

The Algorithm of Semi-automatic Thai Spoonerism Words for Tri-syllable

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Abstract—The purposes of this research are to study and develop the algorithm of Thai language spoonerism words by semi-automatic computer programs, that is to say, in part of data input, syllables are already separated and in part of spoonerism, the developed algorithm is utilized, which can establish rules and mechanisms in Thai spoonerism words for Tri-syllables by utilizing analysis in elements of the syllables, namely cluster consonant, vowel, intonation mark and final consonant. From the study, it is found that Tri-syllable Thai spoonerism has 2 cases of spoonerism mechanism. In the first case is a crossing between the first syllable to the third syllable and second case is a crossing between the second syllable to the third syllable. From the study, the rules and mechanisms in Thai spoonerism word were applied to develop as Thai spoonerism word software, utilizing PHP program. the software was brought to conduct a performance test on software execution; it is found that the program performs Tri-syllable Thai spoonerism correctly or 90% of all words used in the test and found faults on the program at 10% as the words obtained from spoonerism may not be spelling in conformity with Thai grammar and not possible to predict the real answer is to look through the tri-syllable, then the answer is because the two cases depending on the aim of creating a spoonerism it.

Index Terms—Algorithm, Thai spoonerism word, Tri-syllable spoonerism word, computational linguistics.

I. INTRODUCTION

Humankind uses language as the tool for communication in different forms corresponding to events or experience happened in daily life for negotiation, talking in several matters by verbal language or non-verbal language in order to express meaning for understanding correspondingly; therefore, language is an important factor for expressing meaning “what speaker wants to say” to listener for understanding correspondingly; moreover, nowadays, the evolution in language is changing according to social and cultural age, greatly affecting in language usage either in any form [1], [2].

Culture of Language could, therefore, be regarded as one

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kind of art affecting in communication [3]. The researcher perceived the beauty of pun in language usage; therefore, a design was conducted to demonstrate spoonerism by utilizing linguistic rules to support in spoonerism for creating knowledge, including functions and rules in spoonerism to obtain concrete and certain method in spoonerism as spoonerism is the art of word play having twisting between transposition of sound or syllables; this indicates that Thai language is always shifting and changing constantly, all of which are the trait of Thai people as the purpose of spoonerism is to use for playing for enjoyment and compete linguistic intelligence being regarded as a demonstration of linguistic ability [4], [5].

The researcher envisioned the importance in Thai spoonerism play; thus, the study of Thai spoonerism was conducted by analyzing elements of syllables in each syllable, namely consonant, vowel, intonation mark and final consonant in order to find probability of spoonerism and establish rule and mechanism in Thai spoonerism for Tri-syllable and store the knowledge related to Thai spoonerism in order to have the certain form. For the study of algorithm in spoonerism, the researcher collected the obtained knowledge from the study for conducting a computer-language algorithm structure by utilizing PHP language programming and word processing as the interested persons could bring it to study and develop in several fields further.

II. OBJECTIVE

The aim is to study a Thai spoonerism algorithm and establish rules or mechanisms in Semi-automatic Thai spoonerism for Bi-syllable and Tri-syllable.

III. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- 1) To Obtain More Computational Linguistics Knowledge and be able to bring such obtained knowledge to develop further in order to increase a performance in the program further.
- 2) To Obtain Forms of Rules and Mechanisms in Thai language spoonerism in order to be guidelines for applying with related subjects to be new guidelines in the study.
- 3) To Obtain System of the Linguistic Program for Application from several subjects which is collected and analyzed until it generates new knowledge.
- 4) Can be Used to Analyze the Sentiment Analysis in the future, which are needed in Thai language because of the spoonerism is a factor or effect the opinion of messages.

IV. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Definition of Spoonerism

The Royal Institute of Thailand (B.E.2546) gave the definition of “spoonerism” as “a reversible word such as “Tok-Tee-It” (“ตก-ที-อิฐ”, Falling bricks) to be “Tit-Tee-Ok” (“ติด-ที-อก”, Breast stuck) as spoonerism words.

B. Element of Thai Syllable

Syllable in Thai language has 3 important elements, including initial consonant + vowel sound+ intonation tone.

Initial consonant sound is such as a consonant which is pronounced before the other consonant; initial consonant can be single initial consonant or initial cluster consonant, for example Pāt and Prāt [6].

