Phonology & Strong Nouns

M&R §§26–62

Strong noun declension

masc.	Singular	Plural
Nom.	stān	stānas
Acc.	stān	stānas
Gen.	stānes	stāna
Dat.	stāne	stānum

se stān   þā stānas

þone stān   þā stānas

þæs stānes   þāra stāna

þām stāne   þām stānum

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Nom.	nama	naman	se	þā
Acc.	naman	naman	þone	þā
Gen.	naman	namena	þæs	þāra
Dat.	naman	namum	þām	þām

Strong noun declension

masc.	Singular	Plural
Nom.	stān	stānas
Acc.	stān	stānas
Gen.	stānes	stāna
Dat.	stāne	stānum

neut.	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Nom.	scip	scipu	word	word
Acc.	scip	scipu	word	word
Gen.	scipes	scipa	wordes	worda
Dat.	scipe	scipum	worde	wordum

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Acc.	stān	stānas		
Gen.	stānes	stāna		
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Matters of length

	short	long
vowel	*man, mann, ford, dweorh*	*mān, fōr, dēor*
coda	*man, hæs, fōr, dēor*	*hæst, ford, mann, dweorh*
syllable	*man, hæs, feoh*	*mann, mān, hæst, fōr, ford, dweorh, dēor*
stem	*man, hæs, werod, fugol, cyning*	*mann, mān, hæst, engel, īsern, hēafod, tungol*

Matters of length

- A syllable (stem) is long if either its vowel or its coda is

- Like all vowels, diphthongs (and ligatures) can be long or short

i.e. a stem containing a long vowel is always long:
  (a) gār, gāst, tīd, sōð, fȳr, sprǣc, ēa, fēond, hālga

a stem containing a short vowel is short unless followed by more than one consonant:
  (b) man, wer, dæg, feoh, hige, bana, guma
  (c) mann, grund, healf, weorð, gefeoht

Long or short stem?

- wyrd

- fisc

- feoh

- wer
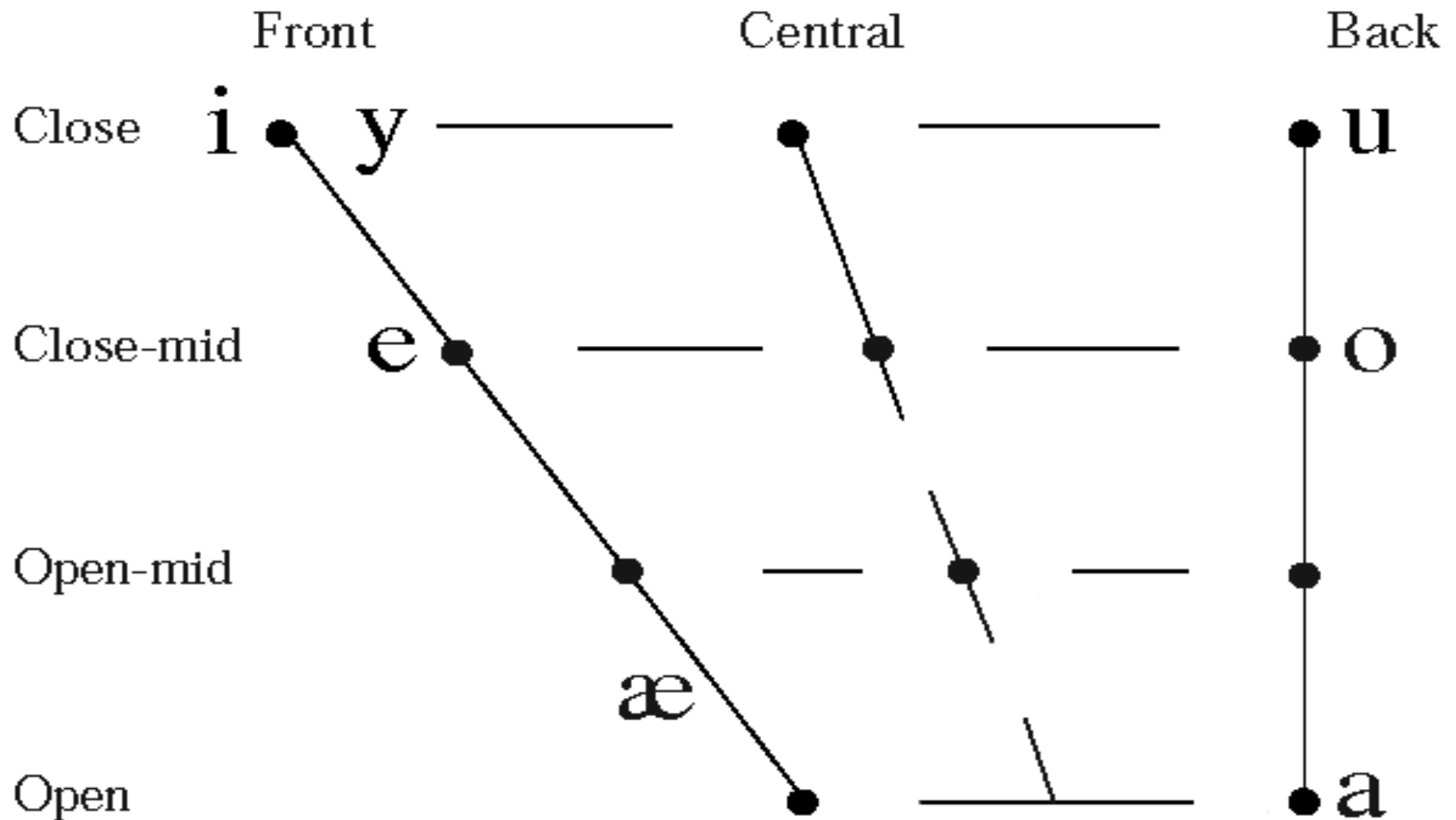
- stān

- word

- scip

Long or short stem?

- æppel

- brōðor

- earfoð

- æcer

- nama

- cyning

- hēafod

Stem changes

m/n	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Nom.	dæg	dagas	fæt	fatu
Acc.	dæg	dagas	fæt	fatu
Gen.	dæges	daga	fætes	fata
Dat.	dæge	dagum	fæte	fatum

Front versus back vowels

Stem changes

masc.	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Nom.	scōh	scōs	mearh	mēaras
Acc.	scōh	scōs	mearh	mēaras
Gen.	scōs	scōna	mēares	mēara
Dat.	scō	scōm	mēare	mēarum