The Danetian Language

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Introduction

§1 Background The Danetian language is an Indo-European constructed language. I started this project in 2016, when I decided to take the Proto-Indo-European lexicon and apply whichever sound changes satisfied me.

At that time, I had been obsessed with Latin starting a few years prior. However, there were several small details that bothered me about the language. Therefore, I wanted to have my own personal classical language that I could have full creative control over.

I decided that I wanted to emulate an Ancient Greek and Latin aesthetic. Thus, my first iteration of Danetian had a phonology resembling that of Ancient Greek: long and short vowels, and a three-way contrast between voiced, unvoiced, and aspirated plosives. But as I kept writing more things in that version of Danetian, I realized that long vowels were really cumbersome to pronounce, and aspirated plosives made the language sound ugly to my ears. Hence, I decided to revisit the sound changes that I originally applied to Proto-Indo-European.

The result is this current iteration of Danetian, which I am more than satisfied with. It has a very beautiful European aesthetic both in writing and in speech. If you'd like to see a modernized version of Proto-Indo-

European, this is the conlang for you!

In this book, I intend to give a comprehensive description of Danetian. I assume that the reader is as much of a language nerd as I am, or at least that they are familiar with basic terms in linguistics.

- \$2 The name of the language In Europe, there are many rivers that have similar names: Danube, Don, Dniepr, Dniestr, etc. In Proto-Indo-European, the term *déh₂nu referred to a river goddess. Since civilizations throughout history have commonly formed near a river, I imagined that whoever spoke my conlang would come from a civilization near a river. I envisioned them worshiping a river goddess called *Daneta*, so they would call themselves the *Danetians*, or *danetiskoi*. Therefore, their native tongue is called *Danetian*, or *danetiska*.
- **§3 Classification** Danetian forms its own branch in the Indo-European language family. It belongs to the *satem* side of the family, but it shares some properties with the *centum* languages.

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Part I Phonology

Types of sounds

§4 Consonants Danetian has 20 consonant phonemes: six plosives, six fricatives, two affricates, and six sonorants. These phonemes are organized in the table below.

	Labial	Dental	Palatal	Velar
Plosive	p b	t d		k g
Affricate			t∫ dʒ	
Fricative	f v	s z	ſ	X
Nasal	m	n	n	
Rhotic		r		
Approximant		1	j	

§5 Vowels Danetian has the very common five-vowel system, summarized in the table below. There is no vowel length distinction.

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	e		o
Open		a	

The vowels $/a\ e\ o/\ can$ also be combined with $/i\ u/\ to$ form the following five falling diphthongs:

	i	u
a	aį	aŭ
e	eį	еŭ
o	oį	

- **§6 Allophones** Each phoneme can have several allophones depending on the surrounding context. The points below summarize how the phonemes are pronounced in the standard dialect of Danetian. But of course, this is not the only way to pronounce the language, since there are other dialects. Thus, the reader is encouraged to pronounce the language in whichever way sounds most beautiful to them.
 - Whenver /s/ appears between vowels or before a voiced consonant, it is pronounced as [z]. Otherwise, it is pronounced as [s] by default. Compare nefesos ['ne.fe.zos] «of the cloud», fesor [fe'zor] «hand», tusontis ['tu.zon.tis] «thousand», esvos ['ez.vos] «horse», donvos ['don.vos] «number».
 - /r/ is pronounced as [r] by default, but as [r] between vowels. Compare pater [pa'ter] «father», kruros ['kru.ros] «bloody».
 - /l/ is pronounced as [l] by default, but as [t] at the end of a word, before a consonant, or before /o/ or /u/. Compare lana ['la.na] «wool», luvos ['tu.vos] «love», lokus ['to.kus] «lake», Michael [mi.xa'ɛt] «Michael», Vilmos ['vił.mos] «William».
 - /x/ is pronounced as [x h].
 - /e/ is pronounced as [ε] by default, but as [e] whenever the following syllable contains /i/ or /j/. Compare preseti ['prε.ze.ti] «he asks», kreva ['krε.va] «raw blood», drageti ['dra.ge.ti] «he drags».
 - /o/ is always pronounced as [o].

Orthography

Graphemes Danetian orthography uses all 26 letters of the international Latin alphabet. Most of the letters follow the International Phonetic Alphabet closely. The exceptions are summarized in the table below, along with other remarks.

• $\langle c \rangle$: /k/ always

• <w>: /v/

• \(\langle g \rangle : \/ |g/ \) always

• <x>: /ks/

• <h>: /x/

• <y>: /i/

• <nj>: /n/

• \(\ch\): \(/x/\) always

• <t>: /t/ always

• <ph>: /f/

• \qu\>: /kw/

• : /t/

Stress accent Danetian has a stress accent, much like Modern Greek, Spanish, and Russian. Every word has exactly one stressed syllable, pronounced stronger than the other syllables. Only the last three syllables of a word have the possibility of carrying stress, much like in Modern Greek.

