

# **A new synchronic view on gradation and quantitative alternation in Aanaar Saami**

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# Background

- Castrén 1839, 1845: Earliest systematic descriptions of Aanaar Saami and Saami consonant gradation, comparison with Finnish & Estonian
- **Lagercrantz** 1927; Collinder 1929: Separation of quantitative and qualitative alternation
- **Itkonen** 1946, 1971 (etc.): Current understanding and terminology concerning quantitative and qualitative alternation and its history in AS (and other Saami languages)
- Korhonen 1967, 1969, 1981 etc.; Sammallahti 1984, 1998, 2009 etc.: Morphophonology, historical & current developments
- Morottaja & Olthuis 2022: Thorough description of AS morphophonology
- Koukkari 2020: Synchronic view to be elaborated upon in this presentation



# Background

- Description of AS gradation in established terminology (from Morottaja & Olthuis 2022):
- 5 grades: strong, lengthened & shortened strong, weak, lengthened weak
- Plus: lengthening & shortening *stem types*

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ASTE- VAIHTELU- TAPAHTUMA	VAHVA ASTE	VAHVAN ASTEEN		HEIKKO ASTE	HEIKON ASTEEN PIDENTYMÄ
		PIDENTYMÄ	LYHENTYMÄ		
t : ċ 'mato'	t máátu	tt mááttun	- máátun	ċ mááċu	- mááċoin
m̥ : m 'liemi'	m̥ liem̥â	mm liemmân	- liem̥ân	m liemâ	- liemáin
kk : h 'mummo'	kk ákku	- ákkun	k áákun	h ááhu	hh áhhoín
bb : b 'toinen'	bb nubbe	- nubben	b nuubán	b nube	bb nubbeest
[nnd] : nd 'poika'	[nnd] kandâ	- kandân	nd kaandân	nd kaandâ	[nnd] kandáin
lkk : lh 'maito'	lkk miel'kki	- miel'kkin	lk miälkán	lh mielhi	[llh] / lh miel'hijn / miel'hhijn
[hht] : vt 'yksi'	[hht] ohtâ	- ohtân	ht oohtân	vt oovtâ	vtt ovttáin



# Background

- Example: grades in bisyllabic verbs in the indicative (from Morottaja & Olthuis 2022):

## *Kaksitavuisten verbien asteet indikatiivissa*

IND		1. PERS.	2. PERS.	3. PERS.
PRESENS	YKSIKKÖ	H	H	V
	KAKSIKKO	V (p)	V	V (p)
	MONIKKO	V (p)	V	V
PRETERITI	YKSIKKÖ	V (p)	V (p)	H
	KAKSIKKO	H (p)	H (p)	H (p)
	MONIKKO	H	H	V (p)

V = vahva aste

H = heikko aste

*V (p): Jos verbin vahva aste on asteessa II, merkityissä muodoissa on vahvaan asteen pidentymä.*

*H (p): Jos verbin heikko aste on asteessa II, merkityissä muodoissa on heikon asteen pidentymä.*



# Background

- Established terminology relatively unchanged since Itkonen 1946.
- Itkonen's description places a lot of emphasis on *why* the system works as it does; i.e. on its diachronic background.
  - Intended for an audience of Finno-Ugricists, not lay language learners.
    - ♦ "This is easy if you know Proto-Saamic!"
- For many consonants, the end results of different historical developments are synchronically identical!



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[nnd] : nd 'poika'	[nnd] kandâ	- kandân	nd kaandân	nd kaandâ	[nnd] kandáin



# Vowel Phonemes

## Monophthongs

i	(y)	u
e, (ö)	e, â	o
ä, á		a

## Diphthongs

ie	ye	uo
iä	uá	

- Standard orthography used in tables
  - $y = \ddot{u}$
  - $e = \text{ə}$  in the first syllable of a word, unless the following syllable contains  $e$  or  $i$ : *ennuv* /ənnuv/ 'much'
    - $e = e$  otherwise: *enni* /enni/ 'mother', *alme* /alme/ 'sky'
  - $\hat{a} = \text{ə}$
  - $\acute{a} = \text{ɑ}$  historically, but does not contrast with  $\ddot{a}$
- Stressed vowels may be divided into 2 classes (Koukkari 2022):
  - "Dark":  $a, o, u, i, (uo, \text{ə})$
  - "Bright":  $\ddot{a}/\acute{a}, e, i\ddot{a}, u\acute{a}, ie, (ye)$



# Consonant Phonemes

	Labial		Dental	Alveolar	Postalv.	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasals	m			n		nj	ŋ	
Stops	p	b	t	d			k	g
Affricates				c	z	č	ž	
Fricatives	f	v	ɖ	s	š	j (i)		h
Approximants				l	r			

- Standard orthography used in table
  - nj = *ń*, ɖ = *ɖ*, z = *ʒ*, ž = *ž*
  - i = *j* post-vocally
- Stops and affricates contrast fortis/lenis; lenis semi-voiced, fortis aspirated in non-initial position (initially no contrast, except in loans).





# Quantity

- Three degrees of quantity can be distinguished for voiced continuant consonants and (most) monophthongal vowels: short, mid-long, and long.
  - Mid-long quantity not phonemic for vowels; may be considered an allophone of either long or short (but ambiguous which).
  - Contrast between mid-long and long consonants being lost in spoken language in certain positions (Türk et al 2015).
    - Not (yet?) standard; ignored in this presentation.
- All other consonants contrast a short vs. long degree.
- Diphthongs and consonant clusters: short vs. long.



# Quantity

- Standard orthography mostly distinguishes two degrees.
  - Single letter = short phoneme: *na* /na/ 'well' (interjection)
  - Doubled letter = long phoneme: *naa* /nā/ 'yes, yeah; indeed'
  - Mid-long phonemes written the same as short ones: *kove* /koṽè/ ~ /kovè/
  - Diphthong and consonant cluster length not indicated.
- Precision diacritics used in this presentation<sup>1</sup>:
  - Dot below = mid-long consonant: *säạ̈ni* 'word'
  - Grave = mid-long latus vowel: *koṽè* 'picture'
    - Not used before coda /j/ (sources disagree; length neutralized?)
  - Preceding apostrophe = short consonant cluster: *a'lmè* 'sky.GEN.SG'
    - Not used after long vowels; clusters always short in this position (?)
  - Breve on first element = short diphthong: *vŷelgid̆* 'leave'



# Terminology and Notation

*jävri*  
'lake'

- First-syllable vowel = Vowel Center (VC)
- Consonant(s) in coda of 1<sup>st</sup> & onset of 2<sup>nd</sup> syllable = Consonant Center (CC)
- Second-syllable vowel = Latus
- The quantitative degree of the consonant center is denoted with a Roman numeral: from shortest to longest, Q<sub>I</sub>, Q<sub>II</sub>, Q<sub>III</sub>.
- Q<sub>I</sub> only exists for sonorants; short obstruents represent Q<sub>II</sub>!
- Long clusters represent Q<sub>III</sub>, short ones Q<sub>II</sub>.