TABLE I: EXAMPLE OF THAI SYLLABLE

Thai	English	Syllable
ไร่	Farm	Rai (Syllable)
ชาวนา	Farmer	Chāo-Rai (2-Syllables)
สหกรณ์	Cooperative	Sa-ha-kon (3-Syllables)
โรงพยาบาล	Hospital	Rōng-pha-yā-bān(4-Syllables)
นักศึกษาผู้ใหญ่	Adult Students	Nak-seuk-sā-phū-yai(5-Syllables)
สหกรณ์การเกษตร	Agricultural cooperative	Sa-ha-kon-kan-ka-sēt (6-Syllables)

Vowel sound is such as a sound pronounced along with consonant swiftly, making initial consonant pronounced clearly; vowel can be short-sound single vowel, long-sound single vowel or diphthong mixed with any one of sound.

Intonation tone is such as high-pitch or low-pitch sound pronounced with vowel [7].

Elements of syllable have 3 important parts, namely initial consonant, vowel, intonation mark (having or not having a letter representing sound). Praya Upakit Silapasarn (B.E.2533) explained the elements of syllable that it is created by compounding letter having 4 forms which could be summarized as follows [8], [9]:

- 1) Compounding 3 parts of letters, such as syllable generated from compounding of initial consonant + vowel + intonation mark, for example มี(Mī = Have), นา (Na = Field), ห้า(Ha = Five) , ไร่ (Rai = Farm)etc.

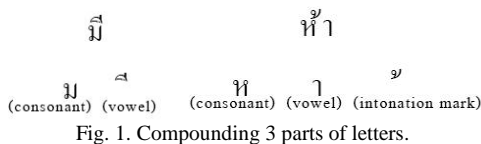


Fig. 1. Compounding 3 parts of letters.

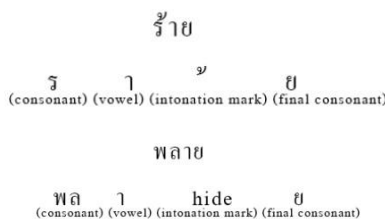


Fig. 2. Compounding 4 general parts of letters.

- 2) Compounding 4 general parts of letters, such as syllable

generated from compounding of initial consonant + vowel + final consonant + intonation mark, for example พลาย (Phla = Elephant) and งาม (ngām = Beautiful) etc.

- 3) Compounding 4 special parts, such as syllable generated from compounding of initial consonant + vowel + intonation mark + mute intonation mark, for example เล่ห์(Lē= Trick) , ลีห์ (Sī = Lion), เบียร์ (Beer = Beer) etc.

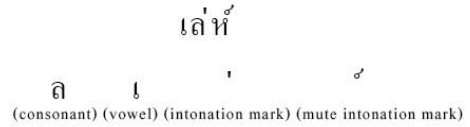


Fig. 3. Compounding 4 special parts.

- 4) Compounding 5 parts, such as syllable generated from compounding of initial consonant + vowel + final consonant + intonation mark + mute intonation mark, for example ลักษณะ(Lak = Image) , ขันฑ์(Khan = Group) and จันทร์(Jan = Moon) and etc.

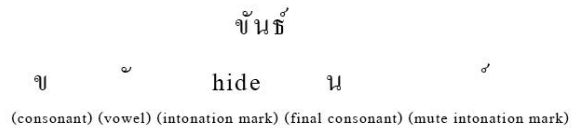


Fig. 4. Compounding 5 parts.

From the Table I, it demonstrates that syllable is the sound pronounced one time, whether having meaning or not; if it is pronounced 1 time, that means 1 syllable; if it is pronounced 2 times, that means 2 syllables according to Thai grammar.

V. METHOD AND RESULT

A. Rules of Bi-syllable Spoonerism

Probability of answers based on the theory of mathematical probability is Tri-syllable word generating the probability as (3!)/2 = 3; (division 2 because it is not a repeat count) therefore, the answer of the spoonerism can't generate results not more than 3 answers.

