

teubner.sty*
An extension of the **greek** option
of the *babel* package

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1 Introduction

This package `teubner.sty` is an extension of the `greek` option of the *babel* package intended to typeset classical Greek with a philological approach. This preliminary version cannot typeset the critical apparatus as the philologists are used to, but may be this work will continue and include also that facility.

This project is being carried on with the help of Mr. Paolo Ciacchi, who is working on his “master” thesis at the University of Trieste, where he has to deal with ancient Greek philology.

This package is supposed to work with my CB fonts available on the Comprehensive T_EX Archive Network (CTAN); one of the actions of this package consists in replacing the default “italic” Greek shape with the one called “Lispiakos” in Greece; this name derives from the high quality of the fonts used in the printers’ shops in the city of Lipsia in the past 100 years or so; one of the printer shops that continues printing books for philologists (since 1849) is the B.G. Teubner Verlagsgesellschaft, that publishes the collection called “Bibliotheca Scriptorum Graecorum et Latinorum Teubneriana”. The name given to this extension package is in homage to that printing company and to its high quality tradition in printing Greek texts.

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This short documentation will start with briefly recalling some peculiarities of the CB fonts and their mapping to the Latin keyboard; afterwards it will list the new commands and their syntax.

2 The Greek CB fonts

The CB fonts come in all shapes, sizes and series as the extended European fonts that conform with the T1 encoding introduced after the Cork Conference of the T_EX Users Group Society in 1991. The CB fonts conform to the encoding that is still being called LGR, since there is no established encoding name for the Greek alphabet among the T_EX users, not yet, at least.

The regular shape has capital letters with serifs that are in the same style as the roman capital ones, while the lower case letters derive from the design by Didot and are very common in all texts. This shape comes also in boldface, together with the two corresponding oblique (or slanted) versions. The CB fonts contain also the upright and slanted, medium and boldface small caps alphabets.

The “italic” shape was designed in order to imitate the Olga font designed so as to have a contrasting style compared with the slanted Didot shape, in order to play the same role as the italic letters play with the latin alphabets. The Olga alphabets come in medium and boldface series, and in oblique and upright shapes.

The CB fonts are completed with the sans serif fonts, the monospaced typewriter fonts and the fonts for slides, besides an outline family that shows the regular shapes and series just with their contours.

The “cbleipzig” fonts imitate the beautiful shapes used in Lipsia; they come in medium bold and extra-bold series, without an upright version, and they are meant to replace the corresponding Olga shapes (the bold series is good for mixing with PostScript fonts, whose medium series is slightly blacker than the corresponding CM and EC fonts usually used with L^AT_EX).

3 Font installation

In order to use the Greek CB fonts and the extensions provided with this package, you need to install them. You can freely download those fonts from CTAN, where you can find also the collection of driver files for generating

α	β	γ	δ	ϵ	ζ	η	θ	ι	κ	λ	μ	ν	ξ	\omicron	π	ρ	ς	σ	τ	υ	ϕ	χ	ψ	ω
a	b	g	d	e	z	h	j	i	k	l	m	n	x	o	p	r	c	s	t	u	f	q	y	w

Table 1: Keyboard correspondence between Latin and Greek letters

them with METAFONT, but since you are unlikely going to use all families, series, shapes and sizes, and since the cbleipzig and metrics fonts are lacking the driver files, I suggest you to follow the instructions given in the file `cbgreek.txt`; in facts the CB fonts need only an interface between METAFONT and the `.tfm` and `.pk` files, in order to overcome the METAFONT limitation that the output files must have the same name of the input file (not considering the filename extension); therefore all the driver files contain the same instruction:

```
input cbgreek;
```

and differ only in the name; the latter is made up of four letters and four digits; the four letters identify the Greek fonts by family, series and shape, while the four digits identify the size in points, multiplied by 100 and left padded with a zero in order to complete the four digits.

The cbleipzig fonts have their shape identified with the letter 1, therefore for a 9pt font you need a file named `grm10900.mf` containing the above mentioned single instruction; for the metric symbol fonts at 12pt you need a file named `gmtr1200.mf` containing the above mentioned single instruction. So, even if the cbleipzig and the metric symbol METAFONT driver files are missing, you don't have too much work to do to create them.

4 Inputting Greek text with a Latin keyboard

In order to input Greek text with a Latin keyboard some simple and mostly obvious key substitutions are performed according to the correspondence shown in table 1.

