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*Prakrit*

*Spring Quarter 2018*



# Prakrit Meter

*Khamdaam*





# *Khaṁdaam*



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**NAME:** *Khaṁdaam* (Prakrit)  
*Skandakam* (Sanskrit)  
*Kandaam* (Kannada)  
*Āryāgītiḥ* (Sanskrit)

## **STRUCTURE:**

1. One line of 32 *moras*, organized into 8 *groups*.
2. Another line of identical structure.



# *Khamndaam*



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The *khamndaam* is identical to the *gāhā*, except:

- ❁ it is *acatalectic*, that is, it has a full *eight groups* in each line, instead of stopping before the final iteration of the eighth group.
- ❁ it is *symmetrical*, that is, the two halves (or lines) are structurally identical to each other.



# *Khamdaam*



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Because the final syllable still always counts as heavy, the eighth group—although even, and thus in principle allowing a syncopated rhythm—must always take the unsyncopated forms *IIS* or *SS*.



# *Khamdaam*



U	s/U	U	s/U	U	S	U	U
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	I,III	SS	SS
SII	SII	SII	SII	SII	ISI	SII	IIS
IIS	IIS	IIS	IIS	IIS		IIS	
IIII	IIII	IIII	IIII	IIII		IIII	
	ISI		ISI				

First *and* Second Line



# *Example*



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*jāṇai siṇēha-bhaṇiam mā raṇiari tti mē juucchasu vaṇam  
ujjāṇammi vaṇammi a jaṁ surahiṁ taṁ laāṇa gēṇhai kusumam*

[*Sētubandha* 11.119]

Don't despise the words  
that I speak to you out of affection, Sītā,  
just because I am a Rākṣasī.  
You pick a flower off a vine  
because it smells good,  
whether it grows in a garden or the forest.



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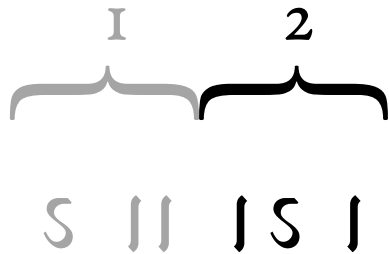


I  
S II

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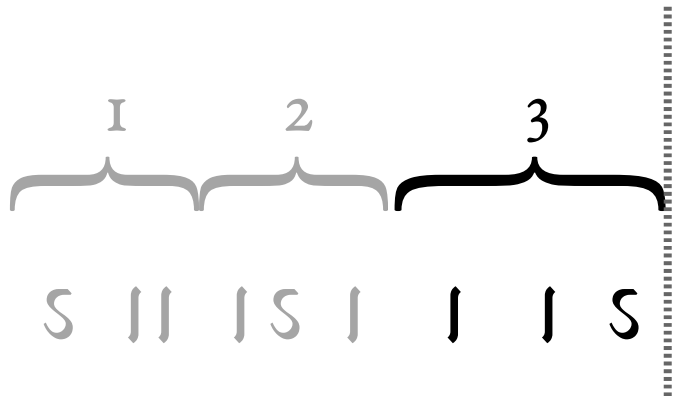


