

***-iz²** Runic: | ʏ Pronunciation: /iz/

suffix · forms adjectives · i-stem

Function

forms primary i-stem adjectives, usually from verbal roots; the meaning is most often passive or possibilitive, but some formations have active or agentive adjectival meaning

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **-i-s*, the stem-forming suffix of i-stem adjectives. The root often appears in lengthened grade, especially with roots corresponding to Strong class 4 and 5 verbs, though zero-grade formations also occur, especially with diphthongal roots. The type is inherited, but in the Germanic languages the original *i*-stem inflection was preserved only partly, most clearly in Gothic; elsewhere such adjectives were largely absorbed into the *a*- or *ja*-stem adjective classes (Fulk 2018: 215). In function, these formations produced verbal adjectives such as ‘X-able, fit to be X-ed’ and, more rarely, active or agentive adjectives. In the passive/possibilitive use, they are functionally comparable to Proto-Indo-European gerundival adjectives in **-yo-* (compare Sanskrit दृश्य (*dṛśya*)), while the active use continues the older *i*-stem pattern of adjectival agent nouns (Krahe & Meid 1969: 65–67).

Paradigm

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-iz	-ī	-ī, -jatō	-ijai	-ijōz	-ijō
Acc.	-ijanō	-ijō	-ī, -jatō	-ijan̄z	-ijōz	-ijō
Gen.	-ijas, -īs	-ijaizōz	-ijas, -īs	-ijaizô	-ijaizô	-ijaizô
Dat.	-ijammai	-ijaizōi	-ijammai	-ijaimaz	-ijaimaz	-ijaimaz
Inst.	-ijanō	-ijaizō	-ijanō	-ijaimiz	-ijaimiz	-ijaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-ijō	-ijō	-ijō	-ijaniz	-ijōniz	-ijōnō
Acc.	-ijan̄u	-ijōn̄u	-ijō	-ijanunz	-ijōnunz	-ijōnō
Gen.	-īniz	-ijōniz	-īniz	-ijanô	-ijōnô	-ijanô
Dat.	-īni	-ijōni	-īni	-ijammaz	-ijōmaz	-ijammaz
Inst.	-īnē	-ijōnē	-īnē	-ijammiz	-ijōmiz	-ijammiz

Descendants

*-ī (Proto-West Germanic)

- i, -e (Old Dutch)
- e (Old English)
- e (Old Frisian)
- i (Old Saxon)
- i (Old High German)

-| ȝ (-iŕ) (Proto-Norse)

- r (Old Norse)

-s (-s) (Gothic)

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