Notice that there is the possibility of inputting `c` in order to get the final sigma ς , but the CB fonts are conceived with the non-Greek typist in mind, so that it is even possible to input `s` at the end of words, because the whole software is smart enough to detect the word boundary and to use the correct shape of the letter sigma within or at the word end. This mechanism is so "sticky" that it becomes difficult to type an isolated initial or middle sigma;

Greek	˘	˘	¨	´	˘	˘	˘	˘
Latin	>	<	”	’	‘	˘	˘	

Table 2: Correspondence between the Latin keyboard symbols and Greek diacritical marks

to this purpose the CB fonts contain an invisible character, `v`, that may be used for several purposes, one of which is to hide the word boundary after a sigma; therefore if you type `sv`, you get σ without any effort.

The invisible character `v` may be used also as a support for (apparently) isolated accents, especially when macros have to be used; if you type `\={v}` you get $\bar{}$, while if you omit the invisible `v` you get $\bar{}$.

Accent, spirits and dieresis are input *before* each letter (prefix notation) without using any particular control sequence; the correspondence between the Latin symbols and the Greek diacritical marks is shown in table 2; all “upper” diacritical marks must be prefixed (in any order), while the iota subscript must be postfixed. Therefore if you input `>’a|`, you get $\check{\alpha}$.

Macrons and breves are just single glyphs and do not appear in combination with any letter, due to the limitation of 256 glyphs per font; but they may be input by means of the standard \LaTeX commands `\=` and `\u` respectively in order to use them as accents. Together with the macros for inserting such symbols, a complete set is available for inserting any combination of diacritical marks over or under any letter, not only vowels: see table 3. Of course the results may not be comparable with the ones one can obtain with the regular ligature mechanism; the advantage of the accent macros is twofold: (a) it is connected only to the possibility of inserting macrons and breves and/or to set the various combinations over or under any letter, even if it is a consonant; (b) for all accent vowel combinations that have a specific glyph in the font, the actual accented symbol is used so that kernings and ligatures are maintained; as shown elsewhere there is a noticeable difference between $a\acute{\upsilon}\tau\acute{o}\varsigma$ and $a\grave{\upsilon}\tau\acute{o}\varsigma$. In this example the first word is typed in as `a>ut’os`, while the second may be typed as `a\s{u}t\’os`, or `a\us_\tau\’oa_\varsigma`, or even in mixed form `a\us_\tau’os` thanks to the fact that there is no kerning between ‘tau’ and ‘omicron with or without acute’

Example	Syntax	Example	Syntax
à	\`{\langle letter \rangle}	αω	\ut{\langle letters \rangle}
á	\'{\langle letter \rangle}	ǎ	\Ab{\langle letter \rangle}
ã	\~{\langle letter \rangle} ¹	ǰ	\Gb{\langle letter \rangle}
ï	\"{\langle letter \rangle}	ǧ	\Arb{\langle letter \rangle}
ǔ	\u{\langle letter \rangle}	ǧ	\Grb{\langle letter \rangle}
ǻ	\U{\langle diphthong \rangle}	ǰ	\Asb{\langle letter \rangle}
ā	\={\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Gsb{\langle letter \rangle}
â	\r{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Am{\langle letter \rangle}
ă	\s{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Gm{\langle letter \rangle}
ı̇	\Ad{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Cm{\langle letter \rangle}
ì	\Gd{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Arm{\langle letter \rangle}
ĩ	\Cd{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Grm{\langle letter \rangle}
ǎ	\Ar{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Crm{\langle letter \rangle}
ǻ	\Gr{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Asm{\langle letter \rangle}
ǰ	\Cr{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Gsm{\langle letter \rangle}
ǰ	\As{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Csm{\langle letter \rangle}
ǰ	\Gs{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Sm{\langle letter \rangle}
ǰ	\Cs{\langle letter \rangle}	ǰ	\Rm{\langle letter \rangle}
ı̇	\c{\langle letter \rangle}	α	\iS{\langle letter \rangle}
ı̇	\semiv{\langle letter \rangle} ²	π	\d{\langle letter \rangle}
ǰ	\ring{\langle letter \rangle} ²	ı̇	\bd{\langle letter \rangle}

Table 3: Accent macros

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¹ The circumflex accent may be obtained with `\~` only if option `polutonikogreek` was specified with *babel* v.3.6, or if attribute `polutoniko` was specified for the Greek language with *babel* v.3.7.