In writing, the stress is marked by an acute accent, as in *natúra* [na'tu.ra] «nature», or it can simply be inferred, as in *anapreseti* [a.na'pre.ze.ti] «he prays». The orthographic rules for denoting stress are the following:

- I. Stress can only fall in the last three syllables.
- 2. If stress is unmarked in writing, then it is assumed that it falls as far back as it can. Compare *danetiska* [da'ne.tis.ka] «Danetian language», *bena* ['be.na] «woman», *en* ['en] «in».

3. ... unless it ends in a consonant grapheme other than $\langle m \rangle$, $\langle n \rangle$, $\langle s \rangle$, or $\langle t \rangle$, in which case it is assumed that the stress falls

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Part II Morphology

Nouns

§9 General properties Nouns inflect according to three genders (*masculine*, *feminine*, and *neuter*), two numbers (*singular* and *plural*), and seven cases (*nominative*, *accusative*, *genitive*, *ablative*, *dative*, *locative*, and *instrumental*). However, gender is a property that is inherent to a noun. Therefore, an inflection table for a noun should have 2×7 entries.

§10 Case

- **Strong and weak cases** The seven cases can be divided into two types: the strong cases (NOM and ACC), and the weak cases (GEN, ABL, DAT, LOC, and INS). There are two main reasons for this.
 - i For neuter nouns, the strong cases are always identical, while for all other nouns, the strong cases are always distinct. Thus, it makes sense to group the strong cases together. For example,

	gift (N)	man (м)	woman (F)
NOM	donom		bena
ACC	donom		benam

ii There are some nouns that use one stem for the strong cases, and a different stem for the weak cases:

	thought	dog	lake
NOM	mentis	svon	lokus
GEN	manties	sunes	alkves

§12 Inflection classes By examining how each noun inflects, we can come up with several broad categories:

• I: a-stem nouns

• II: o-stem nouns

• **III-i**: *i*-stem nouns

• III-u: *u*-stem nouns

• III-s: es-stem nouns

• III-n: en-stem nouns

• III-L: liquid-stem nouns

• III-F: fleeting s nouns

• III-C: consonant-stem

nouns

Historically, these categories have been grouped into the *first declension* (I), *second declension* (II), and *third declension* (III). As can be seen from the list above, the third declension contains many subcategories.

§13 *a*-stem nouns Another of the biggest classes of nouns are the *a*-stems. The vast majority of these are feminine, but there are some masculines here and there. Some familiar examples include:

• barda (F): beard

• bena (F): woman

• danva (F): tongue; language

• lana (F): wool

• luksna (F): moon

• redia (F): law, right

• pisda (F): vulva

• pletia (F): square, plaza

• pluksna (F): feather

• poina (F): punishment

• videva (F): widow

Since all *a*-stem nouns inflect regularly, we can choose one of them to represent them all.

	SG	PL
NOM	bena	benai
ACC	benam	benans
GEN	benas	benóm
ABL	benas	benamos
DAT	benai	benamos
LOC	beni	benasu
INS	bene	benafi

§14 *o*-stem nouns One of the biggest classes of nouns are the o-stem nouns. The vast majority of nouns in this class are masculine and neuter, but there are a few feminines here and there. Some familiar examples include:

• adros (м): field

• Aigyptos (F): Egypt

• artos (м): bear

• *divos* (м): god

• donom (N): gift

• dranom (N): grain

• fumos (м): smoke

• jugom (N): yoke

• kapros (м): goat

• *nefros* (м): kidney

• nisdos (м): nest

• orfos (M): orphan; slave

• peplos (M): wheel, circle

• snoifos (M): snow

• svennos (M): sleep, slumber

• verdom (N): word

• tauros (м): bull

• valpos (M): wolf

• viros (м): man

Notice that all *o*-stem neuters end in -om, and the rest of the *o*-stems end in -os. Since they all inflect regularly, we can simply choose two nouns (one in -os and one in -om) to serve as role models for all the *o*-stems.

	SG	PL			SG	PL
NOM	viros	viroi	N	ОМ	donom	dona
ACC	virom	virons	A	CC	donom	dona
GEN	virosjo	viróm	G	EN	donosjo	$don\'om$
ABL	virad	viromos	A	BL	donad	donomo
DAT	viroi	viromos	D	AT	donoi	donomo
LOC	viri	virosu	L	ос	doni	donosu
INS	vire	virois	II	NS	done	donois

§15 *i*-stem nouns The *i*-stem nouns include both masculine and feminine nouns, and exactly one neuter noun. Many nouns in this class have one stem for the strong cases and another stem for the weak cases. Therefore, when listing them out on a dictionary, it is important to list the NOM-SG and the GEN-PL to represent the strong and weak stems, respectively. ¹ If only the NOM-SG is listed on a dictionary entry, then we can assume that the noun doesn't change its stem. Some familiar examples of *i*-stem nouns include:

¹These are called the *principal parts* of a noun.

