

LIST OF PARADIGMS: 1) NOUNS

(Numbers indicate chapter of introduction.)

(Sandhi note: all instances of final -s are given in their sandhied form, -h.)

The following cases are always identical: GENABL SG except of *a*-stem nouns; NOMVOCACC DU, INSTRDATABL DU, GENLOC DU; NOMVOC PL, DATABL PL; NOMVOCACC NTR of all numbers, except *a*-stem SG.

|   | <i>a</i> (m.): 6 | <i>a</i> (n.): 6 | <i>ā</i> (f.): 9<br>‘happy’ | <i>i</i> (f.): 13<br>‘river’ | <i>i</i> (root, f.): 13<br>‘thought’ | <i>ū</i> (f.): 13<br>‘bride’ | <i>ū</i> (root, f.): 13<br>‘earth’ |                             |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| S | Nom              | <i>sukhaḥ</i>    | <i>sukham</i>               | <i>sukhā</i>                 | <i>nadī</i>                          | <i>dhiḥ</i>                  | <i>vadhūḥ</i>                      | <i>bhūḥ</i> Nom             |
|   | Voc              | <i>sukha</i>     | <i>sukha</i>                | <i>sukhe</i>                 | <i>nadi</i>                          | <i>dhiḥ</i>                  | <i>vadhu</i>                       | <i>bhūḥ</i> Voc             |
|   | Acc              | <i>sukham</i>    | <i>sukham</i>               | <i>sukhām</i>                | <i>nadīm</i>                         | <i>dhiyam</i>                | <i>vadhūm</i>                      | <i>bhuvam</i> Acc           |
|   | Instr            |                  | <i>sukhena</i>              | <i>sukhayā</i>               | <i>nadyā</i>                         | <i>dhiyā</i>                 | <i>vadhvā</i>                      | <i>bhuvā</i> Instr          |
|   | Dat              |                  | <i>sukhāya</i>              | <i>sukhāyai</i>              | <i>nadyai</i>                        | <i>dhiye, dhiyai</i>         | <i>vadhvai</i>                     | <i>bhuve, bhuvai</i> Dat    |
|   | Abl              |                  | <i>sukhāt</i>               | <i>sukhāyāḥ</i>              | <i>nadyāḥ</i>                        | <i>dhiyāḥ, dhiyāḥ</i>        | <i>vadhvāḥ</i>                     | <i>bhuvāḥ, bhuvāḥ</i> Abl   |
|   | Gen              |                  | <i>sukhasya</i>             | <i>sukhāyāḥ</i>              | <i>nadyāḥ</i>                        | <i>dhiyah, dhiyāḥ</i>        | <i>vadhvāḥ</i>                     | <i>bhuvāḥ, bhuvāḥ</i> Gen   |
|   | Loc              |                  | <i>sukhe</i>                | <i>sukhāyām</i>              | <i>nadyām</i>                        | <i>dhiyi, dhiyām</i>         | <i>vadhvām</i>                     | <i>bhuvi, bhuvām</i> Loc    |
| D | NomVocAcc        | <i>sukhau</i>    | <i>sukhe</i>                | <i>sukhe</i>                 | <i>nadyau</i>                        | <i>dhiyau</i>                | <i>vadhvau</i>                     | <i>bhuvau</i> NomVocAcc     |
|   | InstrDatAbl      |                  | <i>sukhābhyaṁ</i>           | <i>sukhābhyaṁ</i>            | <i>nadibhyām</i>                     | <i>dhibhyām</i>              | <i>vadhūbhyaṁ</i>                  | <i>bhūbhyaṁ</i> InstrDatAbl |
|   | GenLoc           |                  | <i>sukhayoḥ</i>             | <i>sukhayoḥ</i>              | <i>nadyoḥ</i>                        | <i>dhiyoḥ</i>                | <i>vadhvoḥ</i>                     | <i>bhuvoh</i> GenLoc        |
|   |                  |                  |                             |                              |                                      |                              |                                    |                             |
| P | NomVoc           | <i>sukhāḥ</i>    | <i>sukhāni</i>              | <i>sukhāḥ</i>                | <i>nadyaḥ</i>                        | <i>dhiyah</i>                | <i>vadhvaḥ</i>                     | <i>bhuvah</i> NomVoc        |
|   | Acc              | <i>sukhān</i>    | <i>sukhāni</i>              | <i>sukhāḥ</i>                | <i>nadiḥ</i>                         | <i>dhiyah</i>                | <i>vadhūḥ</i>                      | <i>bhuvah</i> Acc           |
|   | Instr            |                  | <i>sukhaiḥ</i>              | <i>sukhābhīḥ</i>             | <i>nadibhīḥ</i>                      | <i>dhibhīḥ</i>               | <i>vadhūbhīḥ</i>                   | <i>bhūbhīḥ</i> Instr        |
|   | DatAbl           |                  | <i>sukhebhyaḥ</i>           | <i>sukhābhyaḥ</i>            | <i>nadibhyaḥ</i>                     | <i>dhibhyāḥ</i>              | <i>vadhūbhyaḥ</i>                  | <i>bhūbhyaḥ</i> DatAbl      |
|   | Gen              |                  | <i>sukhānām</i>             | <i>sukhānām</i>              | <i>nadīnām</i>                       | <i>dhiyām, dhiyām</i>        | <i>vadhūnām</i>                    | <i>bhuvām, bhūnām</i> Gen   |
|   | Loc              |                  | <i>sukheṣu</i>              | <i>sukhāsu</i>               | <i>nadiṣu</i>                        | <i>dhiṣu</i>                 | <i>vadhūṣu</i>                     | <i>bhūṣu</i> Loc            |

***a*-stem adjectives:** Feminines may be *i*- rather than *ā*-stems; this is unpredictable, hence indicated in dictionaries etc.; e.g. *sundara*, -*i* ‘beautiful’.