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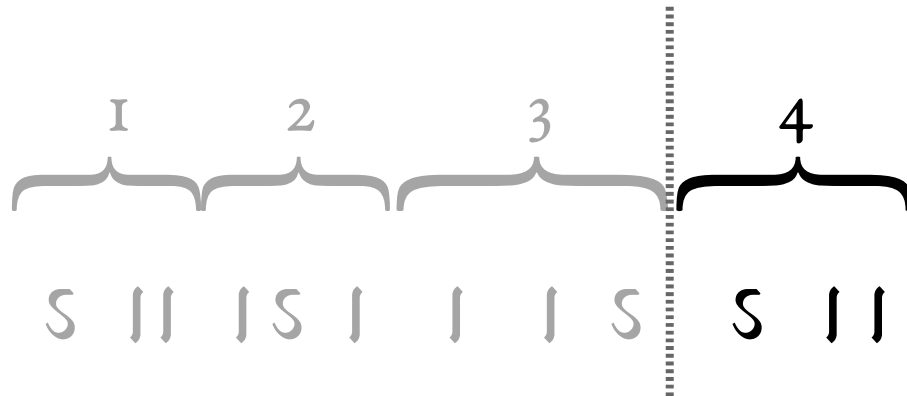
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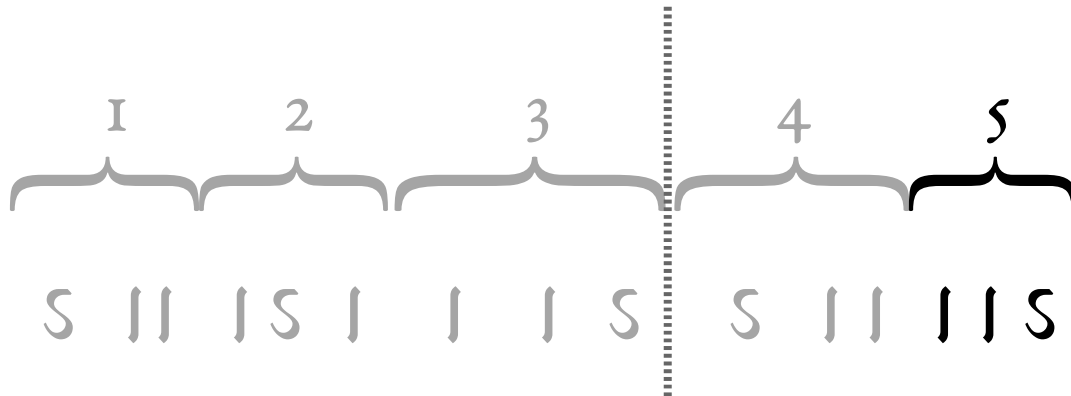
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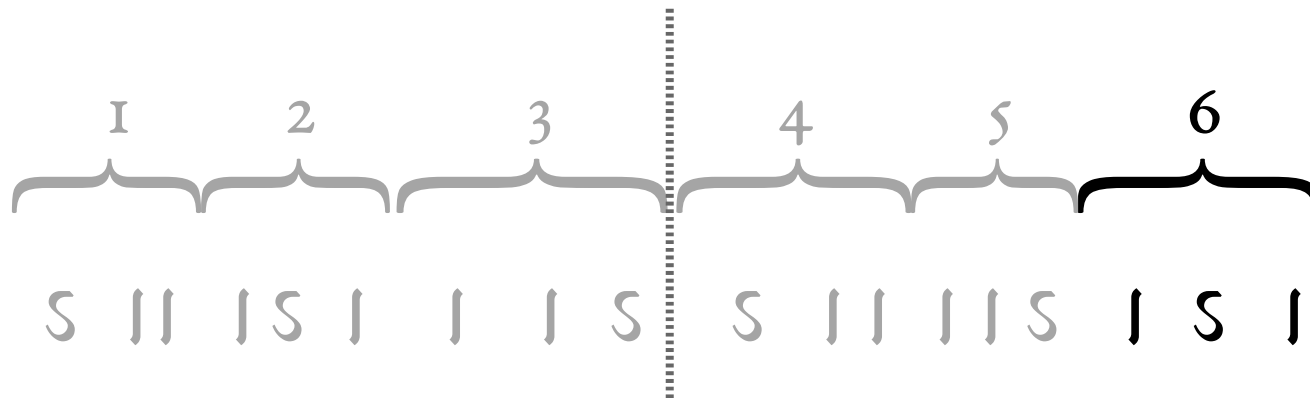