- avis² (F): bird
- dotis, daties (F): act of giving
- hostis (м): guest
- mentis, manties (F): thought
- mertis, marties (F): death

- mori, maries (N): sea
- ovis, avies (F): sheep
- *statis* (F): standing; position
- vestis, usties (F): clothing

Since the vast majority of i-stem nouns are regular 3 , we can just choose one word to represent all regular nouns in this class, and then treat the irregular nouns separately.

	SG	PL
NOM	hostis	hosties
ACC	hostim	hostins
GEN	hosties	hostióm
ABL	hosties	hostimos
DAT	hostiei	hostimos
LOC	hosti	hostisu
INS	hostie	hostifi

The only neuter *i*-stem noun is *mori*, and it's completely regular, albeit with a change of stem.

²Irregular noun.

³A noun that has one stem for the strong cases and another stem for the weak cases is still considered regular, because its inflection table can be inferred from just two principal parts: the NOM-SG and the GEN-SG.

	SG	PL
NOM	mori	moria
ACC	mori	moria
GEN	maries	marióm
ABL	maries	marimos
DAT	mariei	marimos
LOC	mari	marisu
INS	marie	marifi

One notable irregular noun is *avis*. It is considered irregular because it has three distinct stems, instead of the usual one or two. Moreover, since one of the stems is purely vocalic, an epenthetic consonant is sometimes inserted between the stem and the ending. The inflection table is shown below.

	SG	PL
NOM	avis	avies
ACC	avim	avins
GEN	ujes	ujóm
ABL	ujes	vimos
DAT	ujei	vimos
LOC	uvi	visu
INS	uje	vifi

The inflection tables for all irregular nouns can be found in §22.

§16 *u*-stem nouns The *u*-stem nouns include nouns from all three genders. Since this class is a relic from PIE, there are relatively many irregular nouns here. Some familiar examples include:

- befrus (м): beaver
- brus⁴ (F): eyebrow
- dakru (N): tear (of the eye)
- danu4 (N): river
- denus⁴ (F): jaw; cheek
- djus⁴ (M): sky, heaven

- doru⁴ (N): tree
- dustus (м): taste
- lokus, alkues (м): pond, lake
- naus, naves (F): boat, ship
- smerus, smarues (M): grease
- sunus (M): son

We can choose two of these to represent the regular u-stem nouns: one for the masculine and feminine nouns, and one for the neuters.

	SG	PL
NOM	sunus	sunues
ACC	sunum	sununs
GEN	sunues	sunuóm
ABL	sunues	sunumos
DAT	sunuei	sunumos
LOC	sunui	sunusu
INS	sunue	sunufi

	SG	PL
NOM	danu	danú
ACC	danu	danú
GEN	danues	danuóm
ABL	danues	danumos
DAT	danuei	danumos
LOC	danui	danusu
INS	danue	danufi

All the irregular nouns can be found in the tables in §22.

§17 *es*-**stem nouns** The class of *es*-stem nouns includes all three genders. All of these nouns are regular. Some familiar examples are:

⁴Irregular noun.

- ankos (N): curve, bend
- denos (N): race, lineage
- jugos (N): pair of yoked animals
- menos (N): mind
- nefos (N): cloud

- odés (м): axe, hatchet
- pletos (N): breadth
- rebos (N): darkness
- slevos (N): fame; glory
- tenos (N): extension

Since all *es*-stem nouns are regular, we can simply choose two nouns to represent them all: one for the masculine and feminine nouns, and one for the neuters.

	SG	PL		SG	PL
NOM	odés	odesos	NOM	menos	menós
ACC	odesam	odesans	ACC	menos	menós
GEN	odesos	odesóm	GEN	menesos	menesó
ABL	odesos	odesmos	ABL	menesos	menesn
DAT	odesei	odesmos	DAT	menesei	menesn
LOC	odesi	odesu	LOC	menesi	menesu
INS	odese	odesfi	INS	menese	menesf

- **§18** *en-***stem nouns** The *en-*stem nouns are all neuter, and most of them are regular. Some common examples are:
 - denaman, danamens (N): offspring; generation (genealogical)
- noman, nemens (N): name
- numan, panvamens (N):

spirit, soul

• petan, patens (N): wing

• seman, samens (N): seed

• sovan, savens (N): sun

terman, tarmens (N): boundary; end

• vodan, vedens (N): water

• vosan⁵ (N): spring (season)

We can choose one of these to represent all *en*-stem nouns, keeping in mind that there may or may not be a change of stem.

	SG	PL
NOM	noman	nomó
ACC	noman	nomó
GEN	nemens	nemenóm
ABL	nemens	nemenmos
DAT	nemenei	nemenmos
LOC	nemeni	nemensu
INS	nemene	nemenfi

§19 Liquid-stem nouns The liquid consonants are l and r. If the NOM-SG of a noun ends in a liquid consonant, then it belongs to the class of liquid-stem nouns. This class includes both masculine and feminine nouns. Some familiar examples are:

⁵Irregular noun.