|   | <i>i</i> (m.): 26<br>‘fire’ | <i>i</i> (n.): 26<br>‘water’ | <i>i</i> (f.): 26<br>‘mind’ | <i>u</i> (m.): 26<br>‘bow’ | <i>u</i> (n.): 26<br>‘honey’ | <i>u</i> (f.): 26<br>‘cow’ | <i>r̥</i> (m.): 29<br>‘leader’ | <i>r̥</i> (m.): 29<br>‘father’ | <i>r̥</i> (f.): 29<br>‘mother’ |                  |             |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| S | Nom                         | <i>agnih</i>                 | <i>vāri</i>                 | <i>matih</i>               | <i>dhanuh</i>                | <i>madhu</i>               | <i>dhenuh</i>                  | <i>netā</i>                    | <i>pitā</i>                    | <i>mātā</i>      | Nom         |
|   | Voc                         | <i>agne</i>                  | <i>vāri</i>                 | <i>mate</i>                | <i>dhano</i>                 | <i>madhu</i>               | <i>dheno</i>                   | <i>netaḥ</i>                   | <i>pitah</i>                   | <i>mātaḥ</i>     | Voc         |
|   | Acc                         | <i>agnim</i>                 | <i>vāri</i>                 | <i>matim</i>               | <i>dhanum</i>                | <i>madhu</i>               | <i>dhenum</i>                  | <i>netāram</i>                 | <i>pitaram</i>                 | <i>mātaram</i>   | Acc         |
|   | Instr                       | <i>agninā</i>                | <i>vāriṇā</i>               | <i>matyā</i>               | <i>dhanunā</i>               | <i>madhunā</i>             | <i>dhenvā</i>                  | <i>netrā</i>                   | <i>pitrā</i>                   | <i>mātrā</i>     | Instr       |
|   | Dat                         | <i>agnaye</i>                | <i>vāriṇe</i>               | <i>matyai, mataye</i>      | <i>dhanave</i>               | <i>madhune</i>             | <i>dhenvai, dhenave</i>        | <i>netre</i>                   | <i>pitre</i>                   | <i>mātre</i>     | Dat         |
|   | AblGen                      | <i>agneḥ</i>                 | <i>vāriṇah</i>              | <i>matyāḥ, mateḥ</i>       | <i>dhanoh</i>                | <i>madhunah</i>            | <i>dhenvāḥ, dhenoh</i>         | <i>netuh</i>                   | <i>pituh</i>                   | <i>mātuḥ</i>     | AblGen      |
|   | Loc                         | <i>agnau</i>                 | <i>vāriṇi</i>               | <i>matyām, matau</i>       | <i>dhanau</i>                | <i>madhuni</i>             | <i>dhenvām, dhenau</i>         | <i>netari</i>                  | <i>pitari</i>                  | <i>mātari</i>    | Loc         |
| D | NVA                         | <i>agnī</i>                  | <i>vāriṇī</i>               | <i>matī</i>                | <i>dhanū</i>                 | <i>madhunī</i>             | <i>dhenū</i>                   | <i>netārau</i>                 | <i>pitarau</i>                 | <i>mātarau</i>   | NVA         |
|   | InstrDatAbl                 | <i>agnibhyām</i>             | <i>vāribhyām</i>            | <i>matibhyām</i>           | <i>dhanubhyām</i>            | <i>madhubhyām</i>          | <i>dhenubhyām</i>              | <i>netrbhyām</i>               | <i>pitrbhyām</i>               | <i>mātrbhyām</i> | InstrDatAbl |
|   | GenLoc                      | <i>agnyoh</i>                | <i>vāriṇoh</i>              | <i>matyoh</i>              | <i>dhanvoh</i>               | <i>madhunoh</i>            | <i>dhenvoh</i>                 | <i>netroh</i>                  | <i>pitroh</i>                  | <i>mātroh</i>    | GenLoc      |
|   | NomVoc                      | <i>agnayah</i>               | <i>vāriṇi</i>               | <i>matayah</i>             | <i>dhanavah</i>              | <i>madhūni</i>             | <i>dhenavah</i>                | <i>netārah</i>                 | <i>pitarah</i>                 | <i>mātarah</i>   | NomVoc      |
| P | Acc                         | <i>agnīn</i>                 | <i>vāriṇi</i>               | <i>matih</i>               | <i>dhanūn</i>                | <i>madhūni</i>             | <i>dhenūh</i>                  | <i>netṛn</i>                   | <i>pitṛn</i>                   | <i>mātṛh</i>     | Acc         |
|   | Instr                       | <i>agnibhiḥ</i>              | <i>vāribhiḥ</i>             | <i>matibhiḥ</i>            | <i>dhanubhiḥ</i>             | <i>madhubhiḥ</i>           | <i>dhenubhiḥ</i>               | <i>netrbhiḥ</i>                | <i>pitrbhiḥ</i>                | <i>mātrbhiḥ</i>  | Instr       |
|   | DatAbl                      | <i>agnibhyah</i>             | <i>vāribhyah</i>            | <i>matibhyah</i>           | <i>dhanubhyah</i>            | <i>madhubhyah</i>          | <i>dhenubhyah</i>              | <i>netrbhyah</i>               | <i>pitrbhyah</i>               | <i>mātrbhyah</i> | DatAbl      |
|   | Gen                         | <i>agnīnām</i>               | <i>vāriṇām</i>              | <i>matīnām</i>             | <i>dhanūnām</i>              | <i>madhūnām</i>            | <i>dhenūnām</i>                | <i>netṛṇām</i>                 | <i>pitṛṇām</i>                 | <i>mātṛṇām</i>   | Gen         |
|   | Loc                         | <i>agnisu</i>                | <i>vāriṣu</i>               | <i>matisu</i>              | <i>dhanusu</i>               | <i>madhusu</i>             | <i>dhenusu</i>                 | <i>netṣu</i>                   | <i>pitṛṣu</i>                  | <i>mātṛṣu</i>    | Loc         |

*i-* (and *u-*)stem adjectives: Neuter may use same forms as masculine where neuter forms add *-n* to stem. Neuter nouns use only the inflection given above.

Feminines of *u*-stem adjectives may be formed by adding *-ī*: *bahu-* ‘much, many’ → fem. *bahvī-*.

*r̥*-stems: two groups: agent nouns (strong stem in *vṛddhi*, except VOC SG); terms for family relations (strong stem in *guna*). In both: LOC SG in *guna*.

Consonant stems: Masc. = Fem.; Ntr. different in NOMVOCACC

|   |             | <i>t</i> (m.): 15 | <i>d</i> (f.): 15 | <i>c</i> (f.): 15 | <i>j</i> (m./f., n.): 15        | <i>t</i> (n.): 15 | <i>as</i> (n.) 24 | <i>as</i> (m./f.) 24 | <i>us</i> (n.) 24  | <i>us</i> (m./f.) 24 |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|   |             | 'wind'            | 'fall'            | 'voice'           | 'enjoying...'                   | 'world'           | 'mind'            | 'benevolent'         | 'eye'              | 'blind'              |
| S | Nom         | <i>marut</i>      | <i>āpat</i>       | <i>vāk</i>        | - <i>bhuk</i> - <i>bhuk</i>     | <i>jagat</i>      | <i>manah</i>      | <i>sumanāḥ</i>       | <i>cakṣuh</i>      | <i>acakṣuh</i>       |
|   | Voc         | <i>marut</i>      | <i>āpat</i>       | <i>vāk</i>        | - <i>bhuk</i> - <i>bhuk</i>     | <i>jagat</i>      | <i>manah</i>      | <i>sumanāḥ</i>       | <i>cakṣuh</i>      | <i>acakṣuh</i>       |
|   | Acc         | <i>marutam</i>    | <i>āpadam</i>     | <i>vācam</i>      | - <i>bhujam</i> - <i>bhuk</i>   | <i>jagat</i>      | <i>manah</i>      | <i>sumanasam</i>     | <i>cakṣuh</i>      | <i>acakṣuṣam</i>     |
|   | Instr       | <i>marutā</i>     | <i>āpadā</i>      | <i>vācā</i>       | - <i>bhujā</i>                  | <i>jagatā</i>     | <i>manasā</i>     | <i>sumanasā</i>      | <i>cakṣuṣā</i>     | <i>acakṣuṣā</i>      |
|   | Dat         | <i>marute</i>     | <i>āpade</i>      | <i>vāce</i>       | - <i>bhuje</i>                  | <i>jagate</i>     | <i>manase</i>     | <i>sumanase</i>      | <i>cakṣuṣe</i>     | <i>acakṣuṣe</i>      |
|   | AblGen      | <i>marutah</i>    | <i>āpadaḥ</i>     | <i>vācaḥ</i>      | - <i>bhujah</i>                 | <i>jagataḥ</i>    | <i>manasah</i>    | <i>sumanasah</i>     | <i>cakṣuṣah</i>    | <i>acakṣuṣah</i>     |
|   | Loc         | <i>maruti</i>     | <i>āpadi</i>      | <i>vāci</i>       | - <i>bhuji</i>                  | <i>jagati</i>     | <i>manasi</i>     | <i>sumanasi</i>      | <i>cakṣuṣi</i>     | <i>acakṣuṣi</i>      |
| D | NomVocAcc   | <i>marutau</i>    | <i>āpadau</i>     | <i>vācau</i>      | - <i>bhujau</i> - <i>bhuji</i>  | <i>jagatī</i>     | <i>manasī</i>     | <i>sumanasau</i>     | <i>cakṣuṣī</i>     | <i>acakṣuṣau</i>     |
|   | InstrDatAbl | <i>marudbhȳām</i> | <i>āpadbhȳām</i>  | <i>vāgbhȳām</i>   | - <i>bhugbhȳām</i>              | <i>jagadbhyām</i> | <i>manobhȳām</i>  | <i>sumanobhȳām</i>   | <i>cakṣurbhȳām</i> | <i>acakṣurbhȳām</i>  |
|   | GenLoc      | <i>marutoh</i>    | <i>āpadoh</i>     | <i>vācoh</i>      | - <i>bhujoḥ</i>                 | <i>jagatoḥ</i>    | <i>manasoh</i>    | <i>sumanasoh</i>     | <i>cakṣuṣoh</i>    | <i>acakṣuṣoh</i>     |
| P | NomVocAcc   | <i>marutah</i>    | <i>āpadah</i>     | <i>vācaḥ</i>      | - <i>bhujah</i> - <i>bhuñji</i> | <i>jaganti</i>    | <i>manāṃsi</i>    | <i>sumanasah</i>     | <i>cakṣuṃṣi</i>    | <i>acakṣuṣah</i>     |
|   | Instr       | <i>marudbhīḥ</i>  | <i>āpadbhīḥ</i>   | <i>vāgbhīḥ</i>    | - <i>bhugbhīḥ</i>               | <i>jagadbhīḥ</i>  | <i>manobhīḥ</i>   | <i>sumanobhīḥ</i>    | <i>cakṣurbhīḥ</i>  | <i>acakṣurbhīḥ</i>   |
|   | DatAbl      | <i>marudbhyaḥ</i> | <i>āpadbhyaḥ</i>  | <i>vāgbhyaḥ</i>   | - <i>bhugbhyaḥ</i>              | <i>jagadbhyah</i> | <i>manobhyah</i>  | <i>sumanobhyah</i>   | <i>cakṣurbhyah</i> | <i>acakṣurbhyah</i>  |
|   | Gen         | <i>marutām</i>    | <i>āpadām</i>     | <i>vācām</i>      | - <i>bhujām</i>                 | <i>jagatām</i>    | <i>manasām</i>    | <i>sumanasām</i>     | <i>cakṣuṣām</i>    | <i>acakṣuṣām</i>     |
|   | Loc         | <i>marutsu</i>    | <i>āpatsu</i>     | <i>vākṣu</i>      | - <i>bhukṣu</i>                 | <i>jagatsu</i>    | <i>manahsu</i>    | <i>sumanaḥsu</i>     | <i>cakṣuḥsu</i>    | <i>acakṣuḥsu</i>     |

