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1. Introduction. Proto-cuneiform is the earliest form of the cuneiform script, the earliest writing system attested in history. It emerged towards the end of the fourth millennium B.C. in ancient Babylonia, a region of Mesopotamia that corresponds with the southern part of modern-day Iraq. The signs that made up this writing system were impressed with the aid of a stylus, usually made from reed, into the still soft surface of clay tablets. These clay tablets naturally dried and hardened in the arid and hot climate, and as a result they survived in great numbers. The early version of this script developed into the later cuneiform script that became the hallmark of Mesopotamian history and culture; hence the name “proto-cuneiform” has been accepted by most scholars to designate the most archaic version of script.

The German Archaeological Institute unearthed most of the tablets of this early phase of cuneiform history during their excavations at the ancient city of Uruk in lower Babylonia between 1913 and 1967. During the seasons from 1928 until 1976, nearly 5000 tablets and fragments were discovered, forming the basis for a long-term research project dedicated to the decipherment and edition of these texts. The periods in which proto-cuneiform is attested are often referred to as the Uruk periods (e.g., Uruk V, ca. 3500-3350 BCE; Uruk IV, ca. 3350-3200 BCE; Uruk III, ca. 3200–3000 BCE), after the excavation layers to which the tablets have been assigned (all tablets and fragments were found in trash deposits outside of secure stratigraphy, but within or below Uruk III). The tablets from Uruk, however, are not the only proto-cuneiform documents known from this period. Similar tablets have been found in the northern Babylonian sites of Jemdet Nasr, Khafaje, and Tell Uqair. Although the tablets from these sites are smaller in number compared to the Uruk corpus, they have aided in the advancement of our understanding of this early period in cuneiform’s history.

2. Basis of the repertoire and methodology. This proposal covers the most commonly occurring 200 Proto-cuneiform lexical and administrative signs that appear within the nearly 4900 texts from the Uruk III period, including Jemdat Nasr. Of these texts, 703 are lexical texts and 4167 are administrative (the genres of the final five texts are catalogued as “legal”, “literary”, “school”, “uncertain”, and “votive”; these were not included here). All non-numerical signs, except where the numerical signs form part of a compound logogram, from these lexical and administrative texts have been included in this study.

The signs were culled from the available texts in the database of the Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative (CDLI); and although this database represents the most comprehensive corpus of proto-cuneiform texts ever put together, the signs included in these lists were checked against previous published sign lists (Green and Nissen 1987; Englund, Damerow, and Nissen 1993; Englund and Boehmer 1994).

3. Glyphs, names, and ordering. The glyphs were originally drawn by R. K. Englund.¹ The signs are oriented according to their counterparts' orientation in later cuneiform, as per convention. The proposed names are based on each sign's traditional name, with slight differences in order to abide by the common UCS naming conventions. The sign order is alphabetical. This coincides with the order in the published sign list of Green and Nissen (1987).

4. Unicode Character Properties. Character properties for the new characters are proposed here.

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1 Proto-cuneiform signs in postscript format (CS 4), <http://cdli.ucla.edu/?q=downloads>.

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Signs

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12614	¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DARA4-A1	12651	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KASH-B
12615	¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DI	12652	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KASH-C
12616	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DIM-C	12653	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KI
12617	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DIN	12654	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KID-B
12618	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DU	12655	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KINGAL
12619	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DU6-B	12656	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KISAL-B1
1261A	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DUB-A	12657	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KISIM-A
1261B	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DUG-A	12658	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KISH
1261C	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DUG-B	12659	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KISHIK-A
1261D	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DUG-B TIMES SIG7	1265A	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KU-B1
1261E	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DUG-B TIMES X	1265B	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KU3-A
1261F	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DUG-C	1265C	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KU6-A
12620	¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN DUR2	1265D	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN KUR-A
12621	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN E2-A	1265E	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN LA-2
12622	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN E2-B	1265F	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN LAGAB-A
12623	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN EN-A	12660	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN LAGAR-A
12624	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ERIM-A	12661	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MA
12625	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ERIN	12662	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MAR-A
12626	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN EZEN-B	12663	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MASH
12627	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GAAR-A1 • ga'ar-a1	12664	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MASH2
12628	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GA-A	12665	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ME-A
12629	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GA-A DOT ZATU753 • ga-a.zatu753	12666	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MES
1262A	¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GA-B	12667	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MU
1262B	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GA2-A1	12668	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MUD
1262C	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GADA-A	12669	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MUD3-A
1262D	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GAL-A	1266A	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MUNU3
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1262F	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GAN-B	1266C	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN MUSHEN
12630	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GAN2	1266D	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NA-A
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12633	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GAZI	12670	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NAGAR-A
12634	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GI	12671	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NAGAR-B
12635	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GI AND GI • gi&gi	12672	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NAM2
12636	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GI6	12673	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NAMESHDA
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12638	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GIR2-A	12675	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NE-A
12639	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GIR3 AT G-B • gir3@g-b	12676	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NESAG2-A
1263A	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GIR3-C	12677	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NI-A
1263B	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GISH	12678	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NI-A DOT RU • ni-a.ru
1263C	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN GISH2-B	12679	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NI-B
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			1267B	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NIM-B1
			1267C	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NIMGIR
			1267D	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NIN
			1267E	¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤¤	PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NU