- abol5 (м): apple
- *bor*⁵ (м): thief
- brater (м): brother
- denator, danatres (M): parent
- dotor, datres (M): giver
- fugater, fugtres (F): daughter

- for, fures (M): door
- mater (F): mother
- pater (м): father
- sper, aspres (M): sparrow
- ster, astres (M): star
- svesor⁵ (F): sister
- vistor (M): witness

The vowel right before the liquid is usually elided in all its forms except the NOM-SG, like *pater* > *patres*, or *abol* > *ables*. However, if the NOM-SG is a monosyllable, then no elision occurs, e.g. *bor* > *bores*. With this rule in mind, we can choose one of the liquid-stem nouns to serve as a role model for the rest.

	SG	PL
NOM	pater	patres
ACC	patram	patrans
GEN	patres	patróm
ABL	patres	patrimos
DAT	patrei	patrimos
LOC	patri	patrisu
INS	patre	patrifi

S20 Fleeting s nouns There are some nouns that end in -s in the NOM-SG, but this -s gets dropped in all other inflections. This is called the fleet-

ing s. Some nouns like this include:

- anats (F): duck
- donts, dantes (M): tooth
- fans (F): goose
- frags (M): dregs, sediment (of wine, oil, fat)
- nogs, neges (M): nail (of the finger or toe)
- oms, ames (M): shoulder

- *ops* (N): eye
- ponts, pantes (м): path
- *rads* (F): root
- reds (м): king
- sals (M): salt
- vents, vantes (M): wind
- vops (F): voice, speech

We will choose two nouns to represent the fleeting s nouns: one to represent the masculines and feminines, and the other to represent the neuters.

	SG	PL
NOM	vops	vopes
ACC	vopam	vopes
GEN	vopes	vopóm
ABL	vopes	vopimos
DAT	vopei	vopimos
LOC	vopi	vopisu
INS	vope	vopifi

	SG	PL
NOM	ops	ора
ACC	ops	ора
GEN	opes	opóm
ABL	opes	opimos
DAT	opei	opimos
LOC	opi	opisu
INS	оре	opifi

S21 Consonant-stem nouns If a noun doesn't fall into any of the categories mentioned above, then we can usually take the stem and just ap-

pend the inflectional endings directly to it. Some nouns that don't fall into the previous classes include:

• *dom, dems* (м): house, home

• fejóm, fimes (F): winter

• famón⁶ (м): earthling

• frags (M): dregs, sediment (of wine, oil, fat)

• fedóm, fames (F): earth

• gerán⁶ (м): crane, heron

The inflection table of consonant-stem nouns is similar to the liquid-stem and fleeting s nouns.

	SG	PL
NOM	dom	domes
ACC	domam	domes
GEN	dems	demóm
ABL	dems	demimos
DAT	demei	demimos
LOC	demi	demisu
INS	deme	demifi

§22 Irregular nouns (THIS SECTION IS INCOMPLETE)

Adjectives

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⁶Irregular noun.

Numerals

§23 One The numeral for 1 is *oinos*, and it can be singular or plural. It inflects just like a regular adjective.

	M-SG	F-SG	N-SG	M-PL	F-PL	N-PL
NOM	oinos	oina	oinom	oinoi	oinai	oina
ACC	oinom	oinam	oinom	oinons	oinans	oina
GEN	oinosjo	oinas	oinosjo	oinóm	oinóm	oinóm
ABL	oinad	oinas	oinad	oinomos	oinamos	oinomos
DAT	oinoi	oinai	oinoi	oinomos	oinamos	oinomos
LOC	oini	oini	oini	oinosu	oinasu	oinosu
INS	oine	oine	oine	oinois	oinafi	oinois

§24 Two, three, and four The numerals for 2, 3, and 4 are *dvo*, *tres*, and *petvóres*, respectively. They are all similar because they all inflect according to the three genders, and they're all inherently plural.

	М	F	N
NOM	dvo	dva	dvoi
ACC	dvons	dvans	dvoi
GEN	dvóm	$dv\'om$	$dv\'om$
ABL	dvamos	dvamos	dvamos
DAT	dvamos	dvamos	dvamos
LOC	dvasu	dvasu	dvasu
INS	dvafi	dvafi	dvafi

	М	F	N
NOM	tres	tistres	tri
ACC	trins	tistrans	tri
GEN	trióm	tistróm	trióm
ABL	trimos	tisarmos	trimos
DAT	trimos	tisarmos	trimos
LOC	trisu	tisarsu	trisu
INS	trifi	tisarfi	trifi

