This proposal is for various non-IPA conventions used in the phonetic and phonological literature. Thanks to Deborah Anderson of the Universal Scripts Project for her assistance.

**Combining diacritics**

1. 1AC5 COMBINING SQUARE BRACKETS ABOVE. Figures 13, 14, 16.
2. 1AC7 COMBINING INVERTED DOUBLE ARCH ABOVE. Figures 1–4. Cf. 032B COMBINING INVERTED DOUBLE ARCH BELOW, cf. 1DF1 COMBINING LATIN SMALL LETTER W, cf. 1ABF COMBINING LATIN SMALL LETTER W BELOW
3. 1AC8 COMBINING PLUS SIGN ABOVE. Figures 5–8. Cf. 031F COMBINING PLUS SIGN BELOW.
4. 1ACD COMBINING DOUBLE PLUS SIGN ABOVE. Figure 11.
5. 1ACE COMBINING DOUBLE PLUS SIGN BELOW. Figures 9–10. Cf. 031F COMBINING PLUS SIGN BELOW.

**Punctuation marks**

1. 2E55 LEFT SQUARE BRACKET WITH STROKE. Figures 12, 14. Cf. 2045 LEFT SQUARE BRACKET WITH QUILL
2. 2E56 RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET WITH STROKE. Figures 12, 14. Cf. 2046 RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET WITH QUILL
3. 2E57 LEFT SQUARE BRACKET WITH DOUBLE STROKE. Figures 12, 15.
4. 2E58 RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET WITH DOUBLE STROKE. Figures 12, 15.
5. 2E59 TOP HALF LEFT PARENTHESIS. Figure 17.
6. 2E5A TOP HALF RIGHT PARENTHESIS. Figure 17.
7. 2E5B BOTTOM HALF LEFT PARENTHESIS. Figure 17.
8. 2E5C BOTTOM HALF RIGHT PARENTHESIS. Figures 17–18.

**Spacing diacritics**

1. 11AB0 MODIFIER NUMBER SIGN. Figures 19–24.
2. 11AB1 MODIFIER DOLLAR SIGN. Figure 25–26.
Encoding order

Because the combining brackets U+1AC5 𓜠 are intended to modify another diacritic, their
behaviour should be the same as U+1ABB 𭨊 COMBINING PARENTHESES ABOVE, as described in the
section Combining Diacritical Marks Extended: U+1AB0–U+1AFF of TUS, on p. 331 and figure 7-13.
IPA usage should be added to the text in TUS.

Properties

1AC5; COMBINING SQUARE BRACKETS ABOVE; Mn; 230; NSM; ;;;; N; ;;;
1AC7; COMBINING INVERTED DOUBLE ARCH ABOVE; Mn; 230; NSM; ;;;; N; ;;;
1AC8; COMBINING PLUS SIGN ABOVE; Mn; 230; NSM; ;;;; N; ;;;
1ACD; COMBINING DOUBLE PLUS SIGN ABOVE; Mn; 230; NSM; ;;;; N; ;;;
1ACE; COMBINING DOUBLE PLUS SIGN BELOW; Mn; 220; NSM; ;;;; N; ;;;
2E55; LEFT SQUARE BRACKET WITH STROKE; Ps; 0; ON; ;;;; Y; ;;;
2E56; RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET WITH STROKE; Pe; 0; ON; ;;;; Y; ;;;
2E57; LEFT SQUARE BRACKET WITH DOUBLE STROKE; Ps; 0; ON; ;;;; Y; ;;;
2E58; RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET WITH DOUBLE STROKE; Pe; 0; ON; ;;;; Y; ;;;
2E59; TOP HALF LEFT PARENTHESIS; Ps; 0; ON; ;;;; Y; ;;;
2E5A; TOP HALF RIGHT PARENTHESIS; Pe; 0; ON; ;;;; Y; ;;;
2E5B; BOTTOM HALF LEFT PARENTHESIS; Ps; 0; ON; ;;;; Y; ;;;
2E5C; BOTTOM HALF RIGHT PARENTHESIS; Pe; 0; ON; ;;;; Y; ;;;
11AB0; MODIFIER NUMBER SIGN; Lm; 0; L; <super> 0023; ;;;; N; ;;;
11AB1; MODIFIER DOLLAR SIGN; Lm; 0; L; <super> 0024; ;;;; N; ;;;