² Most commands may be used also with latin letters.

5 Ligatures

It should be clear from the previous section that the ligature mechanism is the one that offers the best results with most accented vowels; nevertheless there are situations where you might be unsatisfied.

Fore example compare $\alpha\upsilon\tau\acute{o}\nu$ with $\alpha\upsilon\tau\acute{o}\nu$. The small spacing difference between tau and the accented omicron is hardly noticeable, but the spacing

difference between alpha and the marked epsilon is remarkable. Where does that difference come from? It comes from the fact that the smooth spirit marker inhibits kerning between the previous alpha and the resulting ligature from the spirit marker and the epsilon. In other words, by inputting `a>ut'on`, as it is suggested in the previous section, the spirit marker and the acute accent inhibit the kerning mechanism with the previous letter. In most instances the lack of such kerning is hardly noticeable, but in others it strikes your attention.

For this reason a set of macros has been defined such that it is possible to input the accented characters directly, without resorting to the ligature mechanism. Such macros have a common structure; they are formed with the letters that make up the complex glyph in a certain order, precisely every macro is made up as such:

the first character, obviously, is the backslash character `\`;

the next character is the name of the vowel, one of a, e, h, i, o, u, w;

the next optional character is the code for dieresis, smooth or rough spirit, with one of the letters d, s, r;

the next character is the code for the circumflex, acute, or grave accent with one of the letters c, a, or g;

the last optional character indicates iota subscript with the presence of an i.

That means that, for instance, `\asai` stands for $\check{\alpha}$. For your convenience such macros are collected in table 4. Such set may introduce incompatibilities with other packages or even with the primitive `TeX` commands. Of course one can always resort to the accent–vowel combination as exemplified at the end of the previous section; the above example $\check{\alpha}$ may be obtained also with `\As{a}`.¹

What I suggest is to typeset your paper with the regular accent vowel ligatures and to substitute them in the final revision with the accented vowel macros only in those instances where the lack of kerning is disturbing.

¹Postfixed markings do not pose any problem with kernings and ligatures; this is why the postfixed ligature for the iota subscript may still be used also when the accent–vowel combinations are used.

<code>\aa</code>	á	<code>\ag</code>	á	<code>\ac</code>	ã	<code>\ai</code>	á	<code>\ar</code>	á	<code>\as</code>	á
<code>\asa</code>	ǎ	<code>\asg</code>	ǎ	<code>\asc</code>	ǎ	<code>\asi</code>	ǎ	<code>\aai</code>	á		
<code>\ara</code>	ǎ	<code>\arg</code>	ǎ	<code>\arc</code>	ǎ	<code>\ari</code>	ǎ	<code>\agi</code>	á	<code>\aci</code>	ǎ
<code>\arai</code>	ǎ	<code>\argi</code>	ǎ	<code>\arci</code>	ǎ	<code>\asai</code>	ǎ	<code>\asgi</code>	ǎ	<code>\asci</code>	ǎ
<code>\ha</code>	ή	<code>\hg</code>	ή	<code>\hc</code>	ή	<code>\hi</code>	ή	<code>\hr</code>	ή	<code>\hs</code>	ή
<code>\hsa</code>	ή	<code>\hsg</code>	ή	<code>\hsc</code>	ή	<code>\hsi</code>	ή	<code>\hai</code>	ή		
<code>\hra</code>	ή	<code>\hrg</code>	ή	<code>\hrc</code>	ή	<code>\hri</code>	ή	<code>\hgi</code>	ή	<code>\hci</code>	ή
<code>\hrai</code>	ή	<code>\hrgi</code>	ή	<code>\hrci</code>	ή	<code>\hsai</code>	ή	<code>\hsgi</code>	ή	<code>\hsci</code>	ή
<code>\wa</code>	ώ	<code>\wg</code>	ώ	<code>\wc</code>	ώ	<code>\wi</code>	ώ	<code>\wr</code>	ώ	<code>\ws</code>	ώ
<code>\wsa</code>	ώ	<code>\wsg</code>	ώ	<code>\wsc</code>	ώ	<code>\wsi</code>	ώ	<code>\wai</code>	ώ		
<code>\wra</code>	ώ	<code>\wrg</code>	ώ	<code>\wrc</code>	ώ	<code>\wri</code>	ώ	<code>\wgi</code>	ώ	<code>\wci</code>	ώ
<code>\wrai</code>	ώ	<code>\wrgi</code>	ώ	<code>\wrci</code>	ώ	<code>\wsai</code>	ώ	<code>\wsgi</code>	ώ	<code>\wsci</code>	ώ
<code>\ia</code>	ί	<code>\ig</code>	ί	<code>\ic</code>	ί	<code>\ir</code>	ί	<code>\is</code>	ί		
<code>\isa</code>	ί	<code>\isg</code>	ί	<code>\isc</code>	ί	<code>\ida</code>	ί	<code>\idg</code>	ί		
<code>\ira</code>	ί	<code>\irg</code>	ί	<code>\irc</code>	ί	<code>\idc</code>	ί	<code>\id</code>	ί		
<code>\ua</code>	ύ	<code>\ug</code>	ύ	<code>\uc</code>	ύ	<code>\ur</code>	ύ	<code>\us</code>	ύ		
<code>\usa</code>	ύ	<code>\usg</code>	ύ	<code>\usc</code>	ύ	<code>\uda</code>	ύ	<code>\udg</code>	ύ		
<code>\ura</code>	ύ	<code>\urg</code>	ύ	<code>\urc</code>	ύ	<code>\udc</code>	ύ	<code>\ud</code>	ύ		
<code>\ea</code>	έ	<code>\eg</code>	έ	<code>\er</code>	έ	<code>\es</code>	έ				
<code>\esa</code>	έ	<code>\esg</code>	έ	<code>\era</code>	έ	<code>\erg</code>	έ				
<code>\oa</code>	ό	<code>\og</code>	ό	<code>\oR¹</code>	ό	<code>\os</code>	ό				
<code>\osa</code>	ό	<code>\osg</code>	ό	<code>\ora</code>	ό	<code>\org</code>	ό				

