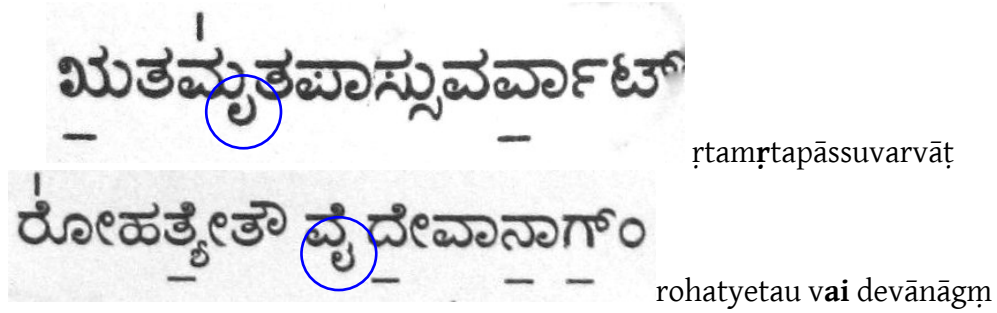# Editorial changes for the Kannada code chart

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The Kannada code chart currently does not properly distinguish between the VS for Vocalic R and the length mark in the VS for AI:

As can be seen in the following attestations (from Taittirīya Saṃhitā part 1, Ramakrishna Ashram, Bangalore, 2000) the length mark for AI should have a small cusp to its top right:

r̥tamr̥tapāssuvarvāṭ

rohatyetau **vai** devānāgṃ

Popular fonts such as Lohit Kannada (default on modern Linux systems) and Kedage (by IISc Bangalore) and Tunga (from Windows XP) do make the distinction:

Lohit Kannada: Kedage:

Tunga:

The chart should be corrected accordingly. Further, it is felt that the font used for the Kannada chart should be replaced with a better looking one. It is hence requested to use the OFL-ed free font Lohit Kannada (https://fedorahosted.org/lohit/) for the chart.

I thank Srinidhi of Tumkur, Karnataka for bringing this to my attention.

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