# Key Observations

- Grades distinguished mainly by quantity.
- Only 2 distinct quantities for obstruents & clusters; 3 for sonorants.
- *Shortened* and *lengthened* grades distinct only where qualitative differences appear between strong and weak.
  - But: *shortening type* (ST) - short vowel center regardless of grade, occurs by default when an ending adds one or more syllables to word.
- Qualitative differences between grades only appear for a relatively small number of consonants.



# Stem Types

- Disyllabic stems
  - Reflect basic Proto-Saamic stem type; most common vocabulary
  - Divided into subtypes based on *stem vowel* (typically *latus* in citation form)
  - Most morphophonological alternation; topic of this presentation
- Other stem types:
  - Trisyllabic: Less complex alternation; typically two stem allomorphs
  - Tetrasyllabic: Resemble bisyllabic words; somewhat less complex
  - Contracted: Either no consonant alternation at all, or roughly similar to trisyllabic words



# Disyllabic Nouns

- NOM.SG ends in a vowel (usually the stem vowel)
  - May be any monophthongal vowel; *a* and *á* rare, but do exist.<sup>1</sup>
- Three main types of quantity alternation:
  - 1) Binary gradation with vowel length alternation in VC (*â-*, *u-*, *i-* & *á-*stems)
  - 2) Binary gradation with vowel length alternation in *latus* (*o-*, *a-*, *á-*)
  - 3) Ternary gradation (*â-*, *u-*, *i-*, *o-*)
- Other, rarer types also exist, but are mostly outside the scope of this presentation.
- Qualitative gradation to be dealt with separately.
- Disyllabic adjectives outside the scope of this presentation, but largely follow same rules.

<sup>1</sup>) Omitted by mistake from abstract of this presentation  
- as noted by keen-eyed anonymous reviewer -  
but mentioned previously in Koukkari 2020.



# Disyllabic Nouns: Type 1

- Stem vowel *â*, *i*, *u* or, in bright-vocalic words, *á*.
- NOM.SG has Q<sub>III</sub>.
  - cũoppâ* 'fish meat'
  - áldu* 'reindeer cow'
  - kýermi* 'load'
  - hǎrrá* 'lord'
- Alternation Q<sub>III</sub> : Q<sub>II</sub>
  - Short vowel center before Q<sub>III</sub> and in ST, long otherwise.

SG						
NOM	cũoppâ	áldu	kŷermi	hĩärrá	vQ <sub>III</sub> u	
GEN	cuopâ	ááldu	kyermi	hiäṛá	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> u	
ACC	cuopâ	ááldu	kyermi	hiäṛá	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> u	
ILL	cuopân	ááldun	<u>ku</u> ármán	hiäṛán	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> un	
LOC	cuopâst	ááldust	kyermist	hiäṛást	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> ust	
COM	cũoppâin	áldoin	<u>kũ</u> ormijn	hĩärráin	vQ <sub>III</sub> ujn	
ABE	cũopâttáá	álduttáá	kŷermittáá	hĩäṛáttáá	vQ <sub>II</sub> uttáá	
ESS	cũoppân	áldun	kŷermin	hĩärrán	vQ <sub>III</sub> un	
PART	cũoppâd	áldud	kŷermid	hĩärrád	vQ <sub>III</sub> ud	
PL						
NOM	cuopah	áálduh	kyermih	hiäṛáh	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> uh	
GEN	cuopâi	ááldui	<u>ku</u> ormij	hiäṛái	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> uj	
ACC	cuopâid	áálduid	<u>ku</u> ormijd	hiäṛáid	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> ujd	
ILL	cũoppâid	áldoid	<u>kũ</u> ormijd	hĩärráid	vQ <sub>III</sub> ujd	
LOC	cuopâin	áálduin	<u>ku</u> ormijn	hiäṛáin	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> ujn	
COM	cũopâigijn	álduigijn	<u>kũ</u> ormijgijn	hĩäṛáigijn	vQ <sub>II</sub> ujgijn	
ABE	cũopâittáá	álduittáá	<u>kũ</u> ormijttáá	hĩäṛáittáá	vQ <sub>II</sub> ujttáá	



# Disyllabic Nouns: Type 2

- Stem vowel *o*, *a*<sup>1</sup> or, in *dark-vocalic* words, *á*.
- NOM.SG has Q<sub>III</sub>.
  - mušto* 'memory'
  - pirrá* 'spinning top'
  - telтта* 'tent'
- Alternation Q<sub>III</sub> : Q<sub>II</sub>
  - Short *latus* in NOM.SG, ESS & PART; long in LOC.SG; mid-long following Q<sub>II</sub>.
    - Ambiguous where followed by /j/.
  - Exception: ILL.SG has long VC and short *latus*.

<sup>1)</sup> Often in loans, not all of which conform regularly to this type.

SG				
NOM	mušto	pirrá	telтта	vQ <sub>III</sub> U
GEN	muštò	pirà	téltà	vQ <sub>II</sub> Ù
ACC	muštò	pirà	téltà	vQ <sub>II</sub> Ù
ILL	muuštón	piirán	teeltan	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> Uñ
LOC	muštoost	pirráást	telттаast	vQ <sub>III</sub> ũst
COM	muštòin	pirráin	telttain	vQ <sub>III</sub> Ujñ
ABE	muštòttáá	piráttáá	téltáttáá	vQ <sub>II</sub> ùttáá
ESS	mušton	pirrán	telttan	vQ <sub>III</sub> Uñ
PART	muštod	pirrád	telttad	vQ <sub>III</sub> Ud
PL				
NOM	muštòh	piràh	téltàh	vQ <sub>II</sub> ùh
GEN	muštoi	pirái	téltai	vQ <sub>II</sub> Uj̃
ACC	muštoid	pirráid	telttaid	vQ <sub>III</sub> Uj̃d
ILL	muštoid	pirráid	telttaid	vQ <sub>III</sub> Uj̃d
LOC	muštòin	pirráin	telttain	vQ <sub>III</sub> Uj̃ñ
COM	muštoigijn	piráigijn	téлтаigijn	vQ <sub>II</sub> Uj̃igijn
ABE	muštoittáá	piráittáá	téлтаittáá	vQ <sub>II</sub> Uj̃ittáá





# Disyllabic Nouns: Type 3

- Stem vowel *â*, *u*, *i* or *o*.
- NOM.SG has Q<sub>II</sub>.
  - kielâ* 'tongue, language'
  - táálu* 'house, building'
  - sääni* 'word'
  - piṇò* 'pile, heap'
- Alternation Q<sub>III</sub> : Q<sub>II</sub> : Q<sub>I</sub>
  - o-stems: *latus* long after Q<sub>III</sub>, both vowels in LOC.SG.
  - Otherwise no vowel length alternation, apart from ST.