Table 4: Accented vowel macros

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¹ As mentioned in the body of this text the command `\or` may produce incompatibilities with the primitive command with the same name.

6 Other Greek symbols

Other Greek symbols may be obtained with ligatures or explicit commands; table 5 contains such ligatures and symbols; notice that some of these are specific additions introduced with this extension package.

I draw your attention on the necessity of using the ligature ‘’ for producing the simple apostrophe, which, by the way, in Greek typography must always be followed by a space. The single tick mark ‘ produces an acute accent, not an apostrophe, this is why it is necessary to use the double tick

‘	’	((«)	»
\GEodq	„	\GEcdq	“	:	:
\GEoq	,	\GEcq	‘	?	;
\ENodq	“	\ENcdq	”	;	.
\stigma	Ϝ	\varstigma	ϝ	\Stigma	Ϛ
\coppa	Ϙ	\koppa	ϙ	\Coppa	ϙ
\sampi	ϛ	\Sampi	Ϝ	\permill	‰
\digamma	ϝ	\Digamma	Ϛ	\euro	€
\f	ϝ	\F	Ϛ	\shwa	ə

Table 5: Greek symbols

mark ligature.

The Milesian numerals should not worry anybody, because they are seldom used as isolated symbols; the `greek` or `polutonikogreek` option or the `polutoniko` attribute of the Greek language with the `babel` package offer the commands `\greeknumeral` and `\Greeknnumeral`, that convert common arabic positive numbers in the Milesian counterparts within a Greek section of your document; the corresponding commands followed by an asterisk change the digamma glyph with the stigma one²:

if you type `\greeknumeral{1996}` you get $\rho\theta\varrho\varphi$
if you type `\Greeknnumeral{1996}` you get $\rho\theta\varrho\varphi$
if you type `\greeknumeral*{1996}` you get $\rho\theta\varrho\varsigma$
if you type `\Greeknnumeral*{1996}` you get $\rho\theta\varrho\varsigma$

7 New commands

This extension package introduces many new commands for typesetting Greek in a philological way. Most of such commands are collected in table 6.

A short remark on the command `\ap`: this useful command inserts *anything* as a superscript of anything else; it works both in text mode and in

²The stigma version is the standard one with the `babel` language support for Greek; with this package we adopted the digamma as the “regular” sign with the value of 6, and attributed stigma to the “variant” representation of Milesian numbers.

math mode³. In particular while typesetting a philological text in different languages and with different alphabets, `\ap` typesets the superscript with the current language and alphabet; if any change is required the `\ap`'s argument can contain any language or alphabet specific declaration. You can typeset things such as *Βαχύλυδες*^a by switching language and alphabet as required; the specific declarations and the commands contained in table 6 come handy also in these cases.