Bidi values

The eight punctuation marks U+2E55 to U+2E5C have the bidi-mirrored property “Yes”. The
following are the bidi-mirroring glyph values for BidiMirroring.txt:

2E55; 2E56 # LEFT SQUARE BRACKET WITH STROKE
2E56; 2E55 # RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET WITH STROKE
2E57; 2E58 # LEFT SQUARE BRACKET WITH DOUBLE STROKE
2E58; 2E57 # RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET WITH DOUBLE STROKE
2E59; 2E5A # TOP HALF LEFT PARENTHESIS
2E5A; 2E59 # TOP HALF RIGHT PARENTHESIS
2E5B; 2E5C # BOTTOM HALF LEFT PARENTHESIS
2E5C; 2E5B # BOTTOM HALF RIGHT PARENTHESIS
Chart

Characters in white cells are proposed here. Characters on light grey backgrounds have been approved by the UTC for Unicode 14.

|   | ...0 | ...1 | ...2 | ...3 | ...4 | ...5 | ...6 | ...7 | ...8 | ...9 | ...A | ...B | ...C | ...D | ...E | ...F |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| **Combining Diacritical Marks Extended** |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| U+1ACx |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| **Supplemental Punctuation** |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| U+2E5x |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| **Spacing Modifier Letters-A** |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| U+11ABx |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

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Figures

Combining inverted double arch above (\(\ddot{o}\))

As with several other subscript IPA diacritics, \(\ddot{o}\) (subscript script \(\omega\) = subscript omega) may be placed above a letter with a descender such as \(g\) or \(\eta\): \(<\ddot{g} \ddot{\eta} \ddot{\chi}>\). This retired IPA diacritic remains useful for those who wish to distinguish simultaneous labialization from labialized release or, like Ladefoged & Maddieson, simple labialization from labio-velarization, as well as for typesetting older sources. Combining superscript script \(\omega\) was also used in colonial missionary sources of Otomi, and may be useful in reproducing those materials. (I have not found any other unsupported symbols in that material: the Parra letters tresillo, quatrillo and quatrillo-comma and the various barred letters are all supported by Unicode.)

3.2.1 Nasalization. Many Mexican languages, above all those in the Otomanguean family, distinguish between oral and nasalized vowels. In the case of Otomi, as registered by the Franciscan friars Pedro de Cárceres (fl. 1580) and Alonso Urbano, nasalized vowels were distinguished by writing a small omega-shaped diacritic above them, \(\ddot{\omega}\), which, following a suggestion by Heriberto Avelino (personal communication), might be called a little bat, or ‘murcielaguito’ in Spanish.

Figure 1. Smith-Stark (2005: 19)

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Figure 2. Fukui (2004: 52)

\(\ddot{\omega}\) = trilled r (with phonemic opposition to \(\ddot{r}\)).

Figure 3. Dolgopolsky (2013: 239). Although semantically different from old IPA use, the diacritic is still only made superscript with letters such as \(\chi\) and \(g\) that have a descender, unlike e.g. the alveolar trill \(\ddot{r}\). (Though slightly misaligned here on the \(\chi\), the diacritic is not intended to be used as a spacing diacritic after the letter. That would indicate labialization, as shown further up on p. 239.)
Figure 4. [wɪzəˈd əv ɔz] in Allen & Hawkins (1978: 183). The labialization diacritic is placed over the superscript ɚ, presumably to avoid confusion as to which is the base letter: on p. 184 they have the transcription [ˈoːvɚ] with the diacritic under the same letter where that is not superscript. The authors use a print w for the diacritic in the appendix (p. 182–185), but in the text they write it in by hand as a script w that more closely resembles an omega.

**Combining plus sign above (⊙)**

An allograph of the IPA subscript diacritic, used to avoid descenders or other diacritics.

Figure 5. Penhallurick (1991: 79). Yellow ring ⟨⊙⟩. The advanced diacritic placed above the ‘o’ avoids conflict with the underdot.