SG					
NOM	<i>kielâ</i>	<i>siälu</i>	<i>sääni</i>	<i>piṇò</i>	vQ <sub>II</sub> U
GEN	<i>kielâ</i>	<i>siälu</i>	<i>sääni</i>	<i>pinò</i>	vQ <sub>I</sub> U
ACC	<i>kielâ</i>	<i>siälu</i>	<i>sääni</i>	<i>pinò</i>	vQ <sub>I</sub> U
ILL	<i>kielân</i>	<i>siäluṇ</i>	<i>sääṇán</i>	<i>piṇòn</i>	vQ <sub>II</sub> Uṇ
LOC	<i>kielâst</i>	<i>siälust</i>	<i>säänist</i>	<i>piinoost</i>	v̄Q <sub>I</sub> ŭst
COM	<i>kieláin</i>	<i>siälóin</i>	<i>saanijn</i>	<i>pinoin</i>	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽin
ABE	<i>kïelâttáá</i>	<i>sïäluttáá</i>	<i>sänittáá</i>	<i>pinottáá</i>	v̄Q <sub>I</sub> uttáá
ESS	<i>kiellân</i>	<i>siällun</i>	<i>säännin</i>	<i>pinnoon</i>	vQ <sub>III</sub> ŭn
PART	<i>kiellâd</i>	<i>siällud</i>	<i>säännid</i>	<i>pinnood</i>	vQ <sub>III</sub> ŭd
PL					
NOM	<i>kielah</i>	<i>siäluh</i>	<i>säänih</i>	<i>pinòh</i>	vQ <sub>I</sub> uh
GEN	<i>kielâi</i>	<i>siäluṽi</i>	<i>saanij</i>	<i>pinoi</i>	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽi
ACC	<i>kielâid</i>	<i>siäluid</i>	<i>saanijid</i>	<i>pinoid</i>	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽid
ILL	<i>kieláid</i>	<i>siälóid</i>	<i>saanijid</i>	<i>pinoid</i>	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽid
LOC	<i>kielâin</i>	<i>siäluin</i>	<i>saanijn</i>	<i>pinoin</i>	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽin
COM	<i>kïelâigijn</i>	<i>sïäluigijn</i>	<i>sanijgijn</i>	<i>pinoigijn</i>	v̄Q <sub>I</sub> Uṽigijn
ABE	<i>kïelâittáá</i>	<i>sïäluittáá</i>	<i>sanijttáá</i>	<i>pinoittáá</i>	v̄Q <sub>I</sub> Uṽittáá



# Disyllabic Nouns: e-stems

- Stem-final *e* alternates with *i*, with effects on gradation.  
*alme* 'sky'  
*kovè* 'picture'
- Mixed gradation:
  - SG forms & NOM.PL: same quantity structure as o-stems
    - $Q_{III}$  in NOM.SG > type 2
    - $Q_{II}$  in NOM.SG > type 3
  - Oblique PL:
    - $Q_{III}$  in NOM.SG > as type 1
    - $Q_{II}$  in NOM.SG > VC lengthened, except in ST.

SG					
NOM	<b>alme</b>	<b><math>vQ_{III}u</math></b>		<b>kovè</b>	<b><math>vQ_{II}ù</math></b>
GEN	álmè	$vQ_{II}ù$		kovè	$vQ_{I}ù$
ACC	álmè	$vQ_{II}ù$		kovè	$vQ_{I}ù$
ILL	aalman	$\bar{v}Q_{II}un$		kovǎn	$vQ_{II}ùn$
LOC	<b>almeest</b>	<b><math>vQ_{III}üst</math></b>		kooveest	$\bar{v}Q_{I}üst$
COM	<u>o</u> lmijn	<b><math>vQ_{III}u\grave{j}n</math></b>		<u>kuu</u> vij $\grave{n}$	$\bar{v}Q_{I}u\grave{j}n$
ABE	álmèttáá	$vQ_{II}ùttáá$		kovèttáá	$vQ_{I}ùttáá$
ESS	almen	<b><math>vQ_{III}un</math></b>		<b>koween</b>	<b><math>vQ_{III}ün</math></b>
PART	almed	<b><math>vQ_{III}ud</math></b>		<b>koweed</b>	<b><math>vQ_{III}ūd</math></b>
PL					
NOM	álmèh	$vQ_{II}ùh$		kovèh	$vQ_{I}ùh$
GEN	<u>ool</u> mij	$\bar{v}Q_{II}u\grave{j}$		<u>kuu</u> vij	$\bar{v}Q_{I}u\grave{j}$
ACC	<u>ool</u> mijd	$\bar{v}Q_{II}u\grave{j}d$		<u>kuu</u> vijd	$\bar{v}Q_{I}u\grave{j}d$
ILL	<u>o</u> lmijd	<b><math>vQ_{III}u\grave{j}d</math></b>		<u>kuu</u> vijd	$\bar{v}Q_{I}u\grave{j}d$
LOC	<u>ool</u> mijn	$\bar{v}Q_{II}u\grave{j}n$		<u>kuu</u> vijn	$\bar{v}Q_{I}u\grave{j}n$
COM	<u>o</u> lmijgijn	$vQ_{II}u\grave{j}gijn$		<u>ku</u> vijgijn	$vQ_{I}u\grave{j}gijn$
ABE	<u>o</u> lmijttáá	$vQ_{II}u\grave{j}ttáá$		<u>ku</u> vijttáá	$vQ_{I}u\grave{j}ttáá$



# Disyllabic Nouns: Possessive Forms

- Nouns may be declined to indicate the person (but not number!) of a possessor: *hǎärrám* 'my/our lord', *hǎärrád* 'your lord', *hǎärrás* 'their lord'
- Much less commonly used than the absolute declension; this account based on rules given by Itkonen (1991) and Morottaja & Olthuis (2022).
- Same gradation types as in abs. declension may be distinguished.
- More extensive syncretism: in addition to GEN.SG & ACC.SG, GEN.PL, ACC.PL & ILL.PL as well as COM.SG & LOC.PL merge in all types.
  - NOM.PL not in use (Itkonen 1991).
- ABE & COM.PL formed by attaching *-ttáá* or *-gijn*, respectively, to corresponding GEN.