	М	F	N
NOM	petvóres	petestres	petvor
ACC	petvórans	petestrans	petvor
GEN	peturóm	petestróm	peturóm
ABL	petvarmos	petesarmos	petvarmos
DAT	petvarmos	petesarmos	petvarmos
LOC	petvarsu	petesarsu	petvarsu
INS	petvarfi	petesarfi	petvarfi

§25 Five to nineteen The numerals five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten inflect according to case, but not gender.

	five	six	seven	eight	nine	ten
NOM	pempe	sveks	septam	okto	nevan	desam
ACC	pempans	svekans	septans	oktons	nevans	desans
GEN	pempóm	svekóm	septóm	októm	nevóm	desóm
ABL	pempamos	svekamos	septamos	oktomos	nevamos	desamos
DAT	pempamos	svekamos	septamos	oktomos	nevamos	desamos
LOC	pempasu	svekasu	septasu	oktosu	nevasu	desasu
INS	pempafi	svekafi	septafi	oktofi	nevafi	desafi

The numerals eleven to nineteen inflect just like *desam*:

- oinodesam (NUM): eleven
- dvoidesam (NUM): twelve
- tridesam (NUM): thirteen
- petvordesam (NUM): four-teen
- pempedesam (NUM): fifteen

- svesdesam (NUM): sixteen
- *septandesam* (NUM): seventeen
- oktodesam (NUM): eighteen
- nevandesam (NUM): nineteen

§26 Twenty and beyond Every other numeral inflects like a typical noun.

- vidsant (NUM): twenty
- tridsont (NUM): thirty
- petvardsont (NUM): forty
- pempedsont (NUM): fifty
- svedsont (NUM): sixty
- septandsont (NUM): seventy

- oktodsont (NUM): eighty
- satón (NUM): hundred
- nevandsont (NUM): ninety
- tusontis (NUM): thousand

The numerals from twenty to ninety inflect like a consonantal-stem noun, and they always remain in the singular: *svedsont švedsontam švedsonte*. The numerals *satón* and *tusontis* inflect like a consonantal-stem and *i*-stem noun, respectively, but they can be either singular or plural.

§27 Complement of a numeral A numeral can describe a noun, just like an adjective would: *dva benas* (two women), *trins sjarans* (three-ACC cities-ACC), *svekamos viróm* (six-ABL men-ABL). A numeral and its complement noun form a noun phrase together. The numeral should agree with the gender of the its complement noun. However, the case of this noun does not necessarily have to agree with the case of the numeral. The case of the noun is determined by these rules:

- The case of the whole noun phrase is determined by the case of the numeral.
- For the numerals *oinos*, *dvo*, *tres*, and *petvores*, the complement noun should agree both in case and number.
- For every other numeral, if the case of the noun phrase is either nominative or accusative, the noun should be inflected in the genitive plural.
- Otherwise, the noun and the numeral should be in full agreement in both case and number.

Some examples will help clarify this.

	one man	two men	five men
NOM ACC GEN	oinos viros oinom virom oinosjo virosjo	dvo viroi dvons virons dvóm viróm	pempe viróm pempans viróm pempóm viróm
ABL	oinad virad	dvamos viromos	pempamos viromos
DAT	oinoi viroi	dvamos viromos	pempamos viromos
LOC	oini viri	dvasu virosu	pempasu virosu
INS	oine vire	dvafi virois	pempafi virois

§28 Compound numerals Several simple numerals can be arranged to form a compound numeral. In English, an example of this would be *sixty nine*, or *four hundred and twenty*. We can also do this in Danetian:

		oinos

- 42: petvardsont dvo
- 69: svedsont nevan
- 96: nevandsont sveks
- 101: satón oinos
- 144: satón petvardsont petvóres
- 200: dvo satones
- 210: dvo satones desam

- 365: tres satones svedsont pempe
- 420: petvóres satones vidsant
- 500: pempe satonóm
- 507: pempe satonóm septam
- 1001: tusontis oinos
- 1200: tusontis dvo satones
- 1418: tusontis petvóres satones octodesam
- 1999: tusontis nevan satones nevandsont nevan

- 2000: dvo tusonties
- 2021: dvo tusonties vidsant oinos
- 3000: tres tusonties

- 5000: pempe tusontióm
- 9999: nevan tusontióm nevan satonóm nevandsont nevan

Pronouns

§29 Personal pronouns The personal pronouns are classified according to three persons (*first*, *second*, and *third*), and two numbers (*singular* and *plural*). The first and second person pronouns do not inflect according to gender, but the third person pronouns do. There is also a reflexive pronoun, which does not inflect by number.