*is-* and *us-* stems: parallel to *as-* stems, with exception of internal sandhi before consonants: wherever *as* → *o*, *is/us* → *ir/ur*, respectively; *ruki* applies (-*as-*, but *-iṣ-/uṣ-*).

**Note:** Masculine/feminine *as-/is-/us-* stems: Identical endings, except for Nom Sg in *-āḥ*, but *-iḥ/-uḥ* with short vowel.

Adjective forms of all the above paradigms: Identical to masculine/feminine and neuter paradigms of nouns.

**Stem gradation:** in nouns that have a strong and a weak stem, the **strong** stem is found in the **MASC NOM VOC ACC SG** and **DU** and **NOM VOC PL**,  
the weak stem everywhere else. Any variations are noted in relation to each paradigm.

|   |             | <i>an</i> (m.): 29  | <i>an</i> (m.): 29 | <i>an</i> (n.): 29  | <i>in</i> (m.): 29 | <i>in</i> (n.): 29 |               |
|---|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
|   |             | 'king'              | 'soul'             | 'name'              | 'going'            |                    |               |
| S | Nom         | <i>rājā</i>         | <i>ātmā</i>        | <i>nāma</i>         | <i>gāmī</i>        | <i>gāmi</i>        | Nom           |
|   | Voc         | <i>rājan</i>        | <i>ātman</i>       | <i>nāma</i>         | <i>gāmin</i>       | <i>gāmi</i>        | Voc           |
|   | Acc         | <i>rājānam</i>      | <i>ātmānam</i>     | <i>nāma</i>         | <i>gāminam</i>     | <i>gāmi</i>        | Acc           |
|   | Instr       | <i>rājñā</i>        | <i>ātmanā</i>      | <i>nāmnā</i>        | <i>gāminā</i>      |                    | Instr         |
|   | Dat         | <i>rājñe</i>        | <i>ātmane</i>      | <i>nāmne</i>        | <i>gāmine</i>      |                    | Dat           |
|   | AblGen      | <i>rājñah</i>       | <i>ātmanah</i>     | <i>nāmnah</i>       | <i>gāminah</i>     |                    | AblGen        |
| D | Loc         | <i>rājñi/rājani</i> | <i>ātmani</i>      | <i>nānni/nāmani</i> | <i>gāmini</i>      |                    | Loc           |
|   | NomVocAcc   | <i>rājānau</i>      | <i>ātmānau</i>     | <i>nānni/nāmani</i> | <i>gāminaū</i>     | <i>gāminī</i>      | NomVocAcc     |
|   | InstrDatAbl | <i>rājabhyām</i>    | <i>ātmabhyām</i>   | <i>nāmabhyām</i>    | <i>gāmibhyām</i>   |                    | Instr Dat Abl |
|   | GenLoc      | <i>rājñoḥ</i>       | <i>ātmanoḥ</i>     | <i>nāmnoḥ</i>       | <i>gāminoḥ</i>     |                    | GenLoc        |
| P | NomVoc      | <i>rājānah</i>      | <i>ātmānah</i>     | <i>nāmāni</i>       | <i>gāminah</i>     | <i>gāmīni</i>      | NomVoc        |
|   | Acc         | <i>rājñah</i>       | <i>ātmanah</i>     | <i>nāmāni</i>       | <i>gāminah</i>     | <i>gāmīni</i>      | Acc           |
|   | Instr       | <i>rājabhiḥ</i>     | <i>ātmabhiḥ</i>    | <i>nāmabhiḥ</i>     | <i>gāmibhiḥ</i>    |                    | Instr         |
|   | DatAbl      | <i>rājabhyaḥ</i>    | <i>ātmabhyah</i>   | <i>nāmabhyah</i>    | <i>gāmibhyah</i>   |                    | DatAbl        |
|   | Gen         | <i>rājñām</i>       | <i>ātmanām</i>     | <i>nāmnām</i>       | <i>gāminām</i>     |                    | Gen           |
|   | Loc         | <i>rājasu</i>       | <i>ātmasu</i>      | <i>nāmasu</i>       | <i>gāmiṣu</i>      |                    | Loc           |

*an*-stems: strong stem in *vṛddhi*, except VOC SG (*guṇa*). If more than one consonant precedes the *-an-*, the weak stem has *-an-*;

if only one consonant precedes, the weak stem has *-n-*.

*in*-stems: 'having x' if added to nouns; 'regularly doing x' if added to verbal root (usually in *guṇa* or *vṛddhi*). Feminines add *-ī*: *gaminī* - 'going'.