*hǎärrád* 'of your lord'

*hǎärrádtttáá* 'without your lord'

*hǎärráidis* 'of their lords'

*hǎärráidisgijn* 'with their lords'

*hǎärráidistttáá* 'without their lords'



# Disyllabic Nouns: Type 1, Poss.

- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II}$ 
  - Vowel lengthening only in GEN/ACC.SG 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> person.
  - Note lack of ST in ILL.SG & ESS.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> person forms, where not otherwise indicated, may be formed by replacing the *-n* of the corresponding 1<sup>st</sup> person form with *-d*.

*hǎrâstân* 'from my/our lord'

*hǎrâstâd* 'from your lord'

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SG						
NOM	1 <sup>st</sup>	cũoppâm	áldum	kũármám	hǎrrám	vQ <sub>III</sub> um
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	cũoppâd	áldud	kũármád	hǎrrád	vQ <sub>III</sub> ud
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	cũoppâs	áldus	kýermis	hǎrrás	vQ <sub>III</sub> us
GEN/ACC	1 <sup>st</sup>	cũoppân	áldun	kũármán	hǎrrán	vQ <sub>III</sub> un
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	cuopâd	ááldud	kuármád	hiäṛád	v̄Q <sub>III</sub> ud
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	cuopâs	ááldus	kyermis	hiäṛás	v̄Q <sub>III</sub> us
ILL	1 <sup>st</sup>	cũoppâsân	áldusân	kũármásân	hǎrrásân	vQ <sub>III</sub> usân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	cũoppâsis	áldusis	kũármásis	hǎrrásis	vQ <sub>III</sub> usis
LOC	1 <sup>st</sup>	cũopâstân	áldustân	kýermistân	hǎṛástân	vQ <sub>III</sub> ustân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	cũopâstis	áldustis	kýermistis	hǎṛástis	vQ <sub>III</sub> ustis
COM	1 <sup>st</sup>	cũopâinân	álduinân	kũormijnân	hǎṛáinân	vQ <sub>III</sub> ujinân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	cũopâinis	álduidis	kũormijnis	hǎṛáinis	vQ <sub>III</sub> ujidis
ESS	1 <sup>st</sup>	cũoppânân	áldunân	kýerminân	hǎrránân	vQ <sub>III</sub> unân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	cũoppânis	áldunis	kýerminis	hǎrránis	vQ <sub>III</sub> unis
PL						
GEN/ACC/ILL	1 <sup>st</sup>	cũopâidâd	álduidân	kũormijdân	hǎṛáidân	vQ <sub>III</sub> ujinân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	cũopâidis	álduidis	kũormijdis	hǎṛáidis	vQ <sub>III</sub> ujidis



# Disyllabic Nouns: Type 2, Poss.

- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II}$ 
  - Latus long in GEN/ACC.SG 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> person, mid-long in LOC.SG.
  - Note lack of ST in ILL.SG & ESS.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> person forms, where not otherwise indicated, may be formed by replacing the *-n* of the corresponding 1<sup>st</sup> person form with *-d*.

*tełtàstân* 'in my/our tent'

*tełtàstâd* 'in your tent'

SG				
NOM	1 <sup>st</sup>	muštom	pirrám	telttam
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	muštod	pirrád	telttad
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	muštos	pirrás	telttas
GEN/ACC	1 <sup>st</sup>	mušton	pirrán	telttan
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	muštood	pirráád	telttaad
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	muštoos	pirráás	telttaas
ILL	1 <sup>st</sup>	muštosân	pirrásân	telttasân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	muštošis	pirrásis	telttasis
LOC	1 <sup>st</sup>	muštòstân	piřástân	tełtastân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	muštòstis	piřástis	tełtastis
COM	1 <sup>st</sup>	muštoinân	piřáinân	teltainân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	muštoinis	piřáinis	teltainis
ESS	1 <sup>st</sup>	muštonân	pirránân	telttanân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	muštonis	pirránis	telttanis
PL				
GEN/ACC/ILL	1 <sup>st</sup>	muštoidân	piřáidân	teltaidân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	muštoidis	piřáidis	teltaidis



# Disyllabic Nouns: Type 3, Poss.

- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II} : Q_I$ 
  - o-stems: Latus long after  $Q_{III}$  and GEN/ACC.SG 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> person, mid-long in LOC.SG.
  - Otherwise no vowel length alternation, apart from ST.
  - Note presence of ST in ILL.SG & ESS.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> person forms, where not otherwise indicated, may be formed by replacing the *-n* of the corresponding 1<sup>st</sup> person form with *-d*.

SG						
NOM	1 <sup>st</sup>	kiellâm	táállum	sáánnám	pinnoom	vQ <sub>III</sub> um
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	kiellâd	táállud	sáánnád	pinnood	vQ <sub>III</sub> ud
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	kiellâs	táállus	säännis	pinnoos	vQ <sub>III</sub> us
GEN/ACC	1 <sup>st</sup>	kiellân	táállun	sáánnân	pinnoon	vQ <sub>III</sub> un
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	kielâd	táálud	sáánnád	piinood	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> ud
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	kielâs	táálus	säänis	piinoos	v̄Q <sub>II</sub> us
ILL	1 <sup>st</sup>	kĭelâsân	tálusân	sāṇásân	piṇòsân	vQ <sub>III</sub> usân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	kĭelâsis	tálusis	sāṇásis	piṇòsis	vQ <sub>III</sub> usis
LOC	1 <sup>st</sup>	kĭelâstân	tálustân	sānistân	pinòstân	vQ <sub>II</sub> ustân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	kĭelâstis	tálustis	sānistis	pinòstis	vQ <sub>II</sub> ustis
COM	1 <sup>st</sup>	kĭelâinân	táluinân	sānijnân	pinoinân	vQ <sub>II</sub> ujinân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	kĭelâinis	táluinis	sānijnis	pinoinis	vQ <sub>II</sub> ujidis
ESS	1 <sup>st</sup>	kĭelânân	táľunân	sāṇinân	piṇònân	vQ <sub>III</sub> unân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	kĭelânis	táľunis	sāṇinis	piṇònis	vQ <sub>III</sub> unis
PL						
GEN/ACC/ILL	1 <sup>st</sup>	kĭelâidân	táľuidân	sānijdân	pinoidân	vQ <sub>II</sub> ujinân
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	kĭelâidis	táľuidis	sānijdis	pinoidis	vQ <sub>II</sub> ujidis



# Disyllabic Verbs

- INF ends in stem vowel +  $\acute{d}$ 
  - *a*- and *á*-stem disyllabic verbs do not exist.
- Two main types of quantitative alternation: binary & ternary.
  - The grade of the CC in a form does not depend on the stem vowel.
  - Qualitative gradation to be dealt with separately.
- INF always has  $Q_{III}$ .
  - Binary gradation if both vowels are short
  - Ternary gradation if either VC or *latus* is long.
- Possible subgrouping based on form of PRS.3SG:
  - 1) Ends in *-á*, bright VC
  - 2) Ends in *-a* or *-á*, dark VC
  - 3) Bare stem of verb (ends in *o* or *u*)





# Disyllabic Verbs: Binary, Subtype 1

- i-stems, â-stems with bright VC in PRS.3SG.  
*vŷelgiđ* 'leave'  
*pallâđ* 'be warm enough'
- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II}$ 
  - Long VC before  $Q_{II}$ .

