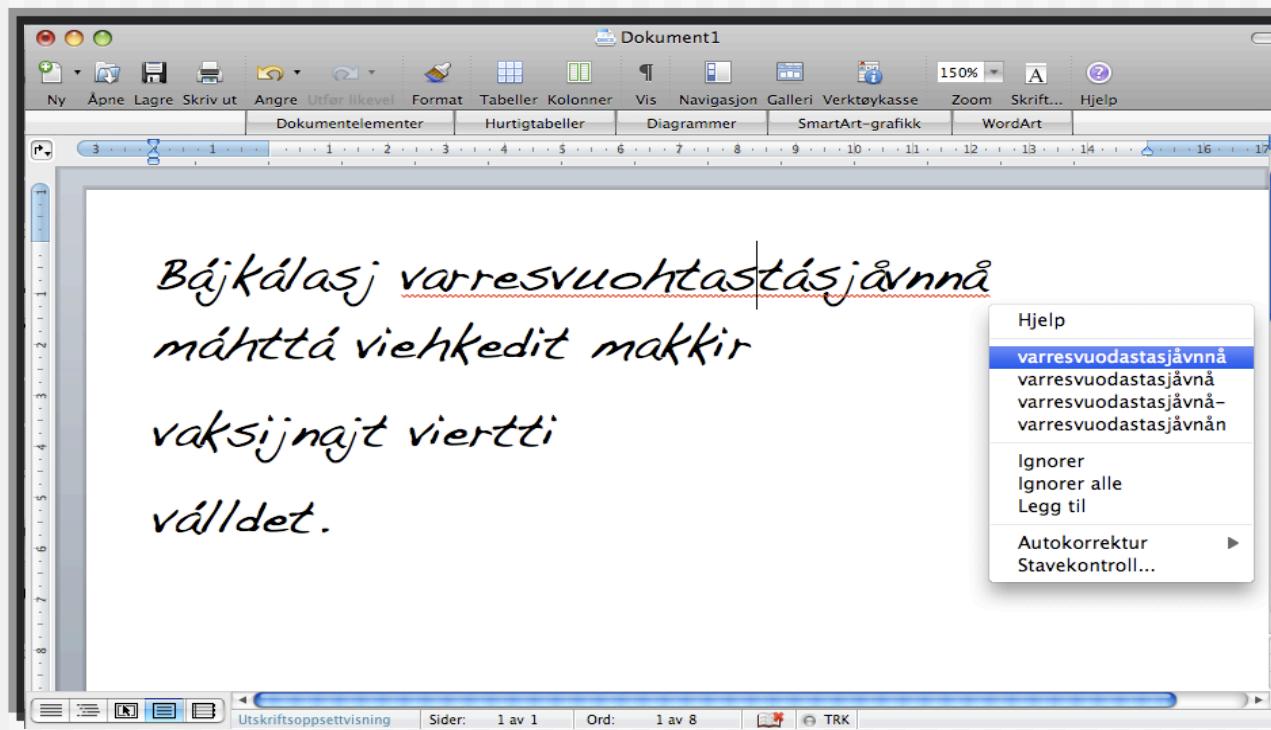
# Compounding can be hard for writers

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- because norm is not always clear
- because of other dialectal background than normbased
- because of strong influence from majority language
- because of...?

# Tools try to formalize those parts of morf grammar as far as possible

consequently, the tools are hopefully helpful to such (and other) writers



# Three issues relating to North Sámi compounds (two relevant to Julev Sámi)

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1. Case in first part: Ioddemoahti vs. lottibeassi
2. Vowel reduction or not: lottečivga vs. lottibeassi (only North)
3. Shortened form acceptable or not: tjásjlådde vs. tjáhtjelådde