	ISG	28G	IPL	2PL	REFL
NOM	edo	tu	vi	ju	-
ACC	me	tve	nos	vos	sve
GEN	mene	teve	ánser	júser	seve
ABL	med	tved	ansmed	usmed	sved
DAT	medjo	tevjo	ansmi	usmi	sevjo
LOC	moi	toi	ansmi	usmi	soi
INS	moi	toi	ansa	usma	soi

The third person pronouns inflect as:

	M-SG	F-SG	N-SG	M-PL	F-PL	N-PL
NOM	eno	ena	enod	enoi	enai	ena
ACC	enom	enam	enod	enons	enans	ena
GEN	enosjo	enosjas	enosjo	enosóm	enasóm	enosóm
ABL	enosmad	enosjas	enosmad	enoimos	enamos	enoimos
DAT	enosmi	enosjai	enosmi	enoimos	enamos	enoimos
LOC	enosmi	enosi	enosmi	enoisu	enasu	enoisu
INS	enosme	enosje	enosme	enois	enafi	enois

§30 Possessive pronouns The possessive pronouns for first and second person inflect just like regular adjectives, so we will simply list them without showing their inflection tables.

• ISG: menjos • IPL: nosjos

• 2SG: tevjos • 2PL: vosjos

However, the third person possessive pronouns are equivalent to the genitive of the third person personal pronouns. That is, *enosjo, enosjo, enosóm, enosóm, enosóm, enosóm.* These possessives do not inflect at all.

§31 Pro-adverbs A pro-adverb is a word that substitutes an adverb, such as *when*, *where*, *somewhere*, *like this*, among others. In Danetian, pro-adverbs refer to the following categories:

• location: where? • destination: where to?

• source: where from? • time: when?

• manner: how? • amount: how much?

Moreover, every pro-adverb has its own type, and we can tell what type it is based on the prefix attached to it:

• interrogative: po-

• relative: *jo-*

• proximal: so-

• distal: *to-* • existential: *poto-*

Every possible combination is shown in the following table:

	location	source	destination	time	manner	amount
INT	podi	posmad	poimos	poives	posme	poti
REL	jodi	josmad	joimos	joives	josme	joti
PROX	sodi	sosmad	soimos	soives	sosme	soti
DIST	todi	tosmad	toimos	toives	tosme	toti
UNI	visodi	visosmad	visoimos	visoives	visosme	visoti
NEG	nipodi	niposmad	nipoimos	nipoives	niposme	nipoti
EXIST	potodi	potosmad	potoimos	potoives	potosme	pototi

When using a pro-adverb that refers to the amount of something, the genitive case should be used.

(e.g. combien de grand)(THIS SECTION IS INCOMPLETE) proximal referse to objects near the speaker medial refers to objects near the listener distal refers to objects far from both

to: that (from pie so, with analogy from its inflected cases)

poti: From PIE *kwoti, adverb from kwos, kwis. Cognate with AG posos and Lat quot.

For poimos: compare AG peemos (when). Even though the meanings are different.

§32 Demonstrative pronouns (THIS SECTION IS INCOMPLETE)

§33 Interrogative and relative pronouns (THIS SECTION IS INCOMPLETE)

Verbs

§34 General properties Verbs inflect according to the following categories:

• person: first, second, third

• number: singular, plural

• mood: indicative, subjunctive, imperative

• voice: active, passive

• aspect: perfective, imperfective

§35 Copula The copula (the verb «to be») can be omitted in the present tense. Its conjugation is shown in the table below.

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ACTIVE									
		Participl	e		Infinitive	2			
PRS PRF		sonts budvés			estin butin				
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi			
PRS	esmi	esi	esti	esmos	este	senti			
IMPF	esam	es	est	esme	este	sent			
PRF	bum	bus	but	bume	bute	bunt			
PRS	sjem	sjes	sjet	sime	site	sint			
PRF	bjem	bjes	bjet	bime	bite	bint			
PRS	-	se		-	este	-			
PRF	-	bu	-	-	bute	-			

§36 Thematic verbs (THIS SECTION IS INCOMPLETE)

			ACTIVI	3		
		Participle			Infinitive	
PRS PRF		voponts vevopovés			vopetin vevopetin	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
PRS IMPF PRF	vopo vopom vevopom	vopesi vopes vevopes	vopeti vopet vevopet	vopomos vopome vevopome	vopete vopete vevopete	voponti vopont vevopont
PRS PRF	vopojam vevopojam	vopois vevopois	vopoit vevopoit	vopoime vevopoime	vopoite vevopoite	vopojant vevopojant
PRS PRF	-	vope vevope	-	-	vopete vevopete	-
			MEDIOPAS	SIVE		
		Participle			Infinitive	
PRS PRF		vopomnos vevopomnos			vopemin vevopemin	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
PRS IMPF PRF	vópar vopa vevopa	vópetar vopeta vevopeta	vópetor vopeto vevopeto	vopomosda vopomeda vevopomeda	vopedave vopedave vevopedave	vópontor voponto vevoponto
PRS PRF	vopoja vevopoja	vopoita vevopoita	vopoito vevopoito	vopoimeda vevopoimeda	vopoidave vevopoidave	vopojanto vevopojanto
PRS PRF	-	vopeso vevopeso	-	-	vopedave vevopedave	-

§37 Athematic verbs (THIS SECTION IS INCOMPLETE)

§38 Irregular verbs There are only a handful of irregular verbs in Danetian.