	PRS			PST	
1SG	paalâm	vuálgám		pallim	vũolgim
2SG	paalah	vuálgáh		pallih	vũolgiḥ
3SG	pállá	vũálgá		paalâi	vuolgij
1DU	pàlleen	vŷelgeen		pallâim	vũolgijm
2DU	pallâvettee	vŷelgivettee		pallâid	vũolgijd
3DU	pallâv	vŷelgiv		pallâin	vũolgijn
1PL	pallâp	vŷelgip		paalâim	vuolgijm
2PL	pallâvetted	vŷelgivetted		paalâid	vuolgijd
3PL	pállih	vŷelgiḥ		palli	vũolgiì
CNG	paalâ	vyelgi		koddám	čulgâm
	IMP			COND	
3SG	páálus	vuálgus		paalâčcij	vũálgáčcij
3PL	pállus	vũálgus		paalâčcii	vũálgáčcii





# Disyllabic Verbs: Binary, Subtype 2

- e-stems, â-stems with dark VC in PRS.3SG.  
*čulgâđ* 'spit'  
*koddeđ* 'kill'
- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II}$ 
  - Long VC in PST forms with  $Q_{II}$ .
  - â-stems: long VC in PRS.1SG, 2SG & CNG.
  - Otherwise short VC, mid-long latus with  $Q_{II}$ .

	PRS			PST	
1SG	č <u>u</u> ulgâm	ko <u>d</u> â <u>m</u>		č <u>u</u> lgim	ku <u>d</u> di <u>m</u>
2SG	č <u>u</u> ulgah	ko <u>d</u> â <u>h</u>		č <u>u</u> lgih	ku <u>d</u> di <u>h</u>
3SG	č <u>o</u> l <u>g</u> â	ko <u>d</u> â		č <u>u</u> ulgâi	ku <u>u</u> di <u>j</u>
1DU	č <u>o</u> l <u>g</u> een	ko <u>d</u> deen		č <u>u</u> l <u>g</u> âim	ku <u>d</u> di <u>j</u> m
2DU	č <u>u</u> lgâvettee	ko <u>d</u> devettee		č <u>u</u> l <u>g</u> âid	ku <u>d</u> di <u>j</u> d
3DU	č <u>u</u> lgâv	ko <u>d</u> dev		č <u>u</u> l <u>g</u> âin	ku <u>d</u> di <u>j</u> n
1PL	č <u>u</u> lgâp	ko <u>d</u> dep		č <u>u</u> ulgâim	ku <u>u</u> di <u>j</u> m
2PL	č <u>u</u> lgâvetted	ko <u>d</u> devetted		č <u>u</u> ulgâid	ku <u>u</u> di <u>j</u> d
3PL	č <u>o</u> l <u>g</u> eh	ko <u>d</u> deh		č <u>u</u> lgii	ku <u>d</u> di <u>i</u>
CNG	č <u>u</u> ulgâ	ko <u>d</u> è		č <u>u</u> lgâm	ko <u>d</u> â <u>m</u>
	IMP			COND	
3SG	č <u>o</u> l <u>g</u> òs	ko <u>d</u> òs		č <u>u</u> lgâččij	ko <u>d</u> âččij
3PL	č <u>o</u> l <u>g</u> oos	ko <u>d</u> doos		č <u>u</u> lgâččii	ko <u>d</u> âččij



# Disyllabic Verbs: Binary, Subtype 3

- u-stems, o-stems  
*áigud̥* 'intend'  
*oskod̥* 'believe'
- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II}$ 
  - VC long in u-stems before  $Q_{II}$ .
  - o-stems do not feature VC lengthening; *latus* mid-long after  $Q_{II}$ .

	PRS			PST	
1SG	ááigum	óskòm		<u>áigum</u>	<u>uskum</u>
2SG	ááiguh	óskòh		<u>áiguh</u>	<u>uskuh</u>
3SG	áigu	osko		ááigui	óskoi
1DU	áigoon	oskoon		áigoim	oskoim
2DU	áiguvettee	oskovettee		áigoid	oskoid
3DU	áiguv	oskov		áigoìn	oskoìn
1PL	áigup	oskop		ááiguim	óskoim
2PL	áiguvetteđ	oskovetteđ		ááiguid	óskoid
3PL	áiguh	oskoh		<u>áiguu</u>	<u>uskuu</u>
CNG	ááigu	óskò		áigum	oskom
	IMP			COND	
3SG	ááigus	óskòs		á'iguččij	ó'skòččij
3PL	áigus	oskoos		á'iguččii	ó'skòččii



# Disyllabic Verbs: Ternary, Subtype 1

- e-stems, â-stems with bright VC in PRS.3SG.  
*faallâđ* 'offer'  
*čäälliđ* 'write'
- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II} : Q_I$ 
  - INF stem in PRS.3DU, PRS.1PL & PTCP.PST.
  - Short VC in PST.3PL.
  - i-stems: short VC, mid-long *latus* in PRS.1SG & 2SG.
  - Long VC in all other forms, except in ST.