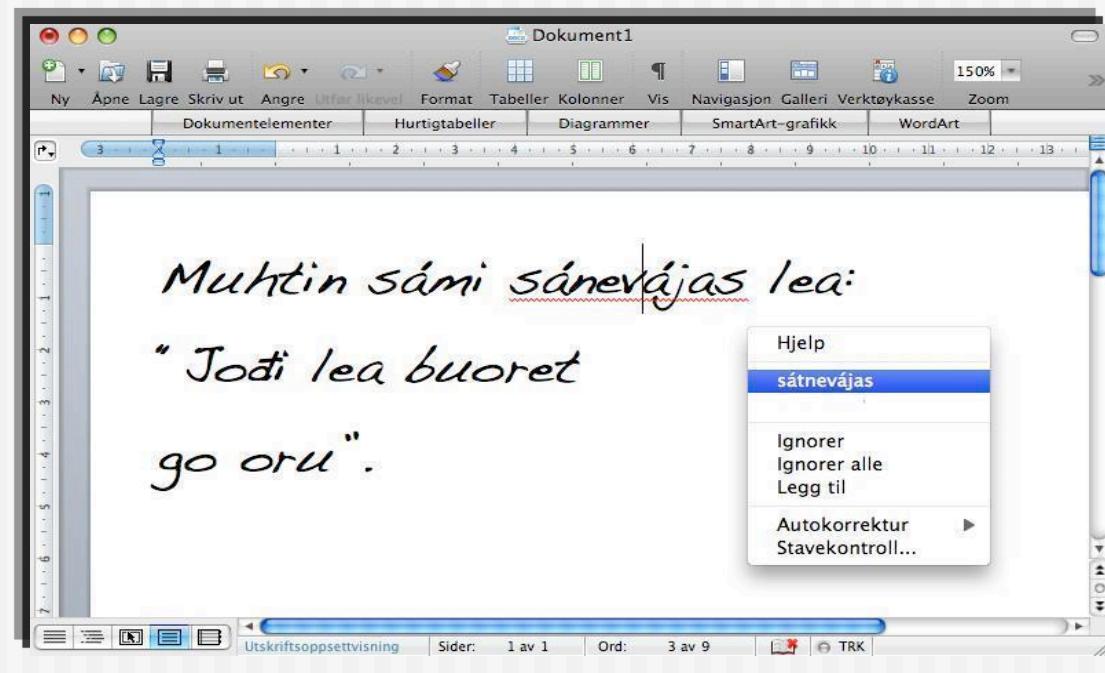
# 1. CASE

a. Mostly lexically specified by the first part:

loddi ; +SgNomCmp +SgGenCmp

sáttni ; (default: +SgNomCmp )

loddemohti  
lottečivga  
sátnevájas  
\*sánevájas



## drawbacks:

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accepted as well:

lottemoahti

loddečivga

We can not for example mark čivga so it takes gen. on its left side because then we get:

\*snuolggačivga and \*baikkačivga and not  
snuolgačivga and baikačivga

b. Sometimes the second part can trigger a certain case on the first part:

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uksa ; (default: +SgNomCmp )

geahči ; +SgNomLeft +SgGenLeft

uksageahči vs. uvssageahči

“end of a door vs. end where a door is”

examples from Konrad Nielsen “Lappisk ordbok” s. 697

## another example:

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- sálbma ; (default: +SgNomCmp)
- lávlun ; +SgNomLeft +SgGenLeft

sálbmalávlun AND sálmmalávlun

examples from Konrad Nielsen “Lærebok i lappisk” s. 290

## 2. Vowel reduction

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Three classes:

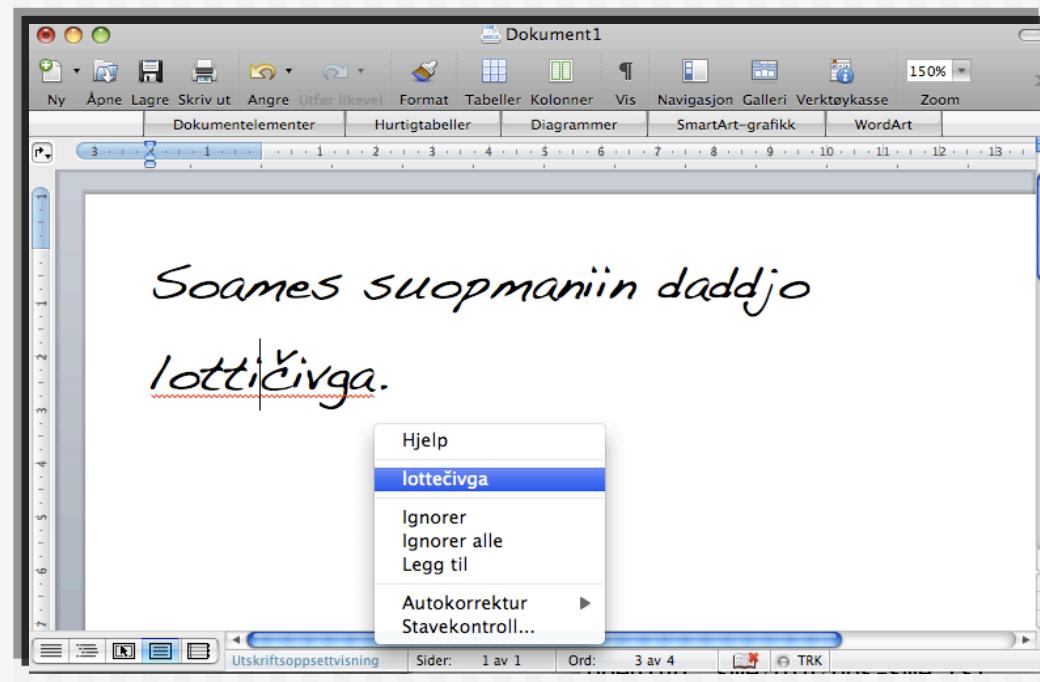
- a. obligatory reduction
- b. no reduction
- c. facultative reduction

## a. Obligatory reduction

Ioddi AIGI ;

LEXICON AIGI: reduction in both nom. and gen.