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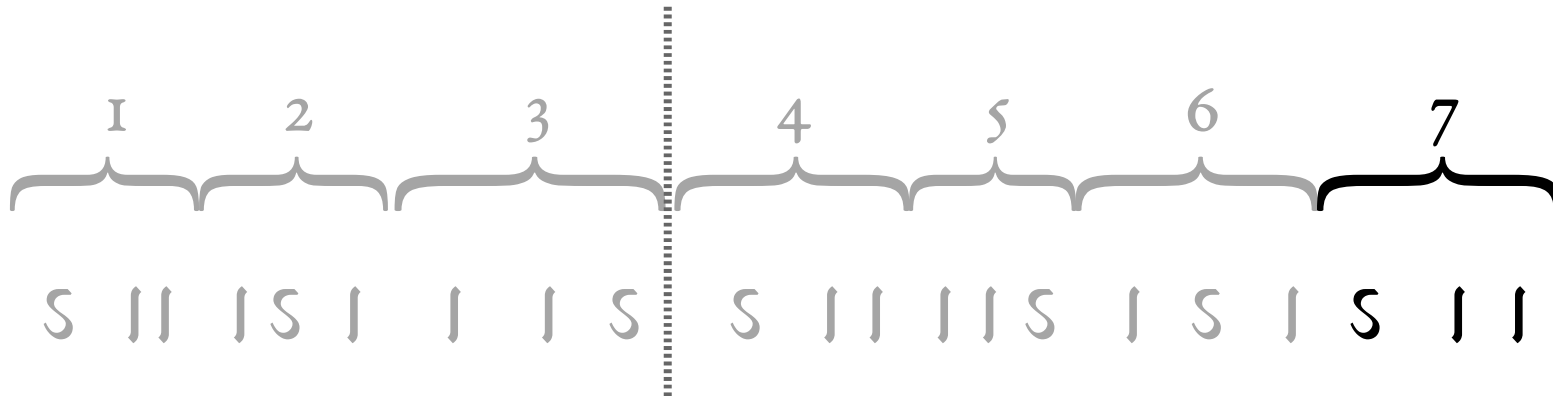
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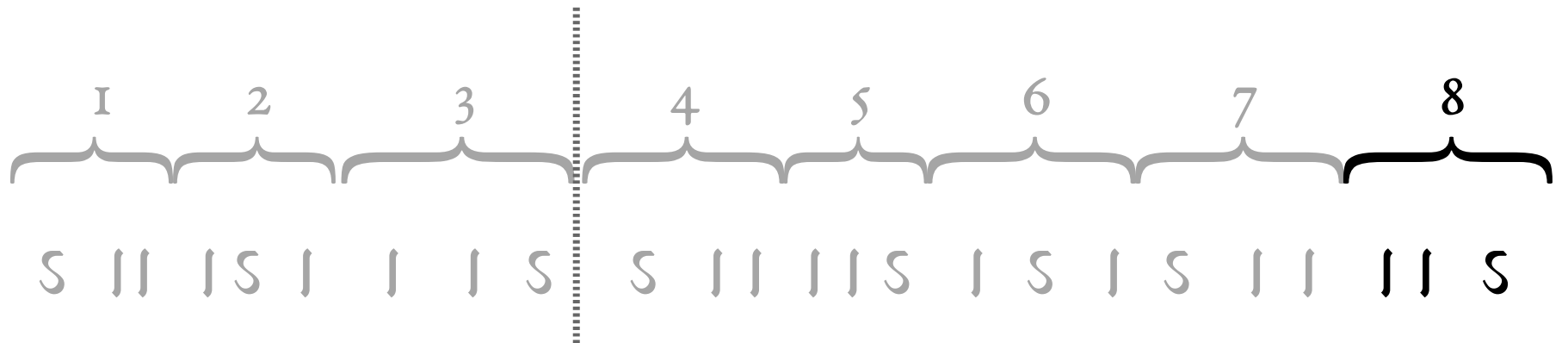
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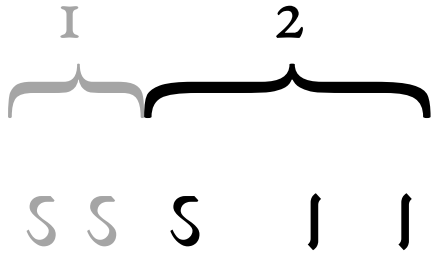