	PRS			PST	
1SG	<i>faalâm</i>	<i>čálám</i>		<i>faallim</i>	<i>čaallim</i>
2SG	<i>faalah</i>	<i>čáláh</i>		<i>faallih</i>	<i>čaallih</i>
3SG	<i>fáálá</i>	<i>čáálá</i>		<i>faalâi</i>	<i>čaaliĵ</i>
1DU	<i>fälleen</i>	<i>čälleen</i>		<i>faaláim</i>	<i>čaaliĵm</i>
2DU	<i>faľâvettee</i>	<i>čäľivettee</i>		<i>faaláid</i>	<i>čaaliĵd</i>
3DU	<i>faallâv</i>	<i>čäälliv</i>		<i>faaláin</i>	<i>čaaliĵn</i>
1PL	<i>faallâp</i>	<i>čäällip</i>		<i>faalâim</i>	<i>čaaliĵm</i>
2PL	<i>faľâvettedĵ</i>	<i>čäľivettedĵ</i>		<i>faalâid</i>	<i>čaaliĵd</i>
3PL	<i>fäällih</i>	<i>čäällih</i>		<i>fallii</i>	<i>čällii</i>
CNG	<i>faalâ</i>	<i>čääli</i>		<i>faallâm</i>	<i>čáállám</i>
	IMP			COND	
3SG	<i>fááľus</i>	<i>čááľus</i>		<i>faľâččij</i>	<i>čáláččij</i>
3PL	<i>fáállus</i>	<i>čáállus</i>		<i>faľâččii</i>	<i>čáláččii</i>



# Disyllabic Verbs: Ternary, Subtype 2

- e-stems, â-stems with dark VC in PRS.3SG.  
*moonnâđ* 'go'  
*kođđeed* 'knit, weave'
- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II} : Q_I$ 
  - INF stem in PRS.3DU, PRS.1PL & PTCP.PST.
  - Long VC in all PST forms except 3PL.
  - â-stems: long VC in PRS.1SG, 2SG & CNG.
  - Short VC and short (â) or mid-long *latus* elsewhere.

	PRS			PST	
1SG	<i>moonâm</i>	<i>kođ<sup>à</sup>âm</i>		<i>moonnim</i>	<i>kuuđđim</i>
2SG	<i>moonah</i>	<i>kođ<sup>à</sup>h</i>		<i>moonnih</i>	<i>kuuđđih</i>
3SG	<i>ma<sup>à</sup>ñ<sup>à</sup></i>	<i>kođ<sup>à</sup></i>		<i>moonâi</i>	<i>kuuđij</i>
1DU	<i>ma<sup>à</sup>ñ<sup>à</sup>neen</i>	<i>kođđeen</i>		<i>moonáim</i>	<i>kuuđijm</i>
2DU	<i>moñâvettee</i>	<i>kođèvettee</i>		<i>moonáid</i>	<i>kuuđijd</i>
3DU	<i>moonnâv</i>	<i>kođđeev</i>		<i>moonáin</i>	<i>kuuđijn</i>
1PL	<i>moonnâp</i>	<i>kođđeev</i>		<i>moonâim</i>	<i>kuuđijm</i>
2PL	<i>moñâvetted</i>	<i>kođèvetted</i>		<i>moonâid</i>	<i>kuuđijd</i>
3PL	<i>ma<sup>à</sup>ñ<sup>à</sup>h</i>	<i>kođèh</i>		<i>monni</i>	<i>kuđđi</i>
CNG	<i>moonâ</i>	<i>kođè</i>		<i>moonnâm</i>	<i>kođđáâm</i>
	IMP			COND	
3SG	<i>ma<sup>à</sup>ñ<sup>à</sup>òs</i>	<i>kođòs</i>		<i>monâččij</i>	<i>kođ<sup>à</sup>ččij</i>
3PL	<i>ma<sup>à</sup>ñ<sup>à</sup>noos</i>	<i>kođđoos</i>		<i>monâččii</i>	<i>kođ<sup>à</sup>ččii</i>



# Disyllabic Verbs: Ternary, Subtype 3

- u-stems, o-stems  
*kuárruđ* 'sew'  
*orrood* 'be, stay, dwell'
- Gradation  $Q_{III} : Q_{II} : Q_I$ 
  - INF stem in PRS.3DU, PRS.1PL & PTCP.PST.
  - Short VC in PST.3PL.
  - Long VC in PST.1SG & 2SG.
  - Long VC in u-stems before  $Q_{II}$  &  $Q_I$ .
  - o-stems do not feature VC lengthening; *latus* mid-long after  $Q_{II}$ .

	PRS			PST	
1SG	<i>kuárum</i>	<i>oròm</i>		<u><i>koorrum</i></u>	<u><i>uurrum</i></u>
2SG	<i>kuáruh</i>	<i>oròh</i>		<u><i>koorruh</i></u>	<u><i>uurruh</i></u>
3SG	<i>kuáru</i>	<i>orò</i>		<i>kuáru<i>̇</i>i</i>	<i>oro<i>̇</i>i</i>
1DU	<b><i>kũárroon</i></b>	<b><i>orroon</i></b>		<i>kuáro<i>̇</i>im</i>	<i>oroim</i>
2DU	<i>kũáruvettee</i>	<i>oròvettee</i>		<i>kuáro<i>̇</i>id</i>	<i>oroid</i>
3DU	<b><i>kuárruv</i></b>	<b><i>orroov</i></b>		<i>kuáro<i>̇</i>in</i>	<i>oroin</i>
1PL	<b><i>kuárrup</i></b>	<b><i>orroop</i></b>		<i>kuáruim</i>	<i>oroim</i>
2PL	<i>kũáruvetted</i>	<i>oròvetted</i>		<i>kuáruid</i>	<i>oroid</i>
3PL	<i>kuáruh</i>	<i>oròh</i>		<u><i>korruu</i></u>	<u><i>urruu</i></u>
CNG	<i>kuáru</i>	<i>orò</i>		<b><i>kuárrum</i></b>	<b><i>orroom</i></b>
	IMP			COND	
3SG	<i>kuárus</i>	<i>oròs</i>		<i>kũáruččij</i>	<i>oròččij</i>
3PL	<b><i>kuárrus</i></b>	<b><i>orroos</i></b>		<i>kũáruččii</i>	<i>oròččii</i>



# Qualitative Gradation

- Qualitative differences between grades only appear in historically short unvoiced stops & affricates.
  - Exception: the sound change  $*/k/ > /h/$  also affects the weak grade of the historical geminate  $/kk/$ :  
*ákku* ( $< *ākkō$ ) 'grandmother' : *ááhu*
  - Also used to occur in sibilants (cf. Itkonen 1971), but this has been lost.
- The *strong grade* retains the original stop or affricate, while the *weak* is a fricative or an approximant.
- The pairs  $p \sim v$  &  $t \sim \bar{d}$  feature ternary gradation, with the weak grade in  $Q_I$ .
- In the pairs  $h \sim \bar{v}$ ,  $c \sim s$ ,  $\check{c} \sim j$  &  $kk \sim h$ , neither consonant represents  $Q_I$ ; these feature *complex gradation*.

*lyepi* ( $< *lōpē$ ) 'lamina' GEN.SG *l̥yēve*  
*kietâ* ( $< *kēte$ ) 'hand' : *kied̥â*  
*juuhâ* ( $< *joke$ ) 'river' : *juuṽâ*  
*čääci* ( $< *čācē$ ) 'water' : *čääsi*  
*eeči* ( $< *ečē$ ) 'father' : *eeji*



# Qualitative Gradation: *p* & *t*, Nouns

- Disyllabic nouns with single *p* or *t* in CC in NOM.SG belong to type 3.