Ioddemohti  
lottečivga

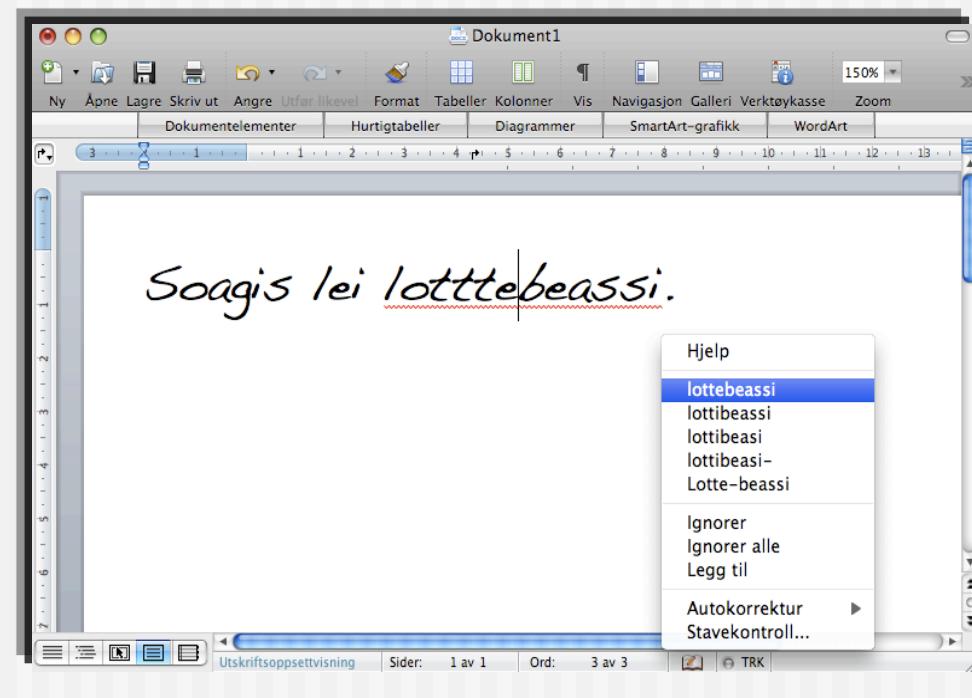


exceptions from the rule are hardcoded:

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lottibeassi ;

drawbacks: we get lottebeassi as well



## b. No reduction

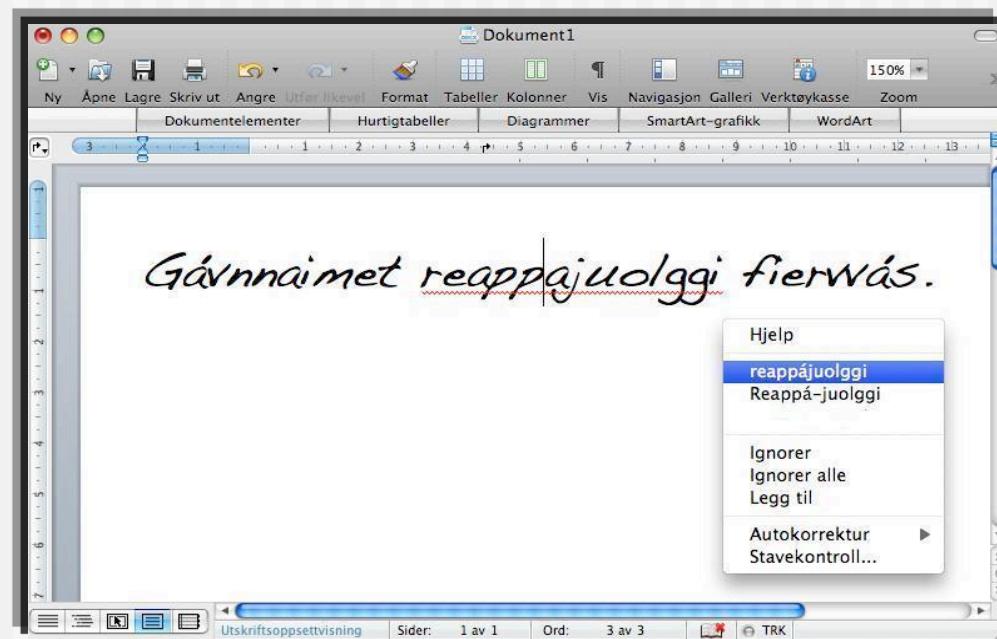
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reabbá ALBMILONG ;

