

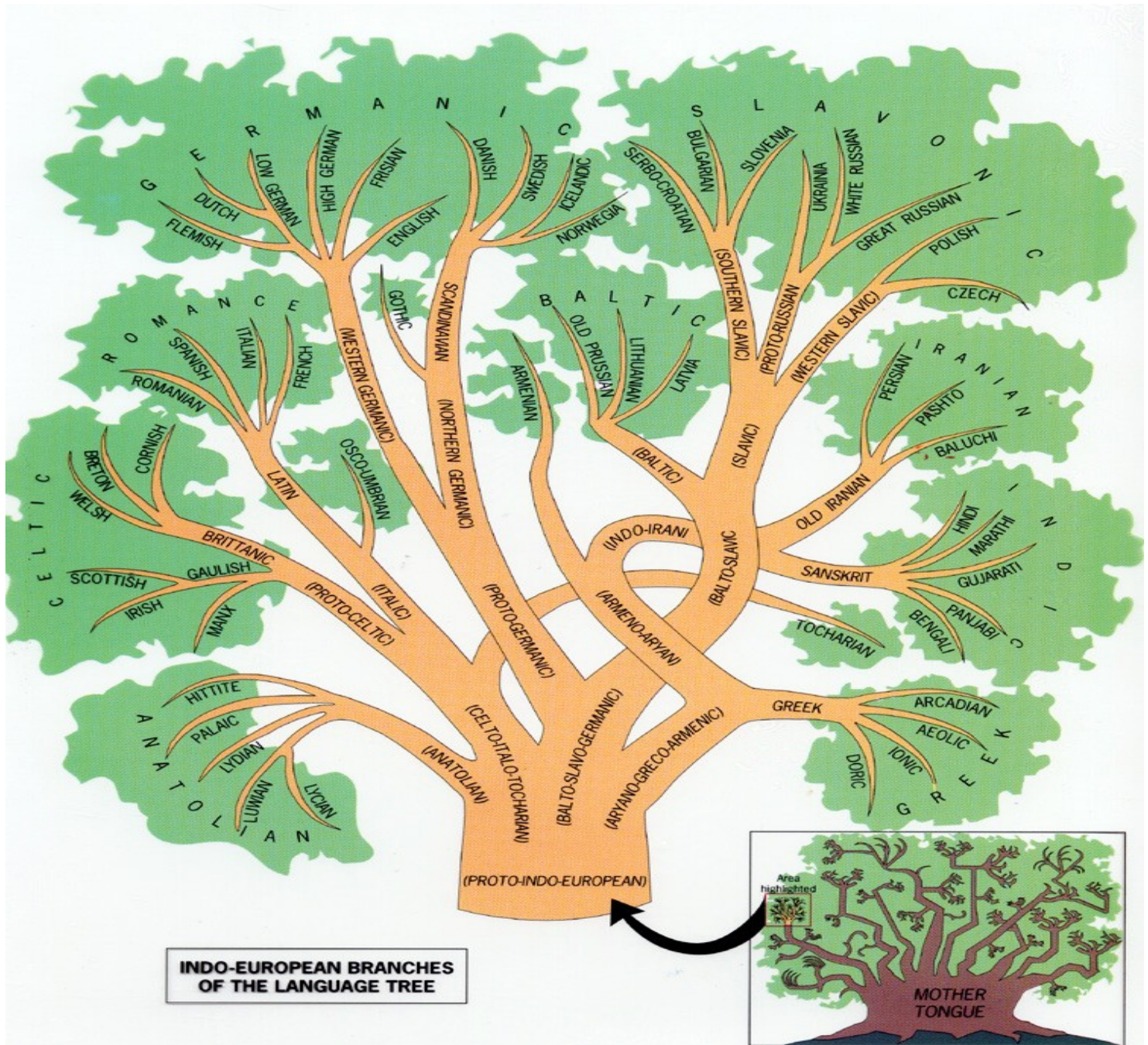


# Latvian

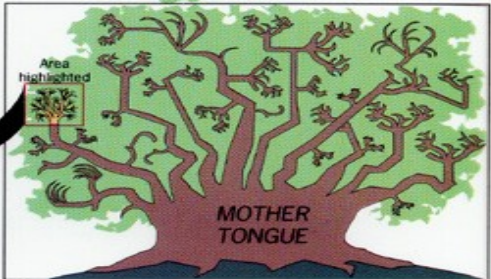
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# Language Family

- IndoEuropean
  - BaltoSlavic
    - Baltic
      - Eastern
        - **Latvian**
        - **Lithuanian** (not mutually intelligible now – around 9th–15th cent. they have been dialects of one lge)
        - (+Old Prussian – a dead lge)
- Inflective language with analytical forms, SVO



**INDO-EUROPEAN BRANCHES OF THE LANGUAGE TREE**





# Latvian

- Native speakers ~1.5 million (Latvia  
64 000 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Until the 19th cent., heavily influenced by  
German (the writing system)
- In very beginning of the 20th cent., the  
modern orthography was developed
- aābcčdeēfgġhiījkķļmnņoprśtuūvzž

# Nouns

- 2 genders + common gender (e.g. bende (executioner), pļāpa (chatterbox))
- Sg/Pl
- 6 declensions
- 7 cases
- Consonant mutation is very characteristic
- Some nouns are not inflective
- Reflective nouns can be formed, they are partly inflected
- Diminutive can be formed with multitude of suffixes/endings (e.g. meita (daughter) – meituks, meitēns, meitiņa, meitucis, meitucītis, meitukiņš etc.)

# Verbs

- 3 conjugations
- 3 irregular verbs
- 6 tenses
- Active/passive voice
- 5 moods
- Agree with the noun (P, N)
- Compound tenses agree with the noun (pronoun) also in gender
- Consonant and vowel changes in the root
- Reflexive verbs
- Simple/continuous aspect – a suffix
- Negation – everything is negated:

# Adjectives

- Agree with Noun (G, N, C) + degrees of comparison
- Express the definiteness of nouns



# Pronouns

- 3 types – noun equivalents, adjective equivalents and numeral equivalents
- 9 groups
- All inflective (N, G, C)
- Also express the definiteness of the noun

# Participles & Numerals

- 6 participles
- Ordinal and cardinal numerals
- Both inflective and non-inflective
- The inflective ones behave as adjectives (agree with the noun in N, C, G, def./indef.)

# Adverbs

- Non-inflective
- Have degrees of comparison



# GF

## Currently...

- Foods
- Partial test lexicon
- Regular nouns, some exceptions
- Adjectives
  
- This week – verbs, etc.
- How to put it all together... 🍷



# Questions



**Thank you!**