- 1) As for spoonerism of Bi-syllables, the first syllable and second syllable must not have the same initial-sound consonant. If there are same initial-sound consonant, the spoonerism can't be conducted as the results will be only word transposition, for example กาง-เกง (Kāng-kēng), โพง-พาง(Phōng-phāng), แสง-สี่(Sangsī) and etc.
- 2) For spoonerism of Bi-syllable, the vowel form and final consonant must be the same sound, namely for example รา-ชา(Rā-chā), ชม-รม (Chom-rom)
- 3) Bi-syllable that when being pronounced as 3 syllables or compound word must use the rules of spoonerism for Tri-syllable, and the data must be enter as reading word only because, if the rules of spoonerism for Bi-syllables is used in encoding, the spoonerism could not be conduct correctly and compound-word sound in the middle of words will be omitted, for example the word เท-ศ-กาล“thēt-sa-kān”. If the word “thēt-sa-kān” is

according to letters in elements of each syllable, which can analyzed into 2 cases, that is, the first letter of each syllable can be both initial consonant and vowel. From the preliminary analysis of the syllable, probability could be used for searching the second letter of each syllable in order to conduct function analysis in spoonerism as Table III.

In case of Bi-syllable the first syllable and second syllable have the first letter as consonant, the second consonant as vowel, all of which could be analyzed according to probability and create functions in spoonerism as ฉาก-กี “ākī” (no meaning in Thai language) to be กี-ฉาก “īkā” (crow in Thai language) substituting the formula of spoonerism as follows:

S₁: ฉา “ā”
 S₂: กี “ī”
 S₁: ch₁(Cons.) + ch₂(Vow.) + ch_{1n}
 S₂: ch₁(Cons.) + ch₂(Vow.) + ch_{2n}
 Sp:
 S₁(ch₁(Cons.)) + S₂(ch₂(Vow.) + ch_{2n}) + S₂(ch₁(Cons.)) + S₁(ch₂(Vow.) + ch_{1n})
 Sp: ฉีกา “īkā”

In case of Tri-syllable the each syllable have the first letter as consonant, the second consonant as vowel, all of which could be analyzed according to probability and create functions in spoonerism as แกก-ตก-แต้ว “kak-tok-taew” (no meaning in Thai language) to be แก้ว-ตก-แตก “kaew-tok-tak” (broken glass falls) substituting the formula of spoonerism as follows:

S₁: แกก “Kak”
 S₂: ตก “Tok”
 S₃: แต้ว “Taew”
 S₁: ch₁(Vowel) + ch₂(Consonant) + ch₃(Tone_marks) + ch_{1n}
 S₃: ch₁(Vowel) + ch₂(Consonant) + ch₃(Consonant) + ch_{2n}
 Sp: S₁(ch₁(Vowel)) + S₃(ch₂(Consonant) + S₂(ch₃(Consonant))) + ch_{2n} + S₂S₃(ch₁(Vowel) + S₁(ch₂(Consonant) + S₁(ch₃(Tone_marks)))) + ch_{1n}
 Sp: แก้วตกแตก “Kaew-Tok-Tak”

E. Thai Spoonerism Algorithm in Computer Language

For functions and algorithm in semi-automatic Thai spoonerism, the research has developed the program by PHP language utilizing algorithm structure in order to analyze the elements of syllables; moreover, the principle of probability was brought to establish rules and mechanisms in spoonerism

which could specify conditions as follows:

Fig. 8 represents a specification of variables of Tri-syllable, namely variables of consonant, cluster word, vowel and intonation mark, then, input value from keyboard which used by users for entering words into blanks is received and kept in Array and a conditional variables of elements of syllable are created according to probability of the syllables. This algorithm of functions will keep the value of each syllable which users have entered in the form of one Array per letter for applying in rules of Tri-syllable spoonerism, further.

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$DATA3 = str_split($_GET['sy1']);
$DATA4 = str_split($_GET['sy2']);
$DATA5 = str_split($_GET['sy3']);
$consonant = array("ก","ข","ฃ","ด","ต","ถ","ฐ","ฎ","ฏ","ฐ","ฑ","ฒ","ณ","ด","น","บ","ป","ผ","ฝ","พ","ภ","ม","ย","ร","ล","ฌ","ญ","ฎ","ฏ","ฐ","ฑ","ฒ","ณ","ด","น","บ","ป","ผ","ฝ","พ","ภ","ม","ย","ร","ล","ฌ","ญ");
$diphthongs = array("เ","แ","อ","เ","แ","อ");
$vowel = array("า","ิ","ึ","ุ","อ","เ","แ","อ");
$blank = array("");
$Tone_marks = array("","๑","๒","๓","๔","๕","๖","๗","๘","๙","๐");
$Syllable1 = $DATA3[0].$DATA3[1].$DATA3[2].$DATA3[3].$DATA3[4].$DATA3[5].$DATA3[6];
$Syllable2 = $DATA4[0].$DATA4[1].$DATA4[2].$DATA4[3].$DATA4[4].$DATA4[5].$DATA4[6];
$Syllable3 = $DATA5[0].$DATA5[1].$DATA5[2].$DATA5[3].$DATA5[4].$DATA5[5].$DATA5[6];
$A1 = $DATA3[0];
$B1 = $DATA3[1];
$C1 = $DATA3[2];
$D1 = $DATA3[3];
$E1 = $DATA3[4];
$F1 = $DATA3[5];
$G1 = $DATA3[6];
$A3 = $DATA4[0];
$B3 = $DATA4[1];
$C3 = $DATA4[2];
$D3 = $DATA4[3];
$E3 = $DATA4[4];
$F3 = $DATA4[5];
$G3 = $DATA4[6];
$A2 = $DATA5[0];
$B2 = $DATA5[1];
$C2 = $DATA5[2];
$D2 = $DATA5[3];
$E2 = $DATA5[4];
$F2 = $DATA5[5];
$G2 = $DATA5[6];
$blank = "";
    