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			ACTIV	E				
		Participle			Infinitive			
PRS PRF		jonts bamvés			itin bemtin			
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi		
PRS	imi	isi	iti	imos	ite	jenti		
IMPF	em	is	it	ime	ite	jent		
PRF	bem	bems	bemt	bamme	bamte	bament		
PRS	jem	jes	jet	ime	ite	jent		
PRF	bamjém	bamjés	bamjét	bamíme	bamíte	bamínt		
PRS	-	bem	-	-	bamte	-		
PRF	_	bebom	-	-	bebamte	-		

			ACTIV	E			
		Participle		Infinitive			
PRS PRF		donts dedants			dotin dedatin		
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi	
PRS	domi	dosi	doti	damos	date	danti	
IMPF	dom	dos	dot	dame	date	dant	
PRF	dedóm	dedós	dedót	dedame	dedate	dedant	
PRS	dajém	dajés	dajét	dime	dite	dint	
PRF	dedajém	dedajés	dedajét	dedíme	dedíte	dedint	
PRS	-	do	-	-	date	-	
PRF	-	dedó	-	-	dedate	-	
			MEDIOPAS	SSIVE			
		Participle			Infinitive		
PRS		damanos			damin		
PRF		dedamanos			dedamin		
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi	
PRS	dar	dátar	dátor	damosda	dadave	dántor	
IMPF	da	data	dato	dameda	dadave	danto	
PRF	deda	dedata	dedato	dedameda	dedadave	dedanto	
PRS	dia	dita	dito	dimeda	didave	dinto	
PRF	dedia	dedíta	dedíto	dedimeda	dedidave	dedínto	
PRS	-	daso	-	-	dadave	-	
PRF	_	dedaso	-	-	dedadave	-	

			ACTIV	Έ		
		Participle				
PRS PRF		edants beravés			estin vevopetin	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
PRS	edmi	edsi	esti	edmos	este	edanti
IMPF	edam	eds	est	edme	este	edant
PRF	beram	beras	berat	berame	berate	berant
PRS	edjém	edjés	edjét	edíme	edíte	edínt
PRF	berjém	berjés	berjét	beríme	beríte	berínt
PRS	-	ed	-	-	este	-
PRF	-	bera	-	-	berate	-
			MEDIOPA	SSIVE		
		Participle			Infinitive	
PRS		edmanos			edmin	
PRF		beramnos			beramin	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
PRS	édar	éstar	éstor	edmosda	esdave	édantor
IMPF	eda	esta	esto	edmeda	esdave	edanto
PRF	bera	berata	berato	berameda	beradave	beranto
PRS	edí	edíta	edíto	edimeda	edidave	edínto
PRF	berí	beríta	beríto	berímeda	berídave	berínto
PRS	-	edso	-	-	esdave	-
PRF	_	beraso	_	_	beradave	_

			ACTIV	VE		
		Participle		Infinitive		
Present		fonts			feksei	
Perfect		fedvés			fedesei	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
Present	fem	fes	fet	fame	fate	fent
Imperfect	fecjo	fecjes	fecjet	fecjome	fecjete	fecjont
Perfect	fedem	fedes	fedet	fedame	fedate	fedant
Present	fecjém	fecjés	fecjét	fekíme	fekíte	fekínt
Perfect	fedjém	fedjés	fedjét	fedíme	fedíte	fedint
Present	-	fe	-	-	fete	-
Perfect	-	fedek	-	-	fekte	-
			MEDIOPA	SSIVE		
		Participle			Infinitive	
Present		famnos			famenai	
Perfect		fedamnos			fedamenai	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
Present	fenuvar	fenutar	fenutor	fenumosda	fenudave	fenuvontor
Imperfect	fenuva	fenuta	fenuto	fenumeda	fenudave	fenuvonto
Perfect	feda	festa	festo	fesmeda	fesdave	fedonto
Present	fenuí	fenuíta	fenuíto	fenuímeda	fenuídave	fenuínto
Perfect	feska	fesketa	fesketo	feskomeda	feskedave	feskonto
Present	-	fenuso	-	-	fenudave	-
Perfect	-	feso	-	-	fesdave	-