*in-/an*-stem adjectives: Identical to the corresponding noun forms in each gender.

|   |             | ant: 25  |       | vant, mant: 25 |           | vas: 35       |           | yas: 35    |          | cons.-stem endings |              |
|---|-------------|----------|-------|----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|
|   |             | 'being'  |       | 'virtuous'     |           | 'having done' |           | 'better'   |          | (Cf. Chapter 15)   |              |
|   |             | (m.)     | (n.)  | (m.)           | (n.)      | (m.)          | (n.)      | (m.)       | (n.)     | (m./f.)            | (n.)         |
| S | Nom         | san      | sat   | guṇavān        | guṇavat   | cakrvān       | cakrvat   | śreyān     | śreyah   | Nom                | (cf. Ch. 15) |
|   | Voc         | san      | sat   | gunavan        | gunavat   | cakrvan       | cakrvat   | śreyan     | śreyah   | Voc                | - -          |
|   | Acc         | santam   | sat   | guṇavantam     | guṇavat   | cakrvāṁsam    | cakrvat   | śreyāṁsam  | śreyah   | Acc                | -am -        |
|   | Instr       | satā     |       | guṇavatā       |           | cakruṣā       |           | śreyasā    |          | Instr              | -ā           |
|   | Dat         | sate     |       | guṇavate       |           | cakruṣe       |           | śreyase    |          | Dat                | -e           |
|   | AblGen      | sataḥ    |       | guṇavataḥ      |           | cakruṣaḥ      |           | śreyasāḥ   |          | AblGen             | -ah          |
| D | Loc         | sati     |       | guṇavati       |           | cakruṣi       |           | śreyasi    |          | Loc                | -i           |
|   | NomVocAcc   | santau   | satī  | guṇavantaū     | guṇavatī  | cakrvāṁsau    | cakruṣī   | śreyāṁsau  | śreyasī  | NomVocAcc          | -au -ī       |
|   | InstrDatAbl | sadbhȳām |       | guṇavadbhȳām   |           | cakrvadbhyām  |           | śreyobhȳām |          | InstrDatAbl        | -ābhȳām      |
|   | GenLoc      | satoḥ    |       | guṇavatoh      |           | cakruṣoḥ      |           | śreyasoh   |          | GenLoc             | -oh          |
|   | NomVoc      | santaḥ   | santi | guṇavantaḥ     | guṇavanti | cakrvāṁsaḥ    | cakrvāṁsi | śreyāṁsaḥ  | śreyāṁsi | NomVoc             | -ah (Cf. Ch. |
|   | Acc         | sataḥ    | santi | guṇavataḥ      | guṇavanti | cakruṣaḥ      | cakrvāṁsi | śreyasah   | śreyāṁsi | Acc                | -ah 15)      |
| P | Instr       | sadbhīḥ  |       | guṇavadbhīḥ    |           | cakrvadbhiḥ   |           | śreyobhīḥ  |          | Instr              | -bhīḥ        |
|   | DatAbl      | sadbhyāḥ |       | guṇavadbhyāḥ   |           | cakrvadbhyāḥ  |           | śreyobhyāḥ |          | DatAbl             | -bhyāḥ       |
|   | Gen         | satām    |       | guṇavatām      |           | cakruṣām      |           | śreyasām   |          | Gen                | -ām          |
|   | Loc         | satsu    |       | guṇavatsu      |           | cakrvatsu     |           | śreyahsu   |          | Loc                | -su          |

-vas-: strong -vāṁs-; note weak suffix -vad- (before consonants) vs. -uṣ- (before vowels).

Feminines: Of the above stems, feminines are formed by adding -ī to the zero grade stem. (Exception: PRES ACT PTC (= ant-stems) of thematic verbs: -ī added to stem in guṇa.)

The resulting forms are declined like regular ī-stems: bharanti-/satī- - guṇavatī- - cakruṣī- - śreyasī-

#### ADJECTIVES: COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

There are two ways of forming comparatives and superlatives of adjectives:

- 1) Add -tara- or -tama- to stem: e.g. śighra- 'fast' – śighratara- 'faster' – śighratama- 'fastest'
- 2) Rarer: add -(i)yas- or -iṣṭha- to often unpredictable form of adjective stem: e.g. guru- 'heavy' – gariyas- 'heavier' – gariṣṭha- 'heaviest'; comparative has -(i)yāṁs- in strong cases, -(i)yas- in weak cases, -(i)yan in VOC SG MASC; feminines are formed by adding -ī to the weak stem.

LIST OF PARADIGMS: 2) PRONOUNS

|   |             | mat-: 32       |                 | tvat-: 32 |         | tad-: 20 |        |        | idam-: 20 |          |       | adas-: 39 |  |             |  |
|---|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|--|-------------|--|
|   |             | 'I'            |                 | 'you'     |         | 'he'     | 'it'   | 'she'  | 'this'    |          |       | 'that'    |  |             |  |
|   |             | all genders    |                 | (m)       | (n)     | (f)      | (m)    | (n)    | (f)       | (m)      | (n)   | (f)       |  |             |  |
| S | Nom         | aham           | tvam            | sah       | tat     | sā       | ayam   | idam   | iyam      | asau     | adaḥ  | asau      |  | Nom         |  |
|   | Acc         | mām, mā        | tvām, tvā       | tam       | tat     | tām      | imam   | idam   | imām      | amum     | adaḥ  | amūm      |  | Acc         |  |
|   | Instr       | mayā           | tvayā           | tena      | tayā    |          | anena  | anayā  |           | amunā    |       | amuyā     |  | Instr       |  |
|   | Dat         | mahyam, me     | tubhyam, te     | tasmai    | tasyai  |          | asmai  |        | asyai     | asmaṣmai |       | amuṣyai   |  | Dat         |  |
|   | Abl         | mat            | tvat            | tasmāt    | tasyāḥ  |          | asmāt  |        | asyāḥ     | amuṣmāt  |       | amuṣyāḥ   |  | Abl         |  |
|   | Gen         | mama, me       | tava, te        | tasya     | tasyāḥ  |          | asya   |        | asyāḥ     | amuṣya   |       | amuṣyāḥ   |  | Gen         |  |
| D | Loc         | mayi           | tvayi           | tasmin    | tasyām  |          | asmin  |        | asyām     | amuṣmin  |       | amuṣyām   |  | Loc         |  |
|   | NomAcc      | āvām           | yuvām           | tau       | te      | te       | imau   | ime    | ime       |          |       | amū       |  | NomAcc      |  |
|   | InstrDatAbl | āvābhyaṁ       | yuvābhyaṁ       | tābhyaṁ   | tābhyaṁ |          | ābhyaṁ | ābhyaṁ |           |          |       | amūbhyaṁ  |  | InstrDatAbl |  |
|   | GenLoc      | āvayoh         | yuvayoh         | tayoh     | tayoh   |          | anayoh | anayoh |           |          |       | amuyoh    |  | GenLoc      |  |
|   | Nom         | vayam          | yūyam           | te        | tāni    | tāḥ      | ime    | imāni  | imāḥ      | amī      | amūni | amūḥ      |  | Nom         |  |
|   | Acc         | asmān, naḥ     | yuṣmān, vaḥ     | tān       |         |          | imān   |        |           | amūn     |       |           |  | Acc         |  |
| P | Instr       | asmābhiḥ       | yuṣmābhiḥ       | taiḥ      | tābhiḥ  |          | ebhiḥ  |        | ābhiḥ     | amībhiḥ  |       | amūbhiḥ   |  | Instr       |  |
|   | Dat         | asmabhyam, naḥ | yuṣmabhyam, vaḥ | tebhyah   | tābhyah |          | ebhyaḥ |        | ābhyah    | amībhyah |       | amūbhyah  |  | Dat         |  |
|   | Abl         | asmat          | yuṣmat          |           |         |          |        |        |           |          |       |           |  | Abl         |  |
|   | Gen         | asmākam, naḥ   | yuṣmākam, vaḥ   | teşām     | tāsām   |          | eşām   |        | āsām      | amīşām   |       | amūşām    |  | Gen         |  |
|   | Loc         | asmāsu         | yuṣmāsu         | teşu      | tāsu    |          | eşu    |        | āsu       | amīşu    |       | amūşu     |  | Loc         |  |

mat-, tvat-: Forms after comma are enclitic; mat-: enclitic form of ACCDATGEN DU: nau; tvat-: enclitic of ACCDATGEN Du: vām.

