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# Old Church Slavonic

Morphology – Part 2: Declension

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# Outline

- Nominals
- Inflectional categories
- Inflectional classes
- Inflectional endings

## Nominals

- Nouns  
*žena* ‘woman’; *Simonъ* ‘Simon’
- Adjectives  
*dobrъ* ‘good’
- Non-personal pronouns  
*tъ* ‘this’
- Personal pronouns  
*ty* ‘you (sg.)’
- Numerals  
*dъva, četyre* ‘4’

## Inflectional categories

- Gender: masculine – neuter – feminine  
*dobrъ* ‘good’ – *dobro* – *dobra*
  - in adjectives, non-personal pronouns, some numerals
- Number: singular – dual – plural  
*gradъ* ‘town’ – *grada* – *gradi*
  - in nouns, adjectives, non-personal pronouns
- Case: nominative – accusative – genitive – locative – dative – instrumental  
*žena* ‘woman’ – *ženŏ* – *ženy* – *ženě* – *ženě* – *ženojŏ*
  - in all nominals
- Definiteness: indefinite – definite  
*dobrъ* ‘good’ – *dobryi*
  - in adjectives

## Declensions (overview)

- *o-* and *jo-*declensions (nouns and adjectives)
  - masculine and neuter subparadigms
- *a-* and *ja-*declensions (nouns and adjectives)
  - *i*-type
- *ь*-declension (nouns)
  - masculine and feminine subparadigms
- *ѣ*-declension (nouns) – residual
- Consonant declension (nouns and adjectives)
  - masculine, neuter and feminine subparadigms
- Non-personal pronouns
- Personal pronouns
- Definite adjectives

## *o-* and *jo-*declensions (nouns and adjectives)

	singular		dual		plural	
	<i>o</i> -decl.	<i>jo</i> -decl.	<i>o</i> -decl.	<i>jo</i> -decl.	<i>o</i> -decl.	<i>jo</i> -decl.
m.nom.	<u>grad-ъ</u>	<u>koń-ъ</u>	<u>grad-a</u>	<u>koń-a</u>	grad-i	koń-i
n.nom.–acc.	<u>měst-o</u>	<u>pol'-e</u>	sъt-ě	pol'-i	<u>měst-a</u>	<u>pol'-a</u>
m.acc.	<u>grad-ъ/člověk-a</u>	<u>koń-ъ/moŕž-a</u>	<u>grad-a</u>	<u>koń-a</u>	grad-y	koń-ę
gen.	<u>grad-a</u>	<u>koń-a</u>	<u>grad-u</u>	<u>koń-u</u>	grad-ъ	koń-ъ
loc.	grad-ě	koń-i	<u>grad-u</u>	<u>koń-u</u>	grad-ěxъ	koń-ixъ
dat.	<u>grad-u</u>	<u>koń-u</u>	grad-oma	koń-ema	grad-omъ	koń-emъ
instr.	grad-omъ	koń-emъ	grad-oma	koń-ema	grad-y	koń-i

proper personal > common personal > *gospodъ* 'lord' > *rabъ* 'slave'  
 > *synъ* '(mature) son' > *anđelъ* 'angel' > animals > *synъ* '(infant) son'  
 > *běsъ* 'demon' > infants > *duxъ* 'spirit' > inanimates

## *a-* and *ja-* declensions (nouns and adjectives)

	singular		dual		plural	
	<i>a</i> -decl.	<i>ja</i> -decl.	<i>a</i> -decl.	<i>ja</i> -decl.	<i>a</i> -decl.	<i>ja</i> -decl.
nom.	<i>glav-a</i>	<i>duš-a, bogŭn-i</i>	<i>glav-ě</i>	<i>duš-i</i>	<u><i>glav-y</i></u>	<u><i>duš-ę</i></u>
acc.	<i>glav-ŏ</i>	<i>duš-ŏ</i>	<i>glav-ě</i>	<i>duš-i</i>	<u><i>glav-y</i></u>	<u><i>duš-ę</i></u>
gen.	<u><i>glav-y</i></u>	<i>duš-ę</i>	<i>glav-u</i>	<i>duš-u</i>	<i>glav-ь</i>	<i>duš-ь</i>
loc.	<i>glav-ě</i>	<i>duš-i</i>	<i>glav-u</i>	<i>duš-u</i>	<i>glav-axъ</i>	<i>duš-axъ</i>
dat.	<i>glav-ě</i>	<i>duš-i</i>	<i>galvama</i>	<i>duš-ama</i>	<i>glav-amъ</i>	<i>duš-amъ</i>
instr.	<i>glav-ojŏ, -ŏ</i>	<i>duš-ejŏ, -ŏ</i>	<i>glav-ama</i>	<i>duš-ama</i>	<i>glav-ami</i>	<i>duš-ami</i>