			ACTIV	E		
		Participle		Infinitive		
Present		veponts		vepsei		
Perfect		ukvés			uksei	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
Present	vemmi	vepsi	vepti	vemmos	vepte	vepanti
Imperfect	vepam	veps	vept	vemme	vepte	vepant
Perfect	ukom	ukes	uket	ukome	ukete	ukont
Present	ucjém	ucjés	ucjét	ukíme	ukíte	ukínt
Perfect	ukojam	ukois	ukoit	ukoime	ukoite	ukojant
Present	-	vep	-	-	vepte	-
Perfect	-	uke	-	-	ukete	-
		M	EDIOPA	SSIVE		
		Participle			Infinitive	
Present		vepamnos			vemmenai	
Perfect		ukomnos			ukomenai	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
Present	vepar	veptar	veptor	vemmosda	veddave	vepantor
Imperfect	vepa	vepta	vepto	vemmeda	veddave	vepanto
Perfect	uka	uketa	uketo	ukomeda	ukedave	ukonto
Present	vepí	vepíta	vepíto	vepímeda	vepídave	vepínto
Perfect	ukoja	ukoita	ukoito	ukoimeda	ukoidave	ukojanto
Present	-	vepso	-	-	veddave	-
Perfect	-	ukeso	-	-	ukedave	-

			ACTIV	Έ		
		Participle		Infinitive		
Present		vidonts			vinsei	
Perfect		vidvés			visei	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
Present	voida	voista	voide	vidme	vide	vider
Imperfect	vinem	vines	vinet	vinome	vinete	vinont
Perfect	videm	vides	videt	vidome	videte	vidont
Present	vinjém	vinjés	vinjét	viníme	viníte	vinínt
Perfect	vidjém	vidjés	vidjét	vidíme	vidíte	vidínt
Present	-	vis	-	-	viste	-
Perfect	-	vid	-	-	videte	-
		M	EDIOPAS	SSIVE		
		Participle			Infinitive	
Present		vidamnos			vinmenai	
Perfect		visamnos			vismenai	
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
Present	vinar	vintar	vintor	vinmosda	vindave	vinantor
Imperfect	vina	vinta	vinto	vinmeda	vindave	vinanto
Perfect	visa	vista	visto	vismeda	visdave	visanto
Present	viní	viníta	viníto	vinímeda	vinídave	vinínto
Perfect	visí	visíta	visíto	visímeda	visídave	visínto
Present	-	vinso	-	-	vindave	-
Perfect	-	viso	-	-	visdave	-

ACTIVE						
		Participle			Infinitive	
Present		bidonts			bidesei	
Perfect	befidés			befidesei		
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
Present	bido	bidesi	bideti	bidomos	bidete	bidonti
Imperfect	bidom	bides	bidet	bidome	bidete	bidont
Perfect	befidom	befides	befidet	befidome	befidete	befidont
Present	bidojam	bidois	bidoit	bidoime	bidoite	bidojant
Perfect	befidojam	befidois	befidoit	befidoime	befidoite	befidojant
Present	-	bide	-	-	bidete	-
Perfect	-	befide	-	-	befidete	-
MEDIOPASSIVE						
		Participle			Infinitive	
Present	bidomnos			bidomenai		
Perfect	befidomnos			befidomenai		
	edo	tu	eno	vi	ju	enoi
Present	bidar	bidetar	bidetor	bidomosda	bidedave	bidontor
Imperfect	bida	bideta	bideto	bidomeda	bidedave	bidonto
Perfect	befida	befideta	befideto	befidomeda	befidedave	befidonto
Present	bidoja	bidoita	bidoito	bidoimeda	bidoidave	bidojanto
Perfect	befidoja	befidoita	befidoito	befidoimed <i>a</i>	befidoidave	befidojanto
Present	-	bideso	-	-	bidedave	-
Perfect	-	befideso	-	-	befidedave	-

to throw: jek, jeks, jekt ime, ite, int

Prepositions

NOTE: Perhaps treat adverb-like prepositions as if they were prepositions with a null object

§39 General overview A preposition accepts a noun or noun phrase. (THIS SECTION IS INCOMPLETE)

Part III Syntax

Standard word order Danetian is an SVO language, like many other languages in Europe. However, thanks to its rich inflectional morphology, this word order is fairly flexible.

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- **§41 Copula omission** The copula can be optionally omitted if it is in the present tense.
 - Aicaterina en Gallí. (Catherine [is] in France).
 - Petros mechaniskos insjenier. (Peter [is] a mechanical engineer).
 - Nestor i Antonios physicoi. (Nestor and Anthony [are] physicists).
 - Benjamín viros, de Alexandra bena. (Benjamin [is] a man, and Alexandra [is] a woman).

If it's not in the present tense, then the copula can still be omitted, provided that it was used in the same tense in a previous sentence. This way, the tense of the copula is understood from context.

- En prameni but Verdom, da Verdom opi Divosjo, da Divos Verdom.
 (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word [was] with God, and the Word [was] God).
- **Quantization** 942 **Possession** Unlike most European languages, Danetian does not typically use a verb *to have* to express possession. Rather, it uses a grammatical construction: Possessor-DAT copula object-NOM.
 - Medjo iti estin rufra automobilis. (I will have a red car).

- Petroi i Nestorei esti bibliom physicas. (Peter and Nestor have a physics book).
- Aicaterinai bunt tres bles. (Catherine had three apples).

Of course, the copula can also be omitted according to the rules in §41.