LIST OF PARADIGMS: 3) VERBS

|    |                 | Primary |           | Secondary |              | Imperative |            |
|----|-----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
|    |                 | Active  | Middle    | Active    | Middle       | Active     | Middle     |
| Sg | 1 <sup>st</sup> | -mi     | -e        | -(a)m     | -i/-(y)a     | -āṇi       | -ai        |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | -si     | -se       | -h        | -thāḥ        | -o/-dhi    | -sva       |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | -ti     | -te       | -t        | -ta          | -tu        | -tām       |
| Du | 1 <sup>st</sup> | -vah̄   | -vahe     | -va       | -vahi        | -āva       | -āvahai    |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | -thah̄  | -(e/ā)the | -tam      | -(e/ā)thām   | -tam       | -(e/ā)thām |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | -taḥ    | -(e/ā)te  | -tām      | -(e/ā)tām    | -tām       | -(e/ā)tām  |
| Pl | 1 <sup>st</sup> | -mah̄   | -mahe     | -ma       | -mahi        | -āma       | -āmahai    |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | -tha    | -dhve     | -ta       | -dhvam       | -ta        | -dhvam     |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | -(a)nti | -(a)nte   | -an/-uh̄  | -(a)nta/-ran | -(a)ntu    | -(a)ntām   |

The Endings of the Present System

Note: The forms of the 1<sup>st</sup> DU and the 1<sup>st</sup> PL are always identical except for the DU ending having a -v- where the PL ending has an -m-.

PRESENT AND IMPERFECT

The 10 Classes of Verbal Stems:

a) Thematic (4, 7):

I: Root in *guṇa*, add -a-

Examples: √nī ‘to lead’: *nayati*, √bhṛ ‘to carry’: *bharati*.

IV: Root in zero grade, add -ya-

Example: √hṛṣ ‘to be excited’: *hṛṣyati*.

VI: Root in zero grade, add -a-

Example: √viś ‘to enter’: *viśati*.

X: Root in various grades (usually a heavy syllable), add -aya-

Example: √cur ‘to steal’: *corayati*.

Example Thematic Paradigm:  $\sqrt{bhr}$  (I) ‘to carry’

|    |                 | Present          |                  | Imperfect        |                    | Potential       |                    | Imperative      |                   |
|----|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|    |                 | Active           | Middle           | Active           | Middle             | Active          | Middle             | Active          | Middle            |
| Sg | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>bharāmi</i>   | <i>bhare</i>     | <i>abharām</i>   | <i>abhare</i>      | <i>bhareyam</i> | <i>bhareya</i>     | <i>bharāni</i>  | <i>bharai</i>     |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>bharasi</i>   | <i>bharase</i>   | <i>abharāḥ</i>   | <i>abharathāḥ</i>  | <i>bhareḥ</i>   | <i>bharethāḥ</i>   | <i>bhara</i>    | <i>bharasva</i>   |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>bharati</i>   | <i>bharate</i>   | <i>abharat</i>   | <i>abharata</i>    | <i>bharet</i>   | <i>bhareta</i>     | <i>bharatu</i>  | <i>bharatām</i>   |
| Du | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>bharāvah</i>  | <i>bharāvahē</i> | <i>abharāvā</i>  | <i>abharāvahī</i>  | <i>bhareva</i>  | <i>bharevahī</i>   | <i>bharāvā</i>  | <i>bharāvahai</i> |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>bharathāḥ</i> | <i>bharethe</i>  | <i>abharatam</i> | <i>abharethām</i>  | <i>bharetam</i> | <i>bhareyāthām</i> | <i>bharatam</i> | <i>bharethām</i>  |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>bharataḥ</i>  | <i>bharete</i>   | <i>abharatām</i> | <i>abharetām</i>   | <i>bharetām</i> | <i>bhareyātām</i>  | <i>bharatām</i> | <i>bharetām</i>   |
| Pl | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>bharāmaḥ</i>  | <i>bharāmahe</i> | <i>abharāma</i>  | <i>abharāmahi</i>  | <i>bharema</i>  | <i>bharemahi</i>   | <i>bharāma</i>  | <i>bharāmahai</i> |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>bharatha</i>  | <i>bharadhve</i> | <i>abharata</i>  | <i>abharadhvam</i> | <i>bhreta</i>   | <i>bharedhvam</i>  | <i>bharata</i>  | <i>bharadhvam</i> |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>bharanti</i>  | <i>bharante</i>  | <i>abharan</i>   | <i>abharanta</i>   | <i>bhareyuḥ</i> | <i>bhareran</i>    | <i>bharantu</i> | <i>bharantām</i>  |

### b) Athematic (18, 19):

Strong stem (usually guṇa) in Pres and Impf Act Sg (+ Impv of all 1<sup>st</sup> persons Act and Mid and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sg Act); weak stem (zero grade) everywhere else.

In Class II verbs, endings are added directly to the root, which stands in guṇa (strong) or zero grade (weak). No additional affixes are used.

Example:  $\sqrt{i}$  ‘to go’: 1<sup>st</sup> Sg *emi* ‘I go’, 1<sup>st</sup> Pl *imah* ‘we go’.

In Class III verbs, the root is reduplicated (see below on reduplication). No other affixes are added. The root stands in guṇa (strong) or zero grade (weak).

Example:  $\sqrt{hu}$  ‘sacrifice’: 1<sup>st</sup> Sg *juhomi*, 1<sup>st</sup> Pl *juhumah*.

Class V roots add the suffix *-no-* (strong)/*-nu-* (weak).

Example:  $\sqrt{āp}$  ‘obtain, get’: 1<sup>st</sup> Sg *āpnomi*, 1<sup>st</sup> Pl *āpnumah*.

Class VII roots add *-na-/n-* as an infix into the verbal root, directly before the root-final consonant.

Example:  $\sqrt{rudh}$  ‘to hinder’: 1<sup>st</sup> Sg *ruṇadhmi*, 1<sup>st</sup> Pl *rundhmah*.

Class VIII roots add strong *-o-/weak -u-*.

Example:  $\sqrt{tan}$  ‘to stretch’: 1<sup>st</sup> Sg *tanomi*, 1<sup>st</sup> Pl *tanumah*.

(As most of the few existing Class VIII roots end in *-n*, they effectively look identical to Class V verbs.)

Class IX roots add the suffix *-nā-* in the strong forms, *-nī-* in weak forms whose endings begin with a consonant, and *-n-* in weak forms whose endings begin with a vowel (i.e. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pl).

Example:  $\sqrt{kri}$  ‘to buy’: 1<sup>st</sup> Sg *kriṇāmi*, 1<sup>st</sup> Pl *kriṇīmah*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pl *kriṇanti*.

Nothing's added in Class Two.  
Reduplicate Three: *juho-/juhu-*.  
In Class Five add a *no* and a *nu*.  
In Class Eight it's just *o* and a *u*.  
*na* and *n* are added into  
Class Seven. Class Nine, last of the crew,  
adds *nā/nī/n*, and that should do.

|    | II<br>$\sqrt{i}$                | III<br>$\sqrt{hu}$ | V<br>$\sqrt{\bar{a}p}$ | V<br>$\sqrt{vṛ}$ | VII<br>$\sqrt{rudh}$ | VIII<br>$\sqrt{tan}$ | IX<br>$\sqrt{kri}$ |
|----|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Sg | 1 <sup>st</sup><br><i>emi</i>   | <i>juhomī</i>      | <i>āpnomi</i>          | <i>vṛnomi</i>    | <i>ruṇadhmi</i>      | <i>tanomī</i>        | <i>krīnāmi</i>     |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br><i>eši</i>   | <i>juhošī</i>      | <i>āpnoši</i>          | <i>vṛnoši</i>    | <i>ruṇatsi</i>       | <i>tanoši</i>        | <i>krīnāsi</i>     |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>eti</i>   | <i>juhoti</i>      | <i>āpnoti</i>          | <i>vṛnoti</i>    | <i>ruṇaddhi</i>      | <i>tanoti</i>        | <i>krīnāti</i>     |
| Du | 1 <sup>st</sup><br><i>ivah</i>  | <i>juhuvaḥ</i>     | <i>āpnuvah</i>         | <i>vṛṇ(u)vaḥ</i> | <i>rundhvah</i>      | <i>tan(u)vaḥ</i>     | <i>krīnīvah</i>    |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br><i>ithah</i> | <i>juhuthah</i>    | <i>āpnuthah</i>        | <i>vṛṇuthah</i>  | <i>runddhah</i>      | <i>tanuthah</i>      | <i>krīnīthah</i>   |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>itah</i>  | <i>juhutaḥ</i>     | <i>āpnutaḥ</i>         | <i>vṛṇutaḥ</i>   | <i>runddhah</i>      | <i>tanutaḥ</i>       | <i>krīnītaḥ</i>    |
| Pl | 1 <sup>st</sup><br><i>imah</i>  | <i>juhumah</i>     | <i>āpnumah</i>         | <i>vṛṇ(u)mah</i> | <i>rundhmaḥ</i>      | <i>tan(u)mah</i>     | <i>krīnīmah</i>    |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br><i>itha</i>  | <i>juhutha</i>     | <i>āpnutha</i>         | <i>vṛṇutha</i>   | <i>runddha</i>       | <i>tanutha</i>       | <i>krīnītha</i>    |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>yanti</i> | <i>juhvati</i>     | <i>āpnuvanti</i>       | <i>vṛṇvanti</i>  | <i>rundhanti</i>     | <i>tanvanti</i>      | <i>krīnanti</i>    |