## ь-declension (nouns)

	singular	dual	plural
nom.	<i>gost-ь</i>	<i>gost-i</i>	<u>m. <i>gost-ьje</i>; f. <i>kost-i</i></u>
acc.	<i>gost-ь</i>	<i>gost-i</i>	<i>gost-i</i>
gen.	<i>gost-i</i>	<i>gost-ьju</i>	<i>gost-ii</i>
loc.	<i>gost-i</i>	<i>gost-ьju</i>	<i>gost-ьхъ</i>
dat.	<i>gost-i</i>	<i>gost-ьта</i>	<i>gost-ьтъ</i>
instr.	<u>m. <i>gost-ьтѣ</i>; f. <i>kost-ьjѣ</i></u>	<i>gost-ьта</i>	<i>gost-ьти</i>

traces of ь-decl. adjectives: indeclinable adjectives such as *svobodъ* 'free' and *različъ* 'diverse'



## ъ-declension (nouns)

	singular	dual	plural
nom.	<i>syn-ъ</i>	<i>syn-γ</i>	<i>syn-ove</i>
acc.	<i>syn-ъ</i>	<i>syn-ъ</i>	<i>syn-γ</i>
gen.	<i>syn-u</i>	<i>syn-ovu</i>	<i>syn-onъ</i>
loc.	<i>syn-u</i>	<i>syn-ovu</i>	<u><i>syn-oxъ</i></u>
dat.	<i>syn-ovi</i>	<i>syn-ъma</i>	<u><i>syn-omъ</i></u>
instr.	<u><i>syn-omъ</i></u>	<i>syn-ъma</i>	<i>syn-ъmi</i>

adjective *slad-ъk-ъ* (o-decl.) 'sweet'  
→ comparative nom.–acc.sg.n. *slažd-e*

## Consonant declension (nouns)

	singular	dual	plural
m.–f.nom.	<u><i>dъšt-i; kam-y, -en-ь</i></u>	<i>dъšter-i; kamen-i</i>	<i>dъšter-i; kamen-i; дьн-е</i>
n.nom.–acc.	<u><i>vrěm-ę; slov-o</i></u>	<i>vrěmen-i; těles-ě, -i</i>	<i>vrěmen-a; nebes-a</i>
m.–f.acc.	<i>dъšter-ь</i>	<i>dъšter-i</i>	<i>dъšter-i</i>
gen.	<u><i>dъšter-e, -i</i></u>	<i>dъšter-u, -iju</i>	<i>dъšter-ь</i>
loc.	<i>dъšter-e, -i</i>	<i>dъšter-u, -iju</i>	<i>dъšter-exъ; kamen-ьхъ</i>
dat.	<i>dъšter-i</i>	<i>dъšter-ьта</i>	<i>dъšter-emъ; kamen-ьтъ</i>
instr.	<i>dъšter-ьјѡ</i>	<i>dъšter-ьта</i>	<i>dъšter-ьми</i>

## Non-personal pronouns

	singular			dual			plural		
	m.	n.	f.	m.	n.	f.	m.	n.	f.
nom.	<i>t-ъ</i>	<i>t-o</i>	<i>t-a</i>	<i>t-a</i>	<i>t-ě</i>	<i>t-ě</i>	<i>t-i</i>	<i>t-a</i>	<i>t-y</i>
acc.	= gen./acc.	<i>t-o</i>	<i>t-ǫ</i>	<i>t-a</i>	<i>t-ě</i>	<i>t-ě</i>	<i>t-y</i>	<i>t-a</i>	<i>t-y</i>
gen.	<i>t-ogo</i>	<i>t-oj-ę</i>		<i>t-oj-u</i>			<i>t-ě-xъ</i>		
loc.	<i>t-omъ</i>	<i>t-o-i</i>		<i>t-oj-u</i>			<i>t-ě-xъ</i>		
dat.	<i>t-omu</i>	<i>t-o-i</i>		<i>t-ě-ma</i>			<i>t-ě-mъ</i>		
instr.	<i>t-ě-mъ</i>	<i>t-oj-ǫ</i>		<i>t-ě-ma</i>			<i>t-ě-mi</i>		

## Personal pronouns

	1sg	2sg	1du	2du	1pl	2pl
nom.	<u>azъ</u>	<u>ty</u>	<u>vě</u>	<u>va, vy</u>	<u>my</u>	<u>vy</u>
acc.	<i>mę, mene</i>	<i>tę, tebe</i>	<i>na, ny</i>	<i>va, vy</i>	<i>ny, nasъ</i>	<i>vy, vasъ</i>
gen.	<u>mene</u>	<u>tebe</u>	<u>naju</u>	<u>vaju</u>	<u>nasъ</u>	<u>vasъ</u>
loc.	<i>mъně</i>	<i>tebě</i>	<i>naju</i>	<i>vaju</i>	<i>nasъ</i>	<i>vasъ</i>
dat.	<i>mъně, mi</i>	<i>tebě, ti</i>	<i>nama, na</i>	<i>vama, va</i>	<i>namъ, ny</i>	<i>vamъ, vy</i>
instr.	<i>mъnojъ</i>	<i>tobojъ</i>	<i>nama</i>	<i>vama</i>	<i>nami</i>	<i>vami</i>

first person: suppletion  
 second person: no suppletion

dual and plural forms are formed from  
*n-* and *v-* respectively

