Note on U+1DF8 combining dot above left

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The character U+1DF8 COMBINING DOT ABOVE LEFT may be used on the Latin vowel letters i and ɩ (producing ⟨ı⟩ and ⟨ɩ⟩) in the Americanist phonetic notation of Boas et al. (1916). The script extensions property of U+1DF8 is however presently limited to Cyrillic and Syriac. That and the character annotation should therefore be updated to allow Latin use.

Because the combining class of U+1DF8 is 228, it will not suppress the tittle of the i. Dotless U+0131 must therefore be used as the carrying letter.

Superscript Latin iota is attested: ⟨ᶥ⟩. Superscript i is expected but is not currently possible due to the lack of tittle suppression; there is no modifier dotless ı presently in Unicode.

References


Figures

Figure 1. Boaz (1916: 10). A single dot indicates a central vowel in this adaptation of Sweet’s Romic alphabet. It is shifted left to disambiguate from simple i.

Figure 2. Boaz (1916: back foldout). Contrast between double-tittled, (left) tittled and untitled i and iota.