| Active Potential: weak stem + <i>yā</i> + active secondary endings |                       |                |                 |                |                 |                |                 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sg   | 1st<br><i>iyām</i>    | <i>juhuyām</i> | <i>āpnuyām</i>  | <i>vṛṇuyām</i> | <i>rundhyām</i> | <i>tanuyām</i> | <i>krīnīyām</i> |
| Middle Potential: weak stem + <i>ī</i> + middle secondary endings  |                       |                |                 |                |                 |                |                 |
| Sg   | 1st<br><i>dviṣiya</i> | <i>juhvīya</i> | <i>apnuvīya</i> | <i>vṛṇvīya</i> | <i>rundhīya</i> | <i>tanvīya</i> | <i>krīnīya</i>  |

Example Athematic Paradigm: *√hu* (III) ‘to pour, to sacrifice’

|    | Present                            |                 | Imperfect       |                   | Potential        |                    | Imperative      |                    |
|----|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|    | Active                             | Middle          | Active          | Middle            | Active           | Middle             | Active          | Middle             |
| Sg | 1 <sup>st</sup><br><i>juhomī</i>   | <i>juhve</i>    | <i>ajuhavam</i> | <i>ajuhvī</i>     | <i>juhuyām</i>   | <i>juhvīya</i>     | <i>juhavāni</i> | <i>juhavai</i>     |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br><i>juhošī</i>   | <i>juhuše</i>   | <i>ajuhoh</i>   | <i>ajuhuthāḥ</i>  | <i>juhuyāḥ</i>   | <i>juhvīthāḥ</i>   | <i>juhudhi</i>  | <i>juhušva</i>     |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>juhoti</i>   | <i>juhute</i>   | <i>ajuhot</i>   | <i>ajuhuta</i>    | <i>juhuyāt</i>   | <i>juhvīta</i>     | <i>juhotu</i>   | <i>juhutām</i>     |
| Du | 1 <sup>st</sup><br><i>juhuvaḥ</i>  | <i>juhuvahe</i> | <i>ajuhuva</i>  | <i>ajuhuvahi</i>  | <i>juhuyāva</i>  | <i>juhvīvahī</i>   | <i>juhavāva</i> | <i>juhavāvahai</i> |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br><i>juhuthah</i> | <i>juhvāthe</i> | <i>ajuhutam</i> | <i>ajuhvāthām</i> | <i>juhuyātam</i> | <i>juhvīyāthām</i> | <i>juhutam</i>  | <i>juhvāthām</i>   |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>juhutaḥ</i>  | <i>juhvāte</i>  | <i>ajuhutām</i> | <i>ajuhvātām</i>  | <i>juhuyātām</i> | <i>juhvīyātām</i>  | <i>juhutām</i>  | <i>juhvātām</i>    |
| Pl | 1 <sup>st</sup><br><i>juhumah</i>  | <i>juhumahē</i> | <i>ajuhuma</i>  | <i>ajuhumahi</i>  | <i>juhuyāma</i>  | <i>juhvīmahi</i>   | <i>juhavāma</i> | <i>juhavāmahai</i> |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br><i>juhutha</i>  | <i>juhudhve</i> | <i>ajuhuta</i>  | <i>ajuhudhvam</i> | <i>juhuyāta</i>  | <i>juhvīdhvam</i>  | <i>juhuta</i>   | <i>juhudhvam</i>   |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br><i>juhvati</i>  | <i>juhvate</i>  | <i>ajuhuvuḥ</i> | <i>ajuhvata</i>   | <i>juhuyuḥ</i>   | <i>juhvīran</i>    | <i>juhvatu</i>  | <i>juhvātām</i>    |

Example Athematic Paradigm:  $\sqrt{sak}$  (V) ‘to be strong, to be able to’

|    |                 | Present           |                   | Imperfect        |                     | Potential         |                      | Imperative        |                     |
|----|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|    |                 | Active            | Middle            | Active           | Middle              | Active            | Middle               | Active            | Middle              |
| Sg | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>śaknomi</i>    | <i>śaknuve</i>    | <i>aśaknavam</i> | <i>aśaknuvi</i>     | <i>śaknuyām</i>   | <i>śaknuviya</i>     | <i>śaknavāni</i>  | <i>śaknavai</i>     |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>śaknośi</i>    | <i>śaknuše</i>    | <i>aśaknoḥ</i>   | <i>aśaknuthāḥ</i>   | <i>śaknuyāḥ</i>   | <i>śaknuvīthāḥ</i>   | <i>śaknu</i>      | <i>śaknuṣva</i>     |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>śaknoti</i>    | <i>śaknute</i>    | <i>aśaknot</i>   | <i>aśaknuta</i>     | <i>śaknuyāt</i>   | <i>śaknuvīta</i>     | <i>śaknotu</i>    | <i>śaknutām</i>     |
| Du | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>śaknuvah</i>   | <i>śaknuvahē</i>  | <i>aśaknuva</i>  | <i>aśaknuvahī</i>   | <i>śaknuyāva</i>  | <i>śaknuvīvahī</i>   | <i>śaknavāva</i>  | <i>śaknavāvahai</i> |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>śaknuthāḥ</i>  | <i>śaknuvāthē</i> | <i>aśaknutam</i> | <i>aśaknuvāthām</i> | <i>śaknuyātām</i> | <i>śaknuvīyāthām</i> | <i>śaknutam</i>   | <i>śaknuvāthām</i>  |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>śaknutah</i>   | <i>śaknuvātē</i>  | <i>aśaknutām</i> | <i>aśaknuvātām</i>  | <i>śaknuyātām</i> | <i>śaknuvīyātām</i>  | <i>śaknutām</i>   | <i>śaknuvātām</i>   |
| Pl | 1 <sup>st</sup> | <i>śaknumah</i>   | <i>śaknumahe</i>  | <i>aśaknuma</i>  | <i>aśaknumahi</i>   | <i>śaknuyāma</i>  | <i>śaknuvīmahi</i>   | <i>śaknavāma</i>  | <i>śaknavāmahai</i> |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <i>śaknutha</i>   | <i>śaknudhvē</i>  | <i>aśaknuta</i>  | <i>aśaknudhvam</i>  | <i>śaknuyāta</i>  | <i>śaknuvīdhvam</i>  | <i>śaknuta</i>    | <i>śaknudhvam</i>   |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <i>śaknuvanti</i> | <i>śaknuvate</i>  | <i>aśaknuvan</i> | <i>aśaknuvata</i>   | <i>śaknuyuh</i>   | <i>śaknuvīran</i>    | <i>śaknuvantu</i> | <i>śaknuvatām</i>   |

Notes:

All Athematic Classes: 3<sup>rd</sup> PL PRES ACT -*anti*, 1<sup>st</sup> SG IMPF ACT -*am*: the presence of this -*a*- prevents certain sandhi and keeps these endings recognisable. – 2<sup>nd</sup>+ 3<sup>rd</sup> DU in IMPF and IMPV middle: -*āthām*/-*ātām* with long -ā- (thematic: -*ethām*/-*etām*). – Relevant internal sandhi: Chapter 18. – Cf. Chapter 19 for a list of noteworthy and exceptional paradigms.