8 Metrics

Philological writings often require the description of metrics; for this purpose a new font has been developed that contains most of the frequent metric signs; the corresponding macros have been defined so as to set the metric glyphs as if they were text; but, most important, a new definition command has been introduced so as to enable to declare new control sequences to represent complete metric feet or even complete verse metrics.

The metric glyph names are collected in table 7, while the declaration command is described hereafter.

The syntax for that definition command is similar to that of `\newcommand`;

```
\newmetrics{⟨name⟩}{⟨definition⟩}
```

where `⟨name⟩` is a control sequence name made up of letters (as usual with \LaTeX) with the exception that it may start with one of the digits 2, or 3, or 4. Of course the `⟨definition⟩` must reflect the replication by 2, or 3, or 4; moreover if the `⟨name⟩` starts with a digit, when it is used by the typesetter, *it must be followed by a space*. Some examples follow:

```
\newmetrics{\iam}{\barbrevis\longa\brevis\longa}  

\newmetrics{\2iam}{\iam\iam}  

\newmetrics{\4MACRO}{\longa\longa\longa\longa}
```

The above definitions produce the following results (notice the space before the colon):

³Numerical superscripts or apices do not require math mode; numerical footnote labels are automatically inserted by \LaTeX 's `\footnote` command; non numerical footnote labels are easily inserted with \LaTeX 's `\footnotemark` and `\footnotetext` commands with their optional arguments.

Example	Syntax	Example	Syntax
$Bαχύλιδες$	(declaration)	abcde	(declaration)
$Bαχύλιδες$	$\text{textLipsias}\{\langle text \rangle\}$	$\{a\beta\gamma\}$	$\text{lesp}\{\langle text \rangle\}$
$Bαχύλιδες$	$\text{textDidot}\{\langle text \rangle\}$	•	LitNil
text	$\text{textlatin}\{\langle text \rangle\}$	ĝ	$\text{cap}\{\langle letter \rangle\}$
($Bαχύλιδες$)	$\text{frapar}\{\langle text \rangle\}$	—	Coronis
(lpar	⏟	lmqi
)	rpar	⏟	rmqi
(?)	qmark	$\llbracket a\beta\gamma \rrbracket$	$\text{mqi}\{\langle text \rangle\}$
...	$\text{Dots}[\langle number \rangle]$	⌈	lmqs
...	$\text{DOTS}[\langle number \rangle]$	⌋	rmqs
---	$\text{Dashes}[\langle number \rangle]$	$\lceil a\beta\gamma \rceil$	$\text{mqs}\{\langle text \rangle\}$
- - -	$\text{DASHES}[\langle number \rangle]$	$\overline{a\beta\gamma}$	$\text{zeugma}\{\langle text \rangle\}$
foo	$\text{ap}\{\langle text \rangle\}$	$\underline{a\beta\gamma}$	$\text{siniz}\{\langle text \rangle\}$
?	sinafia	—	paragr
:	:	—	dparagr
:	;	⊗	FinisCarmen
:	?	†	crux
::	antilabe	$\text{'}a\beta\gamma\text{'}$	$\text{apici}\{\langle text \rangle\}$
	 	ˆ	apex
	dBar	~	responsio
	tBar	∫	Int
[lbrk	*a	star
]	rbrk	**a	dstar
$\llbracket a\beta\gamma \rrbracket$	$\text{ladd}\{\langle text \rangle\}$	***a	tstar
$\llbracket\llbracket a\beta\gamma \rrbracket\rrbracket$	$\text{lladd}\{\langle text \rangle\}$,
$\langle a\beta\gamma \rangle$	$\text{Ladd}\{\langle text \rangle\}$!
$\ll\langle a\beta\gamma \rangle\gg$	$\text{LLadd}\{\langle text \rangle\}$	0123456789	$\text{OSN}\{\langle digits \rangle\}$
$\overline{a\beta\gamma}$	$\text{nexus}\{\langle text \rangle\}$	$\widehat{a\beta\gamma}$	$\text{nesso}\{\langle text \rangle\}$
\underline{AB}	$\text{Utie}\{\langle 2 letters \rangle\}$	ahβ	h
$aj\beta$	yod	$a\wp\beta$	shwa
$aq\beta$	q	AFB	F
$a\mathcal{F}\beta$	f	ı	$\text{semiv}\{\langle letter \rangle\}$
h^v	$\text{skewstack}\{\langle base \rangle\}\{\langle apex \rangle\}$	ē	$\text{md}\{\langle letter \rangle\}$
ċ	$\text{Ud}\{\langle letter \rangle\}$	ē	$\text{mO}\{\langle letter \rangle\}$
ċ	$\text{UO}\{\langle letter \rangle\}$	ē	$\text{Open}\{\langle letter \rangle\}$
ē	$\text{nasal}\{\langle letter \rangle\}$	đ	$\text{cut}\{\langle b d g \rangle\}$
†	dracma	⌘	denarius
⋄	stater	⌒	etos
c	hemiobelion	◌	tetartemorion
‡	splus	š	stimes
k	kclick		