Figure 6. Penhallurick (1991: 251), yellow arrow marks ⟨⊙⟩. The ‘+’ is consistently superscripted in this doc.

Figure 7. Kelly & Local (1989: 37). Here the plus diacritic is superscript because there is no room for it below the combining schwa. It contrasts with a superscript minus.
Combining double plus sign diacritics (ꔁ, ꔂ)

Side-by-side doubling such as this requires specific Unicode support, as has already been provided for the double ‘open’ diacritic seen in the following figure.

IPA are discussed in Part 3 and others we hope are transparent. A double diacritic, for instance, means more of the quality signified by the single one: ꔁ is fronter than ꔁ, ꔂ is opener than ꔁ. In the

Figure 9. Kelly & Local (1989: 8). Although in handwriting two plus signs may join together, logically they are double, like double ‘open’ here and double minus next. (Double ‘open’ is supported at U+1AB8. See Fig. 5 for a typeset single ‘open’ diacritic.)

Figure 10. Kelly & Local (1989: 37, 70, 72, 88). Note the stacking of diacritics with the double-plus on the ⟨y⟩.

Figure 11. Kelly & Local (1989: 156). As with the single plus sign, the double plus appears over a letter with a descender.
Barred square brackets ( {...}  {...}) and combining square brackets above (♀)

Used in Martin (2004) for ellipsis in Japanese. ♀ is only attested as a pair, so a single code point might be preferred.

Figure 12. Samuel Martin (2004: 28)

Figure 13. Martin (2004: 21).

Figure 14. Martin (2004: 78)

Figure 15. Martin (2004: 77)
derno more than one cycle of derivation. The most prominent situation is when the mó is part of a generalizing expression built on an indeterminate, perhaps as a reduction of ... dé mo 'even being' as suggested in §9.2.2: dæ mo '[not] anybody', nani mo '[not] anything', etc. Alfonso 769 lists acceptable examples with dæ mo wa: Dæ ni de mo wa dæmasen 'Not just ANYBODY can do it', Dóko ni de mo wa utte imasen 'These aren't sold just ANYPLACE'. (In these expressions the accent may appear on any member: Dóko ni de mo wa if—in the last syllable the accent is automatically cancelled by the juncture.)

Figure 16. Martin (2004: 54). Square brackets (red) are used for ellipsis of fixed stress; parentheses (yellow) for ellipsis of mobile stress.

**Half parentheses (‘(...) (...j)’)**

Half-brackets (\(\{\) denote dubious phonemes: \(\star\)\(\{\)\(\}\)m means “\(\star\)k\(\}\)m or “\(\star\)k\(\}\)m”.

Half-brackets (\(\{\) are used when the presence of a sound in the word is questionable: for example, \(\star\)\(\{\)\(\})\(\}\)m means “\(\star\)k\(\}\)m or “\(\star\)k\(\}\)m”.

(76) SCush. \(\star\)b\(\{\)\(\}\)ša or \(\star\)b\(\}\)ša 'hide, skin' [Dahalo b\(\}\)sh 'cow hide', Iraqw b\(\}\)wši 'rash'] (E 140) = Sem. \(\star\)b\(\{\)\(\}\)śa- 'skin' (→ 'flesh') [Arab. baśar- 'epidermis', Heb. b\(\}\)sār 'flesh, meat', etc.]. For \(\star\)r > SCush. \(\star\)r cp. # 39 (SCush. \(\star\)d\(\{\)\(\}\)he 'moon' = Sem. \(\star\)d\(\}\)h\(\}\)y\(\}\)r- 'moon').

Figure 17. Dolgopolsky (1987: 212, 205, 198)

Figure 18. Ellis (1889: V.88*).
Modifier number sign (*#)

The words for ‘calf’, ‘mare’ and ‘stallion’ in Yongning Na illustrate different stages along the path towards full lexicalization. (About the notation of tones in the following examples, see section 4 of Michaud 2008.) ‘Calf’, /#H[zwæ.zo]/, literally means ‘baby horse’: it is made up of ‘horse’, /#H[zwæ]/, plus the word for ‘son’, /#H[zo]/; the latter is clearly on its own.