1267F		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NUN-A
12680		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NUN-B
12681		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN NUNUZ-A1
12682		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN PA-A
12683		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN PAP-A
12684		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN PIRIG-B1
12685		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN PU2
12686		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN RAD-A
12687		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN RU
12688		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SAG
12689		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SAL
1268A		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SANGA-A
1268B		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SAR-A
1268C		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SI
1268D		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SI4-F
1268E		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SIG
1268F		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SIG2-B
12690		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SIG7
12691		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SILA4-C
12692		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SU-A
12693		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SUG5
12694		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SUHUR
12695		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SUKKAL
12696		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SUM-A
12697		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHA
12698		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHA3-A1
12699		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHAB-A
1269A		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHAGAN
1269B		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHAM2
1269C		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHE-A
1269D		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHE-A NAM2 • she-a.nam2
1269E		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHE3
1269F		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHITA-A1
126A0		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHU
126A1		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHU2
126A2		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN SHUBUR
126A3		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TAK4-A
126A4		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TAR-A
126A5		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TE
126A6		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TI
126A7		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TUG2-A
126A8		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TUG2-A AT G • tug2-a@g
126A9		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TUN3-A
126AA		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TUR
126AB		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN TUR3-A
126AC		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN U2-A
126AD		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN U2-B
126AE		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN U4
126AF		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN U4 TIMES ONE
126B0		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN U8
126B1		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UB
126B2		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UD5-A
126B3		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UDU-A
126B4		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UDUNITA-A
126B5		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UKKIN-A
126B6		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UMUN2
126B7		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UNUG-A
126B8		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UR-A
126B9		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UR2
126BA		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UR5-A
126BB		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN URI3-A
126BC		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN URU-A1
126BD		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UTUA-A
126BE		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN UTUL-A
126BF		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZAG-A

126C0		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZATU647
126C1		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZATU659
126C2		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZATU649-C
126C3		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZATU737 TIMES DI
126C4		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZATU737 TIMES SAL
126C5		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZATU752
126C6		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZATU753
126C7		PROTO-CUNEIFORM SIGN ZI-A

A. Administrative

1. Title

Preliminary proposal to encode Proto-Cuneiform in the SMP of the UCS

2. Requester's name

UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative (Universal Scripts Project)

3. Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution)

Liaison contribution.

4. Submission date

2016-09-25

5. Requester's reference (if applicable)

6. Choose one of the following:

6a. This is a complete proposal

No.

6b. More information will be provided later

Yes.

B. Technical – General

1. Choose one of the following:

1a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters)

Yes.

1b. Proposed name of script

Proto-Cuneiform.

1c. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block

No

1d. Name of the existing block

2. Number of characters in proposal

200.

3. Proposed category (A-Contemporary; B.1-Specialized (small collection); B.2-Specialized (large collection); C-Major extinct; D-Attested extinct; E-Minor extinct; F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic; G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols)

Category F.

4a. Is a repertoire including character names provided?

Yes.

4b. If YES, are the names in accordance with the “character naming guidelines” in Annex L of P&P document?

Yes.

4c. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?

Yes.

5a. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font (ordered preference: True Type, or PostScript format) for publishing the standard?

Michael Everson.

5b. If available now, identify source(s) for the font (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.) and indicate the tools used:

Michael Everson, Fontographer.

6a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?

Yes.

6b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?

No.

7. Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?

Yes.

8. 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> for such information on other scripts. Also see Unicode Character Database <http://www.unicode.org/Public/UNIDATA/UnicodeCharacterDatabase.html> and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

See above.

C. Technical – Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES, explain.

No.

2a. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)?

Yes.

2b. If YES, with whom?

Steve Tinney.

2c. 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?

Sumerologists.

4a. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare)

Used historically and in modern editions.

4b. Reference

5a. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?

Yes.

5b. If YES, where?

Scholarly publications.

6a. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?

No.

6b. If YES, is a rationale provided?

6c. If YES, reference

7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?

No.

8a. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?

No.

8b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

8c. If YES, reference

9a. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters?

No.

9b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

9c. If YES, reference

10a. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character?

No.

10b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

10c. If YES, reference

11a. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences (see clauses 4.12 and 4.14 in ISO/IEC 10646-1: 2000)?

No.

11b. If YES, is a rationale for such use provided?

11c. If YES, reference

11d. Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided?

No.

11e. If YES, reference

12a. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics?

No.

12b. If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)

13a. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility character(s)?

No.

13b. If YES, is the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic character(s) identified?