My multilingual profiles

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I raised in a monolingual family, in which my parents only knew the Greek language. That is why my native language is Greek. My multilingual profile based on the visualization of Dynamic Model of Multilingualism (DMM) is shown in the figure 1. At the age of 8, I was still going to primary school, I started learning English and when I was 15 years old I succeed in the English lower exams. At the age of 19 I got the proficiency certificate and by going abroad for holidays, for Erasmus[+] youth exchange programs and attending to lectures that were available for Erasmus students, i started to use English better and better. Going back to when I was 12 years old, I tried the German language and i learned some basic things, but unfortunately i did not like it. Finally, at the age of 21 I opted for learning Italians which I find really interesting.
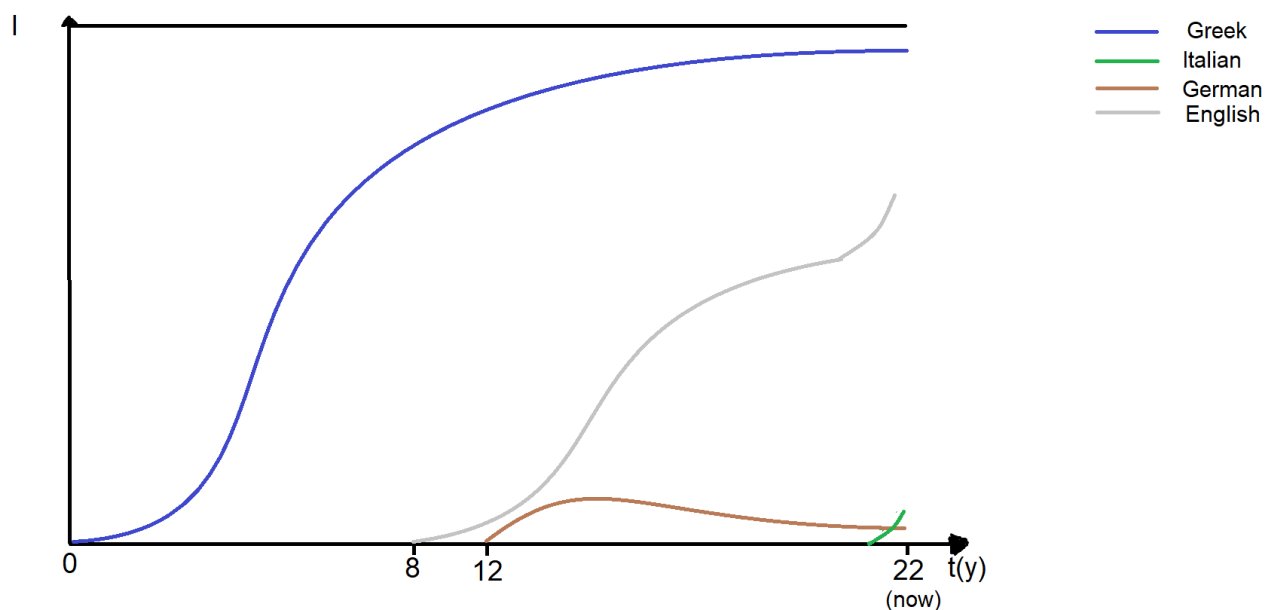

Figure 1: Visualization of dynamic language learning history of my life until now. The x-axis corresponds to time, here 22 years, and the y-axis to language level.

My multilingual profile based on the visualization of Dynamic Language Learning history and use (DLC) is shown in figure 2. It gives an account of the language usage by me, a Greek student in a Greek university. My language repertoire contains 8 languages as shown in the corresponding figure. In Greece and especially in Thessaloniki, where I live, there are many Albanians, Bulgarians and Turkish immigrants who came here to have a better life for them and for their children as well. As a result I sometimes hear people talking such languages and because of the fact that I have some foreign (Albanians, Bulgarians and Turkish) friends I hardly understand some words and phrases. More over I also have friends from the university that are Erasmus students. They are French, and before the covid-era we used to hang out more than today and they taught me some common French words. The first circle of the figure 2 depicts the languages I know a little bit better than Albanian, Turkish, Bulgarian and French and are Italian and German. But my main languages are depicted in the centre of the DLC map. My DLC comprises Greek and English, since Greek is my native language and English is the language which I mostly use with Erasmus students, Erasmus courses, watching movies and listening to music.
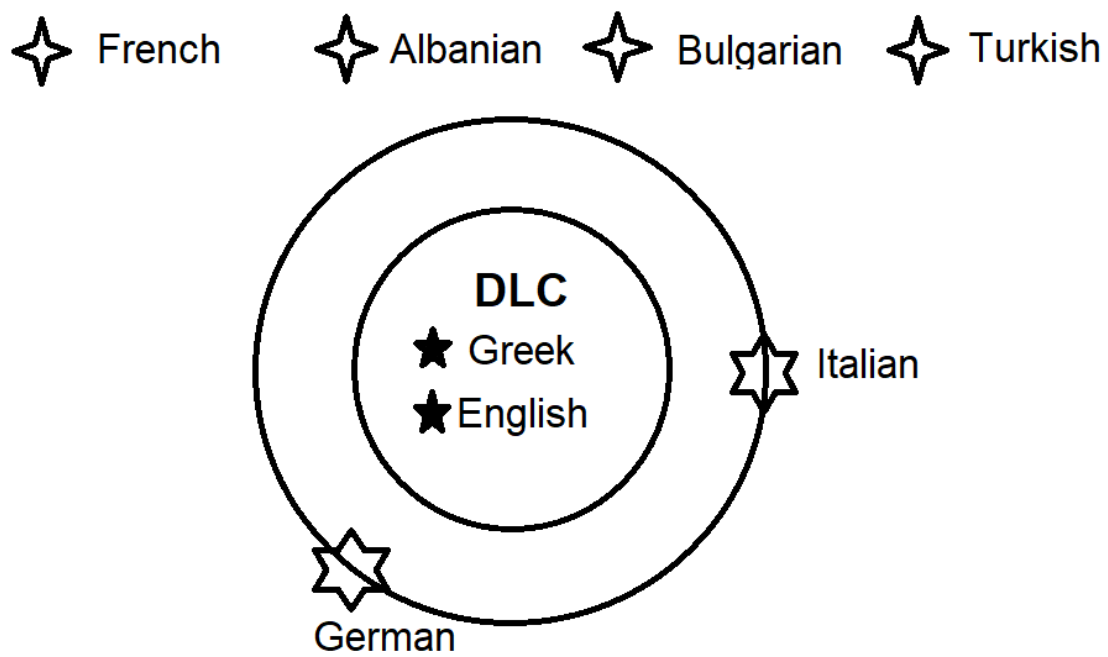
Figure 2: Mine language repertoire and dominant language constellation.