Class III: 3<sup>rd</sup> PL PRES ACT: -*ati* rather than -*anti*. – 3<sup>rd</sup> PL IMPF ACT: -*uh* rather than -*an*.

Class V: In 1<sup>st</sup> DU and PL, both -*nvh*/-*nuvh* and -*nmaḥ*/-*numaḥ* are possible unless a stop precedes (and thus only -*nuvh*/-*numaḥ* are pronounceable). – Class V roots ending in a consonant have 2<sup>nd</sup> SG IMPV in -*hi* (as other athematic verbs); Class V roots ending in a vowel use the weak stem for this form (as thematic verbs do; cf. e.g.  $\sqrt{vṛ}$  → *vṛnu* ‘cover!’).

## THE PERFECT (27, 28)

The perfect has its own set of endings, which are added to the strong reduplicated stem in the active singular, and the weak reduplicated stem elsewhere.

| Active   |         |         | Middle |        |          |          |
|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
|  | Sg      | Du      | Pl     | Sg     | Du       | Pl       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | -a      | -(i)va  | -(i)ma | -e     | -(i)vahe | -(i)mahe |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | -(i)tha | -athuh̄ | -a     | -(i)še | -āthe    | -(i)dhve |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | -a      | -atuh̄  | -uh̄   | -e     | -āte     | -ire     |
| Exception: verbal roots in -ā have -au as 1 <sup>st</sup> + 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sg Act ending. |         |         |        |        |          |          |

(i)'s in brackets are present when a consonant precedes, absent if a vowel precedes (sometimes absent in 2<sup>nd</sup> Sg Act even if a consonant precedes).

**Perfect Reduplication:** Vowel reduplicated by its short counterpart; consonant reduplicated identically, except: aspirated → unaspirated; velar → palatal (incl. h → j); clusters: only first consonant; except if s + stop → only stop. (See Chapter 27 for details.)

Below: Perfect paradigms exemplifying various formal features of the perfect.

|    |                 | $\sqrt{viś}$ 'enter' (1) | $\sqrt{iṣ}$ 'want' (2) | $\sqrt{vac}$ 'speak' (3) | $\sqrt{gam}$ 'go' (4) | $\sqrt{tap}$ 'be hot' (5) | $\sqrt{dhā}$ 'put' (6) | $\sqrt{bhū}$ 'be' (7) |
|----|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|    |                 | Sg                       | Du                     | Pl                       |                       |                           |                        |                       |
| Sg | 1 <sup>st</sup> | viveśa                   | viviše                 | iyesa                    | uvaca/uvāca           | jagama/jagāma             | tatapa, tatāpa         | dadhau                |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | viveśitha                | vivišíše               | iyeśitha                 | uvacitha              | jagantha/jagamitha        | tataptha, tepitha      | babhūvitha            |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | viveśa                   | viviše                 | iyeśa                    | uvāca                 | jagāma                    | tatāpa                 | babhūva               |
| Du | 1 <sup>st</sup> | viviśiva                 | viviśivahē             | iśiva                    | ūciva                 | jagmiva                   | tepīva                 | dadhīva               |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | viviśathuh̄              | viviśāthe              | iśathuh̄                 | ūcathuh̄              | jagmathuh̄                | tepathuh̄              | babhūvathuh̄          |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | viviśatuḥ                | viviśāte               | iśatuḥ                   | ūcatuḥ                | jagmatuḥ                  | tepatuḥ                | babhūvatuḥ            |
| Pl | 1 <sup>st</sup> | viviśima                 | viviśimahē             | iśima                    | ūcima                 | jagmima                   | tepīma                 | dadhīma               |
|    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | viviśa                   | viviśidhve             | iśa                      | ūca                   | jagma                     | tepa                   | dadhīa                |
|    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | viviśuh̄                 | viviśire               | iśuh̄                    | ūcuḥ                  | jagmuḥ                    | tepuḥ                  | dadhuh̄               |

- (1) Regular paradigm in active and middle.
- (2) Vowel-initial root: reduplication of initial vowel only, insertion of glide in strong stem, long initial vowel in weak stem.
- (3) Same as in 2, but of a root cited in *guṇa*.
- (4) Verb with -a- + only one consonant in *guṇa*: vṛddhi of root used in 3<sup>rd</sup> Sg and potentially 1<sup>st</sup> Sg.
- (5) Root with -a- and identically reduplicating consonant: alternative weak stem (no reduplication, a > e).
- (6) Alternative endings due to stem-final -ā.
- (7) Frequently used paradigm with irregular reduplicative vowel and without stem gradation (stem = *babhūv-* throughout).

→ See Chapter 34 on the periphrastic perfect of derived verbs and verbal roots with a long initial vowel.

## OTHER PARTS OF THE VERB:

- Passive Voice (21):** The present tense forms its passive voice by combining the weak root + -ya- + middle endings. Root-final vowels change: *i, u > ī, ū; ā > ī, r > ri* (after more than one consonant: *ar*); *īr > īr*, after labials *ūr*.  
**Examples:** *√yaj* ‘to sacrifice’ → *ijye, ijyase, ijyate* etc.; *√dā* ‘to give’ → *dīyate*; *√tīr* ‘to cross’ → *tīryate*  
In all other tenses, the passive is formally identical to the middle. Context helps us tell the two apart.
- Future Tense (21):** -sya- or -iṣya- are added to the root in guna. Internal sandhi before *s*: devoicing, deaspiration; palatals > velars; *s > h; ś, ṣ > k*.  
**Examples:** *√gam* ‘to go’: *gamṣyati* or *gamiṣyati*, *√dr̥ś* ‘to see’: *drakṣyati*
- Periphrastic Future (29):** An alternative future is formed by adding the forms of *√as* ‘to be’ to an agent noun in the Nom SG. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-person forms use an agent noun in the respective number without a form of *√as*.  
**Example:** *√nī* to lead’: *netāsmi* ‘I will lead’, *netāsi, netā – netāsvah, netāsthah, netārau – netāsmah, netāstha, netārāh*.
- Periphrastic Perfect (33):** Roots not clearly recognisable in the regular perfect (e.g. causatives, and by extension also Class X roots), and roots in which a regular reduplication is not recognisable as such (i.e. roots with initial long vowels) form an alternative perfect by taking the present stem, adding -ām and a perfect form of ‘to be’ (*āsa, babhūva*) or the perfect active or middle of *√kṛ* (*cakāra, cakre*).  
**Examples:** *√bhr* ‘to carry’ → causative *bhārayati* ‘he causes to carry’ → periphrastic perfect *bharayām āsa* ‘he caused to carry’  
*√ās* ‘to sit’ → *ās-ām āsa* ‘he sat’, *āsām cakrire* ‘they sat’.
- Aorist (38):** See Chapter for forms.

## SECONDARY FORMATIONS

- Causative (7):** Adding -aya- to a verbal root outside of Class X strengthened to at least guṇa creates the meaning of ‘to cause someone to do something.’  
**Examples:** *√nī* ‘to lead’ → (I) *nayati* ‘leads’ → *nāyayati* ‘causes to lead’; *√dr̥ś* ‘to see’ → *darṣayati* ‘causes to see, shows’
- Desiderative (34):** Adding -sa- or -iṣa- to a reduplicated root creates the meaning of ‘to want to do x’. Before -sa-, the root usually stands in zero grade; before -iṣa- usually in guṇa. Consonants are reduplicated as usual (see below), vowels as follows: *u/ū* reduplicates as *u*, everything else as *i*.  
**Examples:** *√yudh* ‘to fight’ → *yuyutsate* ‘wants to fight’; *√pā* ‘to drink’ → *pipāsati* ‘wants to drink’; NB *√āp* ‘to get’ → *īpsati* ‘wants to get’ or simply ‘wants’.