Figure 19. Michaud (2012: 127). Superscript #H is a boundary tone (a floating high tone, which can only exist after #, a word boundary), not just a high tone H that happens to appear after a word boundary, which is what currently supported [#H] would indicate.

[The apparent example of ⟨<⟩ in Figure 2 was intended to be an overscript.]

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<th>Western Naxi</th>
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<td>1. ‘water, shuí 水’</td>
<td>/ L dzi/</td>
<td>/ L gi/</td>
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<td>2. ‘to fall (rain), 下 (雨, 雪) xià (yǔ, xuě)’</td>
<td>/gi/ (toneless$)</td>
<td>/ M gu/</td>
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<td>3. ‘bear (animal), 熊 xióng’</td>
<td>/#H[gi.nu.mi]/</td>
<td>/ L gy/</td>
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<td>4. ‘granary, 粮仓 liángcāng’</td>
<td>/gi/</td>
<td>/ L ngu/</td>
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<td>5. ‘little brother, 弟弟 didi’</td>
<td>/#H[gi.zw]/</td>
<td>/ M gu M zw/</td>
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<td>6. ‘half, (一) 半 (yì) bàn’</td>
<td>/#H[gi]/</td>
<td>/ M ngu/</td>
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<td>7. existential/‘to have, 有 yǒu’</td>
<td>/ M dzu/</td>
<td>/ M gy/</td>
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Figure 20. Michaud (2008: 7). Phonemic contrast between /h/ and /#h/.

tone of the root with the entire disyllable (ibid., 192); in the case of ‘mare’, one would expect a #H tone, not a L tone. Lastly, ‘stallion’, /#M[L.zwæ.sw]/, is yet further advanced towards independent existence as a

Figure 21. Michaud (2008: 25).

Thus, [kwi₄du:] ‘Tibetan’ can be analysed as /#L[kwi₄.dzu]/ or /#M[kwi₄.dzu]/. At present, no decisive evidence has been found in favour of one analysis over the other. An argument against the contour interpretation is that no [ML] contour ever appears on a monosyllable, unlike [LM] and [MH]. Decisive arguments in favour

Figure 22. Michaud (2008: 32). Theoretical distinction between /#L/ and /#M/, though both are phonetically [#M].
Table 9. The tones of monosyllabic nouns in Na.

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<td>L</td>
<td>^L kʰɣ</td>
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<td>^LM bu</td>
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Figure 23. Michaud (2008: 26). /#H/ indicates a word has a floating high tone. When tones are indicated for themselves rather than prefixed to a particular a word, they’re baseline L, M, H, #H (left column).

Figure 24. Michaud (2008: 31). Explanation of the symbol.

**Modifier dollar sign ($)**

Figure 25. Michaud (2008: 29). Contrast between /¹H/, a high tone characteristic of the end of a phonological phrase, and /#H/, a high tone characteristic of the end of a word.
‘dollar’ sign, $, stands for the end of the phonological phrase; H$ refers to a H tone that associates to the last syllable of the phonological phrase. The other syllables receive M, by default. Thus, /¹HS ky.ši/ ‘flea’ is realised as [kyː ʃi:ŋ] in isolation, where the last syllable of the word is also the last syllable of the phonological phrase; adding the copula after this word yields [kyː ʃiː ʃi:ŋ], i.e. the H tone lands, not on the last syllable of the lexical word, but on the copula, which is the last syllable of the phonological phrase. Examples include: /¹HS my. ku/, ‘the heavens above’; /¹HS qh. y. dzi/
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### Additional Information:

Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at [http://www.unicode.org](http://www.unicode.org) for such information on other scripts. Also see Unicode Character Database ([http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr44/](http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr44/)) and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

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### C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before?  
   - **no**
   - If YES explain  
2. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)?  
   - **no**
   - If YES, with whom?  
   - If YES, available relevant documents:  
3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included?  
   - **publishing**
   - Reference:  
4. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare)  
   - **phonetic**
   - Reference:  
5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?  
   - **yes**
   - If YES, where? Reference:  
     - see References section
5. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?  
   - **no**
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   - If YES, reference:  
6. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?  
   - **no**
7. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?  
   - **no**
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    - Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided?  
11. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics?  
    - **no**
    - If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)  
12. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility characters?  
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