- Weak grade in  $Q_I$ .

*kietâ* 'hand; arm'

*liäpu* 'rest'

*tääpi* 'manner'

*ito* 'sprout'

SG					
NOM	kietâ	liäpu	tääpi	itò	vQ <sub>II</sub> U
GEN	kieḑâ	liävu	täävi	iḑò	vQ <sub>I</sub> U
ACC	kieḑâ	liävu	täävi	iḑò	vQ <sub>I</sub> U
ILL	kietân	liäpun	tääpân	itòn	vQ <sub>II</sub> un
LOC	kieḑâst	liävust	täävist	iiḑoost	v̄Q <sub>I</sub> ũst
COM	kieḑâin	liävoin	taavijn	iḑoin	vQ <sub>I</sub> uĵn
ABE	kĕḑâttáá	lĭävuittáá	tävittáá	iḑòttáá	v̄Q <sub>I</sub> uttáá
ESS	kiettân	liäppun	tääppin	ittoon	vQ <sub>III</sub> ũn
PART	kiettâd	liäppud	tääppid	ittood	vQ <sub>III</sub> ũd
PL					
NOM	kieḑah	liävuh	täävih	iḑòh	vQ <sub>I</sub> uh
GEN	kieḑâi	liävui	taavij	iḑoi	vQ <sub>I</sub> uĵ
ACC	kieḑâid	liävuid	taavijd	iḑoid	vQ <sub>I</sub> uĵd
ILL	kieḑâid	liävuid	taavijd	iḑoid	vQ <sub>I</sub> uĵd
LOC	kieḑâin	liävuin	taavijn	iḑoin	vQ <sub>I</sub> uĵn
COM	kĕḑâigijn	lĭävuigijn	tavijgijn	iḑoigijn	v̄Q <sub>I</sub> uĵgijn
ABE	kĕḑâittáá	lĭävuittáá	tavijttáá	iḑoittáá	v̄Q <sub>I</sub> uĵttáá



# Qualitative Gradation: *p* & *t*, Nouns

- Cf. type-3 nouns without qualitative gradation.

SG					
NOM	kielâ	siälu	sääni	piṇò	vQ <sub>II</sub> U
GEN	kielâ	siälu	sääni	pinò	vQ <sub>I</sub> U
ACC	kielâ	siälu	sääni	pinò	vQ <sub>I</sub> U
ILL	kielân	siäluṇ	sääṇán	piṇòn	vQ <sub>II</sub> Uṇ
LOC	kielâst	siälust	säänist	piinoost	ṽQ <sub>I</sub> ŭst
COM	kieláin	siälöin	saanijn	pinoin	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽin
ABE	kïelâttáá	sïäluttáá	sänittáá	pinottáá	ṽQ <sub>I</sub> uttáá
ESS	kiellân	siällun	säännin	pinnoon	vQ <sub>III</sub> ŭn
PART	kiellâd	siällud	säännid	pinnood	vQ <sub>III</sub> ŭd
PL					
NOM	kielah	siäluh	säänih	pinòh	vQ <sub>I</sub> uh
GEN	kielâi	siäluṽi	saanij	pinoi	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽi
ACC	kielâid	siäluid	saanijid	pinoid	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽid
ILL	kieláid	siälöid	saanijid	pinoid	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽid
LOC	kielâin	siäluin	saanijn	pinoin	vQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽin
COM	kïelâigijn	sïäluigijn	sanijgijn	pinoigijn	ṽQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽigijn
ABE	kïelâittáá	sïäluittáá	sanijttáá	pinoittáá	ṽQ <sub>I</sub> Uṽittáá





# Qualitative Gradation: *p* & *t*, Verbs

- Disyllabic verbs with ternary gradation and *p* or *t* in CC in INF are inflected like other verbs with ternary gradation.

- Weak grade in Q<sub>I</sub>.

*sooppâđ* 'agree; fit'

*puáttid* 'come'

	PRS			PST	
1SG	<i>soovâm</i>	<i>pũáđăm</i>		<i>sooppim</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>ttim</i>
2SG	<i>soovah</i>	<i>pũáđáh</i>		<i>sooppih</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>ttih</i>
3SG	<i>suápá</i>	<i>puátá</i>		<i>soovâi</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>đij</i>
1DU	<i><u>suá</u>pp<u>ee</u>n</i>	<i>puátteen</i>		<i>soováim</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>đijm</i>
2DU	<i>sopâvettee</i>	<i>pũátivettee</i>		<i>soováid</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>đijd</i>
3DU	<i>sooppâv</i>	<i>puáttiv</i>		<i>soováin</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>đijn</i>
1PL	<i>sooppâp</i>	<i>puáttip</i>		<i>soovâim</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>đijm</i>
2PL	<i>sopâvetted</i>	<i>pũátivetted</i>		<i>soovâid</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>đijd</i>
3PL	<i><u>suá</u>pih</i>	<i>puátih</i>		<i>soppii</i>	<i>p<u>oo</u>ttii</i>
CNG	<i>soovâ</i>	<i>puáđi</i>		<i>sooppâm</i>	<i>puáttám</i>
	IMP			COND	
3SG	<i><u>suá</u>v<u>us</u></i>	<i>puáđ<u>us</u></i>		<i>sovâččij</i>	<i>pũáđáččij</i>
3PL	<i><u>suá</u>pp<u>us</u></i>	<i>puáttus</i>		<i>sovâččii</i>	<i>pũáđáččii</i>



# Qualitative Gradation: *p* & *t*, Verbs

- Cf. subtype-1 verbs with ternary alternation without qualitative gradation.