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Fig. 8. Examples of variables declaration of spoonerism.

From Fig. 9, Code of instance in Tri-syllable spoonerism: first syllable, second syllable and third syllable, first letter is consonant, second letter is vowel, having algorithm and functions as the program will examine the value of letter at first field of each syllable that the value are in conformity with specified conditions, after that the program will examine the value of second letter of each syllable that the value are in conformity with specified conditions. If the conditions of examined letter is true the program will display the value for notifying users that the spoonerism word that was conducted spoonerism are in conformity with which case of the program and display the value of each syllable which was entered by users preliminary and the program will display spoonerism words that was conducted spoonerism according to the rules specified conditions in each case as each of such case is different in code for specifying different conditions.

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foreach(array($DATA3[0]) as $a1){
    foreach($consonant as $b1){
        if($a1 == $b1){
            foreach(array($DATA5[0]) as $a2){
                foreach($consonant as $b2){
                    if($a2 == $b2){
                        foreach(array($DATA3[1]) as $a17){
                            foreach($blank as $b17){
                                foreach(array($DATA4[0]) as $c17){
                                    foreach($consonant as $d17){
                                        foreach(array($DATA4[1]) as $e17){
                                            foreach($vowel as $f17){
                                                foreach(array($DATA5[1]) as $g17){
                                                    foreach($vowel as $h17){
                                                        if($a17 == $b17){
                                                            if($c17 == $d17){
                                                                if($e17 == $f17){
                                                                    if($g17 == $h17){
                                                                        {
                                                                            echo"Case68 :1st, 2nd, 3rd Syllable; 1st Character is Consonant and 2nd Character is Vowel";
                                                                            {
                                                                                echo"1st Syllable ".$Syllable3."<br>";
                                                                                {
                                                                                    echo"2nd Syllable ".$Syllable4."<br>";
                                                                                    {
                                                                                        echo"3rd Syllable ".$Syllable5."<br>";
                                                                                        {
                                                                                            echo"Spoonerism is ".$Syllable3.$blank.$A3.$arr2.$A2.$arr7."<br>";
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Fig. 9. Code of instance in tri-syllable spoonerism.

VI. CONCLUSION

The test of Tri-syllable Thai spoonerism demonstrates that

in Tri-syllable Thai spoonerism, initial consonant and cluster word (if any) are stable; however, vowel, intonation mark and final consonant of first syllable and second syllable will be

transposed. From the above performance test (200 Records of Thai spoonerism dataset), it is found that syllable having cluster word (second letter is ๕,๘ and ๖) could be enter words in 2 cases, but the result of spoonerism words is only one answer. Accuracy in Thai Tri-syllable could be analyzed at 90%.

The development of semi-automatic Thai spoonerism has a working principle of program, that is, an examination of first letter, if the first letter is consonant, second letter will be examined. If the second letter is cluster word, the system will examine third letter of syllable whether such syllable is vowel, intonation mark and final consonant or not. If the third letter is vowel, intonation mark and final consonant, the program will transpose one of the elements of syllable to other syllable, then display an output at monitor. If the second letter is not cluster word (second letter is the elements, namely vowel, intonation mark and final consonant), the program will transpose the value of the elements at the position of second letter to be transposed with other syllable, then display an output at monitor. Correctness of spoonerism word could be examined by inverting word needed to conduct spoonerism in order to obtain the answers in spoonerism with effectiveness and select a correct answer for application, further.

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