

68. Like *tre* are declined *kne*; two words *hle* and *spe* do not occur in the Plural. It was only in the fifteenth Century that the Icelanders began to pronounce the *e* in these words like *je* (instead of *æ*) wherefore we meet in good editions of old works the reading *trè*, *très* etc. Plur. Dat. and Gen. contracted for *trjavum*, *trjava*.

The word *fe*, *cattle*, *goods*, *money*, is irregular in the Gen. Sing.; we find *fjár* instead of *fjavar*; but *ve*, *sanctuary*, *temple* (from which *Oðinsve*, *Odense*) is declined, like *land* or *skip* after the 2nd Declension.

69. The Masculines we find sometimes only written with *r* (instead of *ur*), it not being observed that the termination in *u* was the reason for writing *ð*, as in the Dat. Plural.

Therefore *hvali* with *a*, because the *r* is only distinguished by an ' from the root.

But *kjölur* with *ö*, because the ending contains *u*. The Accus. Plural of all these words has a double form, partly ending in *i*, agreeing with the Nom. Plural as: *velli*, *firði*, partly ending in *-u*, agreeing with the Dative Plural, and this form is the old genuine one. Several kinds of modifications are to be noticed, although some words do not modify by reason of their nature.

<i>Sing. Nom.</i>	<i>sonur (son)</i>	<i>dráttur (drawing)</i>	<i>viður (wood, forest)</i>
<i>Acc.</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>drátt</i>	<i>við</i>
<i>Dat.</i>	<i>syni</i>	<i>drætti</i>	<i>viði</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>sonar</i>	<i>dráttar</i>	<i>viðar</i>
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>	<i>synir</i>	<i>drættir</i>	<i>viðir</i>
<i>Acc. (syni)</i>		<i>(drætti)</i>	<i>(vidi)</i>
<i>—</i>	<i>sonu</i>	<i>dráttu</i>	<i>viðu</i>
<i>Dat.</i>	<i>sonum</i>	<i>dráttum</i>	<i>viðum</i>
<i>Gen.</i>	<i>sona;</i>	<i>drátta;</i>	<i>viða.</i>

Irregular are these two:

<i>Sing.</i>	<i>Nom. fótur (foot)</i>	<i>vetʳ (for vetr-ur) (winter)</i>
	<i>Acc. fót</i>	<i>vetʳ (for vetr-u)</i>
	<i>Dat. fœti</i>	<i>vetri</i>
	<i>Gen. fótar</i>	<i>vetrar</i>
<i>Plur. Nom.</i>	<i>Acc. fœtʳ</i>	<i>vetʳ (for vetr-ʳ)</i>
	<i>Dat. fótum</i>	<i>vetrum</i>
	<i>Gen. fóta;</i>	<i>vetra.</i>