I  
⏟  
S S

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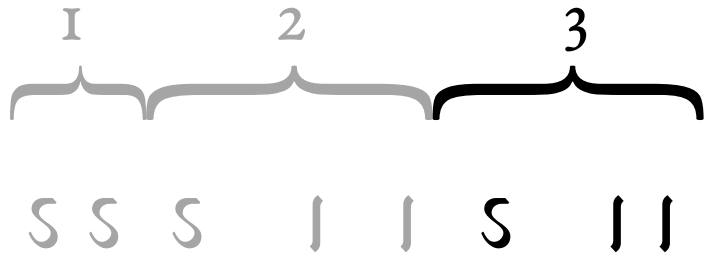


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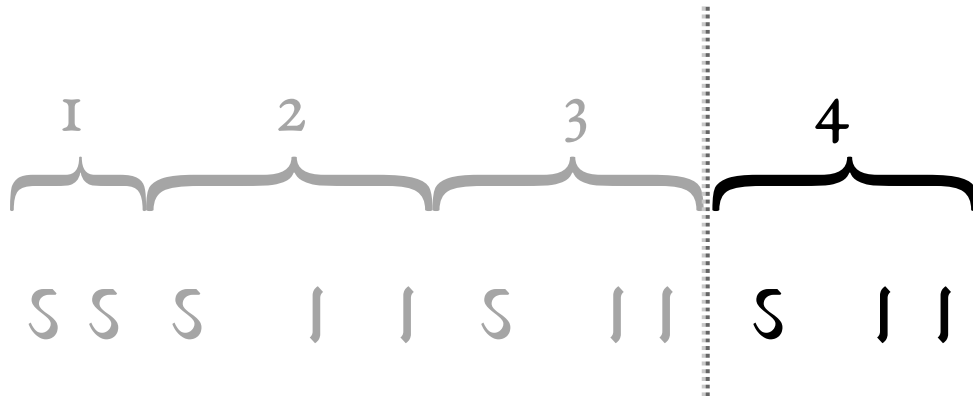
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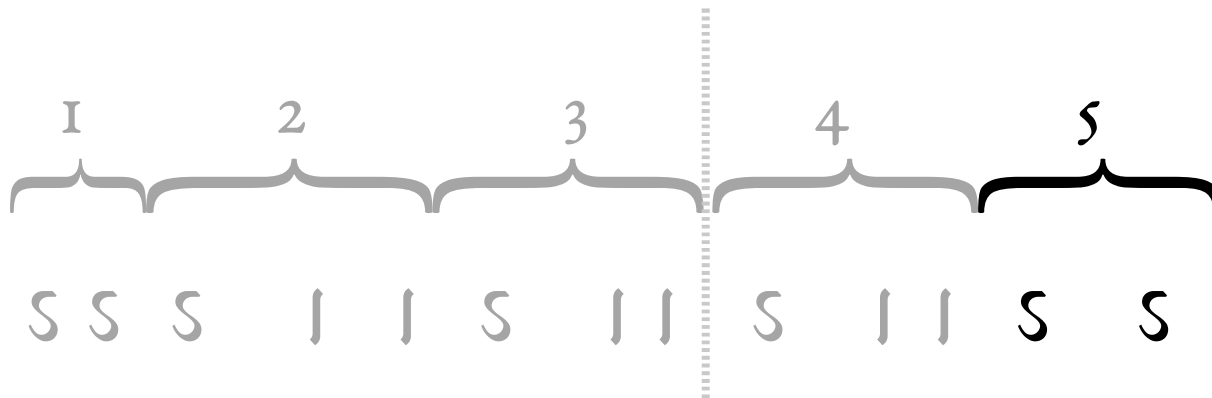