	PRS			PST	
1SG	<i>faalâm</i>	<i>čálám</i>		<i>faallim</i>	<i>čaallim</i>
2SG	<i>faalah</i>	<i>čáláh</i>		<i>faallih</i>	<i>čaallih</i>
3SG	<i>fáálá</i>	<i>čáálá</i>		<i>faalâi</i>	<i>čaaliĵ</i>
1DU	<i>fälleē</i>	<i>čälleē</i>		<i>faaláim</i>	<i>čaaliĵm</i>
2DU	<i>faļâvettee</i>	<i>čäļivettee</i>		<i>faaláid</i>	<i>čaaliĵd</i>
3DU	<i>faallâv</i>	<i>čäälliv</i>		<i>faaláin</i>	<i>čaaliĵn</i>
1PL	<i>faallâp</i>	<i>čäällip</i>		<i>faalâim</i>	<i>čaaliĵm</i>
2PL	<i>faļâvettedġ</i>	<i>čäļivettedġ</i>		<i>faalâid</i>	<i>čaaliĵd</i>
3PL	<i>fäällih</i>	<i>čäällih</i>		<i>falliġ</i>	<i>čälliġ</i>
CNG	<i>faalâ</i>	<i>čääli</i>		<i>faallâm</i>	<i>čáállám</i>
	IMP			COND	
3SG	<i>fáálus</i>	<i>čáálus</i>		<i>faļâččij</i>	<i>čáláččij</i>
3PL	<i>fáállus</i>	<i>čáállus</i>		<i>faļâččii</i>	<i>čáláččii</i>



# Complex Gradation

- Concerns the alternating pairs  $h \sim \text{ɥ}$ ,  $c \sim s$  &  $\check{c} \sim \text{ɟ}$ , as well as  $k(k) \sim h$ .
- Exhibit a form of binary gradation; quantity is either  $Q_{III}$  or  $Q_{II}$ .
  - Prototypically  $Q_{II}$  (except for  $kk$ , which is  $Q_{III}$ ), but both members of each pair may be lengthened to  $Q_{III}$ , i.e. geminated.
- Disyllabic nouns with complex gradation and stem vowel  $\hat{a}$ ,  $i$ , or  $u$  (or  $\acute{a}$ ) appear to follow the quantity structures of type 1.
  - o-stems either type 2 or mixed 2/3 (?).
- Disyllabic verbs with complex gradation are grouped with ternary gradation (or rather, II : I) by Morottaja & Olthuis (2022), but quantities do not always appear to match.
- Further research required.



# Complex Gradation: Nouns

- CC *c*, *č*, *h*, or *kk* in NOM.SG.
- Stem vowel *â*, *i*, *u* or, in bright-vocalic words, *á*;  
*muocâ* 'moth'  
*ákk*u 'grandmother'  
*eeč*i 'father'  
*č*iäh*á* 'hiding place, cache'
- Weak grade in all forms except NOM.SG, ILL.SG, ESS & PART.
- Quantities as in type 1, apart from NOM.SG.
  - Note retention of vowel length in ESS & PART.

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SG					
NOM	muocâ	ákk	eeči	čiähá	
GEN	muosâ	ááhu	eeji	čiävá	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> U
ACC	muosâ	ááhu	eeji	čiävá	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> U
ILL	muocân	ááku	iáčán	čiähán	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Un
LOC	muosâst	ááhust	eejist	čiävást	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Ust
COM	mũossâin	áhhoin	eijijn	čřävvain	ṽQ <sub>III</sub> Ujn
ABE	mũosâttáá	áhuttáá	ejittáá	čřäváttáá	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Uttáá
ESS	muoccân	ákkun	eeččin	čiähhán	vQ <sub>III</sub> Un
PART	muoccâd	ákkud	eeččid	čiähhád	vQ <sub>III</sub> Ud
PL					
NOM	muosah	ááhu	eejih	čiäváh	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Uh
GEN	muosâi	ááhui	eejij	čiävái	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Uj
ACC	muosâid	ááhuid	eejiid	čiäváid	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Ujd
ILL	mũossâid	áhhoid	eijiid	čřävvaíd	ṽQ <sub>III</sub> Ujd
LOC	muosâin	ááhuin	eejiin	čiäváin	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Ujn
COM	mũosâigijn	áhuigijn	eijigijn	čřäváigijn	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Uigijn
ABE	mũosâittáá	áhuittáá	ejittáá	čřäváittáá	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Uittáá



# Complex Gradation: Nouns

- Cf. type-1 nouns without qualitative gradation.

SG					
NOM	<b>cũoppâ</b>	<b>áldu</b>	<b>kÿermi</b>	<b>hĩärrá</b>	<b>vQ<sub>III</sub>U</b>
GEN	cuopâ	ááldu	kyermi	hiäṛá	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> U
ACC	cuopâ	ááldu	kyermi	hiäṛá	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> U
ILL	cuopân	ááldun	<u>ku</u> ármán	hiäṛán	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Un
LOC	cuopâst	ááldust	kyermist	hiäṛást	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Ust
COM	<b>cũoppáin</b>	<b>áldoin</b>	<b>kũormijn</b>	<b>hĩärráin</b>	<b>vQ<sub>III</sub>U<sub>j</sub>n</b>
ABE	cũopâttáá	álduttáá	kÿérmittáá	hĩäṛáttáá	vQ <sub>II</sub> Uttáá
ESS	<b>cũoppân</b>	<b>áldun</b>	<b>kÿermin</b>	<b>hĩärrán</b>	<b>vQ<sub>III</sub>Un</b>
PART	<b>cũoppâd</b>	<b>áldud</b>	<b>kÿermid</b>	<b>hĩärrád</b>	<b>vQ<sub>III</sub>Ud</b>
PL					
NOM	cuopah	áálduh	kyermih	hiäṛáh	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> Uh
GEN	cuopâi	ááldui	<u>ku</u> ormij	hiäṛái	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> U <sub>j</sub>
ACC	cuopâid	áálduid	<u>ku</u> ormijd	hiäṛáid	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> U <sub>j</sub> d
ILL	<b>cũoppáid</b>	<b>áldoid</b>	<b>kũormijd</b>	<b>hĩärráid</b>	<b>vQ<sub>III</sub>U<sub>j</sub>d</b>
LOC	cuopâin	áálduin	<u>ku</u> ormijn	hiäṛáin	ṽQ <sub>II</sub> U <sub>j</sub> n
COM	cũopâigijn	álduigijn	<u>kũ</u> ormijgijn	hĩäṛáigijn	vQ <sub>II</sub> U <sub>j</sub> igijn
ABE	cũopâittáá	álduittáá	<u>kũ</u> ormijttáá	hĩäṛáittáá	vQ <sub>II</sub> U <sub>j</sub> ittáá



# Concluding Remarks

- Consonant gradation in AS can be mostly described in terms of quantitative alternation only.
  - Two main types: *binary* & *ternary*.
- Disyllabic words can be divided into a number of inflection classes based on the paradigmatic quantitative alternation they exhibit.
- Qualitative alternation only concerns a limited number of consonants.
  - *Ternary* or *complex* gradation.
  - Words exhibiting these can at least fairly often be classified into the same quantitative alternation classes as other words.
- Each inflection class can be described in relatively simple terms on its own, but the number of classes can get quite large.
  - Simpler description overall? Probably a matter of taste, but perhaps the elephant is easier to eat if divided into smaller parts.



# Takkâ!

<https://github.com/tkoukkar/anaraskiela/>



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