Table 6: Extended commands

Command	Metric symbol	Command	Metric symbol
<code>\longa</code>	—	<code>\brevis</code>	∪
<code>\bbrevis</code>	∪	<code>\barbrevis</code>	∪
<code>\ubarbrevis</code>	∪	<code>\ubarbbrevis</code>	∪
<code>\ubarsbrevis</code>	∪	<code>\coronainv</code>	∪
<code>\corona</code>	∪	<code>\ElemInd</code>	∪
<code>\catal</code>	∧	<code>\ipercatal</code>	+
<code>\anceps</code>	×	<code>\banceps</code>	×
<code>\ancepsdbrevis</code>	×	<code>\hiatus¹</code>	H
<code>\iam²</code>	∪_∪_	<code>\chor</code>	_∪_∪_
<code>\enopl</code>	∪_∪_∪_∪_	<code>\4MACRO</code>	_____
<code>\aeolchorsor</code>	_∪_∪_∪_	<code>\hexam</code>	_∪_∪_∪_∪_∪_∪_
<code>\2tr</code>	_∪_×_∪_×_	<code>\pentam</code>	_∪_∪_ _∪_∪_∪_
<code>\ubrevislonga</code>	∪	<code>\aeolicbii</code>	∞∞
<code>\aeolicbiii</code>	∞∞∞	<code>\aeolicbiv</code>	∞∞∞∞ ³

Table 7: Metric symbols

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¹ A similar command `\Hiatus` produces the same visible result as `\hiatus`, except for the fact that it does not occupy horizontal space; it is useful in the definitions of full verse metrics where a hiatus needs to be inserted between two consecutive metric symbols; for example: `_H_`.

² This extension package predefines some examples of metric feet and complete verses.

³ Sometimes it might be convenient to use a shortcut for inserting the Aeolic bases by inputting `{\metricsfont I}` or `{\metricsfont II}` or `{\metricsfont III}` in order to get `∞∞` or `∞∞∞` or `∞∞∞∞`.

```
\iam: ∪_∪_
\2iam: ∪_∪_∪_∪_
\4MACRO: _____
```

The definitions may contain also some symbols collected in table 6, such as `||`, for example, and other symbols from the other tables.

Another important metric command is the following:

```
\metricstack{⟨base⟩}{⟨superscript⟩}
```

which is meant for superimposing some superscript (generally a number) over some metric symbol, which may be a single symbol or a metric foot; since

the superscript gets printed in math mode, the superscript hiatus ^H may be obtained with `\Hiatus` when it falls between two metric symbols, but must be well described as a math roman element when it is superscripted over something else; similarly any other superscript which is not a math symbol must be suitably set as a math roman object. In any case this command makes it easy to get something such as $\overset{48}{\cup\cup}$.

The environment for setting metric sequences grouped with braces is described in the next section, since it is generally used within the composition of verses.