## NOMINAL FORMATIONS FROM VERBS

(For sandhi before *t*, see relevant section of Internal Sandhi above.)

Participles:

**Present Active (25):** -(*a*)*nt*-/-(*a*)*t*- added to present stem (athematic: weak stem). Class III: only -*at*-.

Examples:  $\sqrt{nī} \rightarrow nayant-$  ‘leading’;  $\sqrt{dhā} \rightarrow dadhat-$  ‘giving’.

**Present Middle (22):** Thematic -*māna*-, athematic -*āna*- added to present stem (athematic: weak stem).

Examples:  $\sqrt{yudh} \rightarrow yudhyamāna-$  ‘fighting’;  $\sqrt{yuj} \rightarrow yuñjāna-$  ‘linking’; but NB  $\sqrt{ās} \rightarrow āśina-$  ‘sitting’.

**Future participles (25):** Formed from future stem with same suffixes as present participles.

Examples: Act  $\sqrt{gam} \rightarrow gamiṣyant-$  ‘about to go’; Mid/Pass  $\sqrt{yudh} \rightarrow yotsyamāna-$  ‘about to fight/be fought’.

**Perfect Active (35):** -*vāṇs*-/-*vad*- (weak before cons.)/-*uṣ*- (weak before vowel) added to weak perfect stem.

Examples:  $\sqrt{tud} \rightarrow tutudvat-$  ‘having struck’; note  $\sqrt{vid} \rightarrow vidvat-$  ‘knowing’ (without reduplication).

**Perfect Middle:** -*āna*- added to the weak perfect stem.

Examples:  $\sqrt{kṛ} \rightarrow cakrāṇa-$  ‘having done’,  $\sqrt{vip} \rightarrow vepāna-$  ‘shaking, trembling’.

**ta/na-Participle (8, 34):** -*ta*- added to zero-grade root. Meaning: usually past; passive whenever possible, otherwise active.

Examples:  $\sqrt{han} \rightarrow hata-$  ‘having been killed’;  $\sqrt{gam} \rightarrow gata-$  ‘having gone’.

A small number of roots (usually ending in -*d* or a vowel) use -*na*- rather than -*ta*- (34).

Examples:  $\sqrt{sad} \rightarrow sanna-$  ‘seated’;  $\sqrt{tṛ} \rightarrow tīrṇa-$  ‘having crossed’.

**tavant-Participle (25):** adds -*vant*- to *ta*-participle, declined like *vant*-/*mant*-stems. Past active meaning.

Example:  $\sqrt{likh} \rightarrow likhitavant-$  ‘having written’.

Feminines in -*ī* formed of the following: Pres Act Ptc (strong stem of thematic, weak stem of athematic verbs (e.g. *nayanti*-/*dadhati*-);

weak (prevocalic) stem of Perf Act Ptc (e.g. *viduṣī*-); weak stem of *tavant*-participle (e.g. *likhitavatī*-).

**Absolutive (8):** Adding -*tvā* (compound verbs: -*tya* after short vowels, -*ya* elsewhere) to the root in zero grade results in the meaning of ‘having done x’. Indeclinable.

Examples: *kṛtvā* ‘having done’; *gatvā* ‘having gone’, *apagamya* or *apagatya* ‘having gone away’; *uktvā* ‘having said’ ( $\sqrt{vac}$ ).

**Gerundive (34):** Root in various grades plus -(*t*)*ya*-, root in guṇa plus -*tavya*- or -*aniya*-, plus case ending. Meaning: passive necessity.

Examples:  $\sqrt{kṛ} \rightarrow kartavya-$  ‘having to be done’;  $\sqrt{śru} \rightarrow śrutya-$  ‘having to be heard’.

**Infinitive (8):** Adding -*tum* to the root in guṇa results in the meaning ‘to do x’. Infinitives are usually used after verbs such as ‘to want, to wish (to do something)’ etc.

Examples:  $\sqrt{bhr} \rightarrow bhartum$  ‘to carry’;  $\sqrt{nī} \rightarrow netum$  ‘to lead’;  $\sqrt{drś} \rightarrow draṣṭum$  ‘to see’.

## PREVERBS:

|               |                          |              |               |               |  |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| <i>ati-</i>   | 'across, over, beyond'   | <i>abhi-</i> | 'to, against' | <i>nis-</i>   | 'out' (sandhi forms: <i>nih-</i> , <i>nir-</i> , <i>niṣ-</i> ) |
| <i>adhi-</i>  | 'above, over, on, on to' | <i>ava-</i>  | 'down, off'   | <i>pari-</i>  | 'around'   |
| <i>anu-</i>   | 'after, along, toward'   | <i>ā-</i>    | 'to, hither'  | <i>pra-</i>   | 'forward'  |
| <i>antar-</i> | 'between, among, within' | <i>ud-</i>   | 'up, out'     | <i>prati-</i> | 'towards; against; back'                                       |
| <i>apa-</i>   | 'away, off'              | <i>upa-</i>  | 'to, toward'  | <i>vi-</i>    | 'apart, away, out'   |
| <i>api-</i>   | 'onto, close to'         | <i>ni-</i>   | 'down, into'  | <i>sam-</i>   | 'along, with, together'  |

## REDUPLICATION

Reduplication is found in Class III verbs (Chapter 18), the perfect tense (Chapter 27), desiderative verbs (Chapter 34), and in a small number of present tense stems (e.g.  $\sqrt{s}thā$ ,  $\sqrt{pā}$ ). Reduplicating a root means taking the first consonant and first vowel and adding them to the front of that root: of  $\sqrt{tak}$  'to construct, fashion', for example, the reduplicated form is  $tat-akṣ-$ . Both consonants and vowels do not always reduplicate identically. The rules for consonant reduplication are the same wherever reduplication occurs (a). The rules of vowel reduplication vary (b).

### a) Consonants

**Aspirated consonants** are reduplicated without the aspiration:  $\sqrt{dhā}$  'to put' →  $da-dhā-$ .

**Velar consonants** are reduplicated as palatals:  $\sqrt{kṛ}$  'do' →  $ca-kṛ-$ .

**h**, frequently representing original \*gh, is reduplicated as j:  $\sqrt{hu}$  'sacrifice, pour' →  $ju-hu-$ .

In **consonant clusters**, only the first consonant is repeated:  $\sqrt{kram}$  'to stride' →  $ca-kram-$  (with palatal instead of velar). Exception: If the cluster consists of s plus stop, it is only the stop that is repeated. ( $\sqrt{s}thā$  'to stand' →  $ti-ṣṭha-$  (with retroflex -ṣṭ- according to ruki)).

### b) Vowels:

**Class III:** Short vowels are reduplicated identically; long vowels with their short counterpart:  $\sqrt{dā}$  'to give' → reduplicated  $da-dā-$ .

**Perfect:** Roots that contain i/ī or u/ū have -i- or -u- as their reduplicative vowel, respectively:  $\sqrt{śru} \rightarrow śu-śru-$ ,  $\sqrt{kṣip} \rightarrow ci-kṣip-$ . In all other cases, the reduplicative vowel is -a-:  $\sqrt{kṛ} \rightarrow ca-kṛ-$ ;  $\sqrt{dā} \rightarrow da-dā-$ . Irregular:  $\sqrt{bhū} \rightarrow ba-bhū-$ .

**Desideratives:** u/ū reduplicates as u, everything else as i:  $\sqrt{yudh}$  'to fight':  $yu-yut-sa-te$ ;  $\sqrt{pā}$  'to drink' →  $pi-pā-sa-ti$ .