

Reconstruction:Proto-Indo-European/swé



This Proto-Indo-European entry contains **reconstructed words and roots**. As such, the term(s) in this entry are not directly attested, but are hypothesized to have existed based on comparative evidence.

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Alternative reconstructions

- *se,^[1] *s(w)e^{[2][3][4]}
- *séwe^[5] (emphatic counterpart?)

Etymology

This stem (and its substantive pronoun) was originally a reflexive element referring to all persons and numbers (as in Sanskrit and in Balto-Slavic). Its wider use can still be seen in Homer, when ὄς (*hós*) means "my own" or "your own" (e.g. *Odyssey* 11.142, 9.28).

Pronoun

***swé**

1. self (*reflexive pronoun*)

Declension

Andrew Sihler's reconstruction	
	singular
nominative	–
accusative	*s-wé ~ *se
genitive	*sé-we ~ *sos (<i>adj.</i>)
ablative	*sw-ét
dative	*sébh ⁱ ~ *sey, *soy

Donald Ringe's reconstruction	
	singular
nominative	–
accusative	*swé ~ *se
genitive	*séwe ~ *soy
dative	*sébh ^{ye} ~ *soy

Robert Beekes' reconstruction	
	singular
nominative	–
accusative	*swé
genitive	*séwe ~ *soy
dative	*sebh ^{yo} , *soy
possessive adjective	*swós

Michiel de Vaan's reconstruction	
	singular
nominative	–
accusative	*s(w)é ~ *se
genitive	*sewe
dative	*sebh ^{yo}
poss. adj.	*swós

Derived terms

- *swe-
- *séw-o-s (< *genitive* *séwe)
 - Hellenic: *héwos
 - Ancient Greek: ἥως (heós)^[3]
 - Italic: *sowos^[1] (see there for further descendants)

- *swéd-yo-s (< *ablative* *swéd)
 - Hellenic: *hwédios^[6]
 - Ancient Greek: ἴδιος (ídios)
 - Argolic Greek: ἥδιος (hídios)
 - Doric Greek: φίδιος (wídios)
- (possibly) *swó-lo-s
 - Italic: *swolos
 - Latin: sōlus
- *swO-yo-s
 - Balto-Slavic: [Tem?]
 - Slavic: *svojь
- ? *swe-sin^[7]
 - Celtic:
 - Old Irish: féin
- ? *swe-de-sin^[7]
 - Celtic:
 - Old Irish: fadesin
- Unsorted formations:
 - Germanic: *sibjō (see *there* for further descendants)
 - Germanic: *swēbaz
 - Germanic: *swainaz
 - Germanic: *swihô
 - Germanic: *swa (see *there* for further descendants)
 - Germanic: *swē (see *there* for further descendants)
 - Germanic: *selbaz
 - Slavic: *svatъ
 - Latgalian: sovs (“own”)
 - Latgalian: sevim (“detachedly, apartly”)
 - Latgalian: svõts
 - Latgalian: svainis

Descendants

- Armenian:
 - Old Armenian: իւր (iwr)
 - Armenian: իր (ir)

- Balto-Slavic: [Term?]
 - Slavic: **sę* (acc.), **sebe* (gen.)
- Celtic: **swe*^[7]
- Hellenic: **hwe*
 - Ancient Greek: *ἔ* (hé),^[3] *σφεῖς* (*spheîs*, “they, them”), *ὅς* (hós, “his”), *ἑκάς* (*hekás*), *ἔτης* (*étēs*), *ἥλιξ* (*hêlix*)
- Indo-Iranian: **swá* (see *there for further descendants*)
- Italic: **sē*,^[1] **swē*, **se* (acc.), **sefei* (dat.), **sed* (abl.)
 - Old Latin: *sed* *sg.*, *sēd* *pl.* (acc.abl.), *sibei* *sg.* (dat.)
 - Latin: *sē* *sg* (acc.abl.), *suī* *sg* (gen.), *sibi* *sg* (dat.)

Coordinate terms

- **éǵh₂*
- **túh₂*

See also

PIE pronouns

**éǵh₂* · **wéy* · **túh₂* · **yú* · **swé* · **só* · **ís* · **kʷís* · **h₁éno*s · **yós*

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