9 Poetry environments

In order to set poetry it is always possible to use the standard L^AT_EX `verse` environment; nevertheless such simple environment is not suited for philological purposes, except perhaps for very short citations. This extension package contains three new environments with various levels of complexity. Due to their relative complexity an example will be given for each one with both the input code and the corresponding result. All three environments require that any language change be declared before their opening statement, otherwise the language change lasts only to the end of the verse.

versi This environment does not actually set each verse on a separate line; it rather resembles an in-line list; it resorts to a command `\verso` that inserts a small vertical separator with a progressive number over it. Both the environment opening and the command `\verso` accept arguments according to the following syntax:

```
\begin{versi}{\langle label \rangle}
\langle verses \rangle
\end{versi}
```

```
\verso[\langle number \rangle]
```

where $\langle label \rangle$ is a short text (let's say not more than 15 characters) indicating for example the poem title and the stanza number; the whole set of verses will be typeset with a left margin wide enough to contain $\langle label \rangle$; the optional argument $\langle number \rangle$ indicates the starting value for

the verse enumeration; the default value is 1, but if it is specified, it is required only with the first occurrence of `\verso` or when the enumeration is restarted. In this environment the standard L^AT_EX command `\\` behaves normally as in regular text.

```
\begin{versi}{Meropis fr. 3}
\item[\textlatin{Meropis fr. 4}]
>'enj'' <o m'en e\ladd{>isplh} \verso[68] j'un
Mer'opwn k'ien. <h \ladd{d'e dia} \verso pr'o\\
a>iqem\hc i sj~htos \ladd{>'elassen.}
\verso <'o d'' >ex'equ't''; o>u
g'ar \ladd{<omo~iai}\\
\ladd{>a} \verso j'anatai jnhta~isi bol\ladd{a'i kat'a}
\verso ga~ian >'asin.\\
prh\lladd{m}n\ladd{~hs d.....} \verso thse. m'elas d'e
perie.\ladd{.....}\verso rw
\end{versi}
```

Meropis fr. 4 *ἐνθ' ὁ μὲν εἰσπλη*⁶⁸ *θὺν Μερόπων κίεν. ἦ [δὲ δια]*⁶⁹ *πρὸ*
*αἰχμηῆι σθητός [ἔλασσεν.]*⁷⁰ *ὁ δ' ἐξέχυντ'· οὐ γὰρ [ὁμοῖαι]*
*[ἄ]*⁷¹ *θάναται θνηταῖσι βολ[αὶ κατὰ]*⁷² *γαῖαν ἄσιν.*
*πρη[[μ]]ν[ῆς δ.....]*⁷³ *τησε. μέλας δὲ περιε.[.....]*⁷⁴ *ρω*

Versi This environment is very similar to the standard L^AT_EX environment `verse`; the difference is that `Versi` automatically enumerates the verses (displaying only verse numbers that are multiples of 5) with a number in the left margin. The syntax is as follows:

```
\begin{Versi}[\langle number \rangle]
\langle verses \rangle
\end{Versi}
```

where `\langle number \rangle` is the starting value of the verse enumeration; of course each verse is separated from the next one with the usual command `\\`, which has been redefined so that it just divides the verses and provides to the possible display of the verse number; it accepts the optional information that the standard L^AT_EX command usually accepts, both the asterisk and the vertical space amount.

```

\begin{Versi}[45]
ta; pr'osje qeir~wn b'ian\\
\paragr de\ladd{'i}xomen;
t'a d" >epi'onta da\ladd{'imo}n srine~i.---\\
t'os" e>'ipen >ar'etaikmos <'hrws;\\
t{\rbrk}'afon d'e naub'atai\\
f{\rbrk}wt'os <uper'afanon\\[1ex]
j{\rbrk}'arsos; <Al'iou te gambr~wi q'olwsen >~htor
\end{Versi}

```

```

45   τα· πρόσθε χειρῶν βίαν
      δε[ί]ξομεν· τὰ δ' ἐπιόντα δα[ίμο]ν σρινεῖ.—
      τὸς' εἶπεν ἀρέταικμος ἦρωσ·
      τ]άφον δὲ ναυβάται
      φ]ωτὸς ὑπεράφανον
50   θ]άρσος· Ἄλιον τε γαμβρῶι χόλωσεν ἦτορ

```

VERSI This third poetry environment behaves similarly to `Versi` but it displays a double verse enumeration in the left margin. The principal verse enumeration is displayed when the value is a multiple of 5; the second enumeration, just to the left of the verses, may be turned on and off; when the secondary enumeration is on, the verses are flush left, while when it is off the verses are suitably indented. The turning on and off of the secondary enumeration is achieved by means of the commands `\SubVerso` and `\NoSubVerso`; the syntax is as follows:

```

\begin{VERSI}[\langle outer number \rangle]
\langle verses \rangle
\end{VERSI}

\SubVerso[\langle inner number \rangle]
\NoSubVerso

```

where $\langle outer number \rangle$ is the starting value of the primary verse enumeration, while $\langle inner number \rangle$ is the starting value of the secondary enumeration. The commands `\SubVerso` and `\NoSubVerso` must be input at the very beginning of the verse they should be applicable to.