LEXICON ALBMILONG : no reduction in nom.  
nor in gen.

reabbáealli

reappájuolgi



### c. Facultative reduction

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jorri ALBMILONGSHORT ;

LEXICON ALBMILONGSHORT : facultative reduction in nom.

jorribiegga AND jorrebiegga  
jorridákti AND jorredákti

most words are GOAHTI-words:

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báiski GOAHTI ;

LEXICON GOAHTI : obl. reduction in nom. facultative reduction in gen.

since norm for gen. is unknown

báiskeloddi

báiskkejuolgi AND báiskkijuolgi

### 3. Shortened forms

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Only some words are normatively accepted,  
for example:

North:

beaivi > beai-

bealli > beal-

geahči > geaš-

mielde > miel-

vuolde > vuol-

## Julev:

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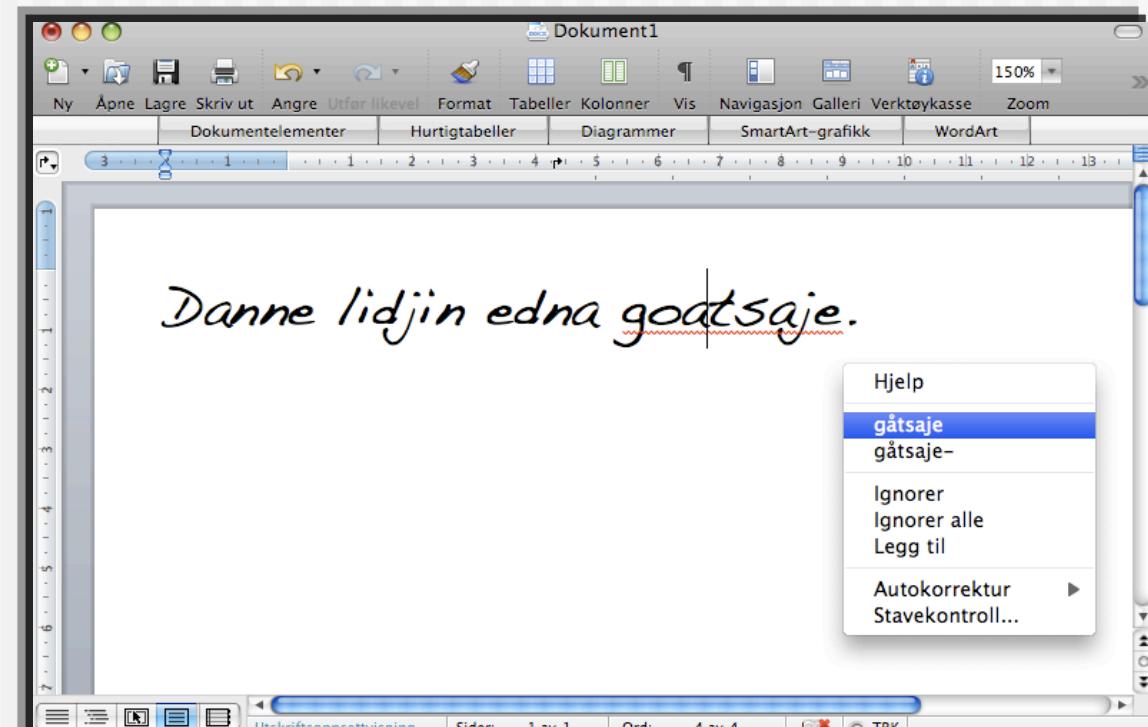
tjáhtje > tjásj-  
giella > giel-  
giehta > giet-  
jahke > jak-  
bielle > biel-  
giehtje > giesj-  
vuolle > vuol-  
jávrre > jávr-  
gádde > gátt

## a. Accepted as both first and middle part:

tjáhtje+N+SgCmp:tjásj ;

tjásjlådde  
várretjásjlådde

goahtesaje >>>



b. Accepted only as middle part:

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vuodnagiehtje+N+SgCmp:vuodnagiesj R ;

vuodnagiesjalmatja

\*giesjalmatja

## Big difference between oral language and written norm

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Examples:

guoktenuppelohkái vs. \*guoktenuplohkái

jávregáddesáttu vs. \*jávregátsáttu

čielgamielkelákca vs. \*čielgamiellákca

gusavuodjaláibi vs. \*gusavuoiláibi etc etc.

This difference can create problems for writers.

And it is not very easy to give good suggestions for  
these kind of “misspellings”.