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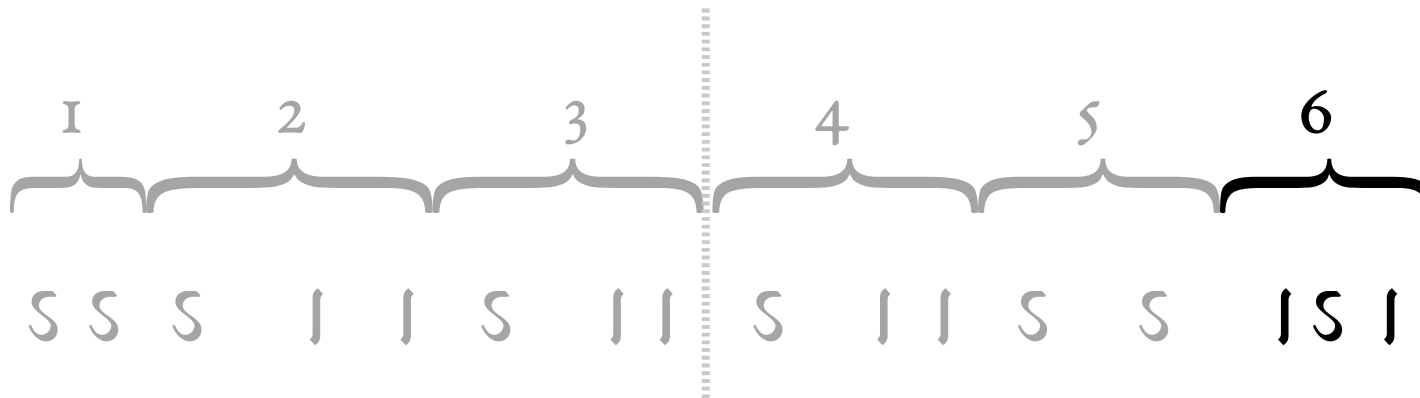
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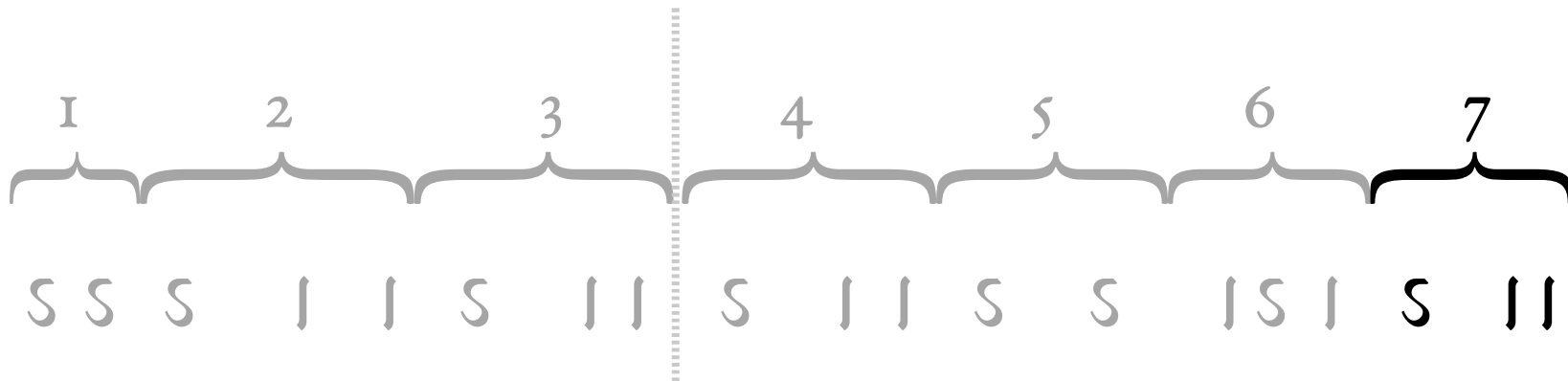
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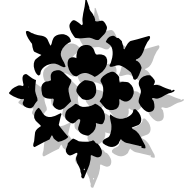
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