The command `\` behaves as in \LaTeX , and accepts the usual optional arguments.

```

\begin{VERSI}[40]
k'elomai pol\ua stonon\
\SubVerso[18]
>er'uken <'ub\apex rin; o>u g'ar >'an j'eloi-\
\NoSubVerso
m'' >'ambroton >erann'on >Ao\lbrk ~us\
\SubVerso
>ide~in f'aos, >epe'i tin'' >h"ij\siniz{'e\lbrk w}n\
s'u dam'aseias >a'ekon-\
\NoSubVerso
ta; pr'osje qeir~wn b'ian\
\SubVerso
\paragr de\ladd{'i}xomen;
t'a d'' >epi'onta da\ladd{'imw}n krine~i.\GEcdq\
\SubVerso[1]
t'os'' e~ipen >ar'etaiqmos <'hrws;\
t\rbrk 'afon d'e na\ua batai\
f\rbrk wt'os <uper'afanon\
j\rbrk 'arsos;\Dots[4]
\end{VERSI}

```

```

40      κέλομαι πολύστονον
18      ἐρύκεν ὕβ'ριν· οὐ γὰρ ἄν θέλοι-
      μ' ἄμβροτον ἐραννόν Ἄο[ῦς
20      ἰδεῖν φάος, ἐπεὶ τιν' ἠΐθε[ων
21      σὺ δαμάσειας ἀέκον-
45      τα· πρόσθε χειρῶν βίαν
23      δε[ί]ξομεν· τὰ δ' ἐπιόντα δα[ίμων]ν κρινεῖ.“
1      τόσ' εἶπεν ἀρέταιχμος ἦρωσ·
2      τ]άφον δὲ ναύβεται
3      φ]ωτός ὑπεράφανον
50 4    θ]άρσος·...

```

`bracedmetrics` This is an environment different from the preceding ones, although it always deals with verses. Its purpose is to set the verse

metric lines grouped with a right brace, so as to show the variants of a certain metric scheme.

In order to align the metric variants and in order to place the right brace in the proper place it is necessary to fix specific lengths in terms of a unit that is compatible with the metric symbols; therefore the syntax of such spacing command and of the environment itself is the following

```
\begin{bracedmetrics}{\langle length \rangle}
\langle metric lines \rangle
\end{bracedmetrics}
```

```
\verseskip{\langle number \rangle}
```

where $\langle number \rangle$ specifies the number of metric symbols the `\verseskip` should be equivalent to. Approximately the `\verseskip` will be as long as a sequence of $\langle number \rangle$ long syllables; the $\langle length \rangle$ specified as the width of the environment should equal the longest metric line contained in the block, and should be specified by means of the `\verseskip` command with its argument; but since the metric symbols are not all of the same length, it is wise to count the symbols of the longest metric line and to add a couple of units; after producing the first draft it is possible to review the number specified as the argument of `\verseskip`. Of course the same `\verseskip` command may be used to align the various fragments of metric lines within the environment. Examine the following example of input code:

```
\begin{verse}
\brevis\svert\longa\brevis\brevis\longa
\brevis\brevis\longa\svert\longa\
\begin{bracedmetrics}{\verseskip{13}}
\Hfill \brevis\svert\longa\brevis\longa
\svert\longa\
\longa\brevis\brevis\longa\brevis\brevis
\zeugma{\longa\svert\longa}\
\Hfill\longa\brevis\longa\svert\longa
\verseskip{2}\
\Hfill\longa\brevis\longa\ dBar
```



```

\end{bracedmetrics}\\
\begin{bracedmetrics}{\longa\brevis\brevis\longa
  \brevis\brevis\longa\svert\longa}
  \longa\brevis\brevis\longa\brevis\brevis
    \longa\svert\longa\\
  \longa\brevis\brevis\longa\brevis\brevis\longa
\end{bracedmetrics}\\
\verseskip{7}\brevis\brevis\longa\svert\ubarbrevis\tBar
\end{verse}%

```

which produces:

```

u-uuuu-uu-|
      u-uu-|
-uuuu-uu-|
      -uu-|
      -uu-||
      }
-uuuu-uu-|
-uuuu-uu-|
      }
      uu-uu-||

```

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