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1 留雷雷

1	2	3
U+7559	U+7571	U+24CA2
GHTJKPV	GTJKPV	T

Here are disunified examples. They share the readings and the meanings. Hence we suggest a level 1 UCV for 留雷雷.

U+7559 留		U+7571 雷		U+24A7E 雷	
U+3A28	攞	U+3A45	攞	U+24A7E	璫
U+586F	攞	U+3667	攞		
U+5EC7	腐	U+222BA	腐	U+30906	瘡
U+69B4	榴	U+6A4A	榴		
U+6E9C	溜	U+6F91	溜		
U+7460	璫	U+74A2	璫		
U+7624	瘡				
U+905B	溜	U+285BB	溜		
U+9724	雷	U+29178	雷		
U+9DB9	鷓	U+2A173	鷓		
U+2254D	溜	U+22532	溜		
U+22793	溜	U+2D7AC	溜 (𠃉) 𠃉		
U+24811	溜	U+2487C	溜 (𠃉) 𠃉		
U+256C5	溜	U+256FD	溜		
U+25837	溜	U+2588B	溜		
U+259E5	窟	U+25A0C	窟		
U+267A7	腦	U+2681D	腦		

¹Sources of this document are available online: <https://github.com/JLHwung/IRGN2675>.

2 刼刼刼

1	2	3
刼	刼	刼
U+5227	U+523C	U+52AB
GHTJKPV	GHTKJP	GHTJKPV

Here are disunified examples. They share the readings and the meanings. Hence we suggest a level 1 UCV for 刼刼. Note that this UCV does not include U+5226 刼 because 刀 and 丩 are not unifiable.

U+5227 刼		U+523C 刼		U+52AB 刼	
U+272E4	𪔓	U+3958	𪔓	U+8710	𪔓
		U+20268	𪔓	U+393C	𪔓
		U+289F6	𪔓	U+2CF86	𪔓
		U+2BF45	𪔓	U+289B2	𪔓
				U+22B31	𪔓

3 辛辛

1	2
辛	辛
U+8F9B	U+2840C
GHTJKPV	GTJ

Here are disunified examples. They share the readings and the meanings. Hence we suggest a level 1 UCV for 辛辛.

U+8F9B 辛		U+2840C 辛	
U+89EA	𪔓	U+278FF	𪔓
U+8F9F	𪔓	U+2E77B	𪔓
U+2B2C1	𪔓	U+2E51D	𪔓

4 𪗇 𪗈

1	2
𪗇	𪗈
U+23B09 GTV	Unencoded

Here are disunified examples. They share the readings and the meanings. In some cases 𪗈 can also be a variant of 𪗇, e.g. U+235F8 𪗈 is a variant of U+23535 𪗇. Therefore we suggest level 2 UCV for 𪗇 𪗈. Note that the unification request for 𪗇 with 𪗈 was also brought up by Henry Chan during the WS2017 review².

U+23B09 𪗇		Unencoded 𪗈	
U+3521	𪗇	U+20892	𪗇
U+3BB0	𪗇	U+235FD	𪗇
U+5AB2	𪗇	U+5AD3	𪗇
U+818D	𪗇	U+2DA44	𪗇
U+8C94	𪗇	U+27D00	𪗇
U+939E	𪗇	U+321DA	𪗇
U+2A106	𪗇	U+2A122	𪗇

Although 𪗈 is not yet encoded, the proposed UCV does not imply that 𪗈, as a standalone character, should be unified to 𪗇. Quite the opposite I suggest we encode 𪗈 separately as it will be useful as an IDS component in the encoded characters mentioned above.

5 𪗉 𪗊

1	2
𪗉	𪗊
U+5C51 GHTJKP	U+3795 GTP

²For more information, see <https://hc.jsecs.org/irg/ws2017/app/?id=04445>

Here are disunified examples. They share the readings and the meanings. Hence we suggest a level 1 UCV for 屑.

U+5C51 屑		U+3795 屑	
U+698D	梶	U+2354B	梶
U+2A64C	齧	U+2A647	齧
U+2A651	齧	U+2A646	齧

6 隸隸隸隸隸

1	2	3	4	5
隸	隸	隸	隸	隸
U+96B7	U+96B8	U+28F7B	U+28F7E	U+2B559
GTJKP	GHTJKP	GT	G	T

Here are disunified examples. They share the readings and the meanings. Hence we suggest a level 1 UCV for 隸隸隸隸. Note that this UCV can combine with UCV #435 to handle other variants, such as .

U+96B7 隸		U+96B8 隸		U+28F7B 隸		U+28F7E 隸		U+2B559 隸	
U+3611	隸			U+2D2FA	隸	U+2D31A	隸		
U+22E00	隸			U+2D8BF	隸				
U+237CC	隸	U+2AD1B	隸						
U+240C0	隸	U+2DCEC	隸					U+240B0	隸
		U+2533F	隸	U+25324	隸				
U+25DBE	隸	U+25DD7	隸						

7 寧寧

1	2
寧	寧
U+5BD5	U+21A34
GHT	GHTP

There are currently no disunified examples, but they are all variants of 寧. When used as a component, they share the readings and the meanings. Hence we suggest a level 1 UCV for 寧寧. This UCV is similar to the UCV #267.

U+5BE7 寧		U+5BD5 寧		U+21A34 寧	
U+45FF	寧	U+2E53E	寧	U+2A162	寧
U+6FD8	寧	U+2C23F	寧		
U+8079	寧	U+265F0	寧		
U+85B4	寧	U+2C78A	寧		
U+944F	寧	U+28B4B	寧		
U+9E0B	寧				
U+261AD	寧	U+2615C	寧		
U+27C17	寧	U+2B384	寧		

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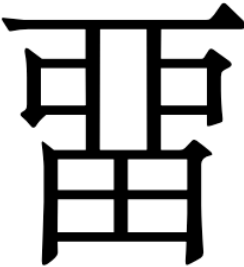
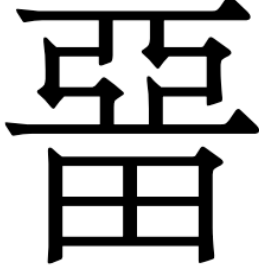
Feedback to IRGN2675 (Request to add seven new UCVs)

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Feedback to discussion of Item 1

1	2	3
		
U+7559	U+7571	U+24CA2
GHTJKPV	GTJKPV	T

Per item 1, Wang Yifan raised an issue that shapes 1 and 2 should not be unified because they represent different etymologies.

Per Shuowen, the characters which carry a modern shape of 卯 can either come from 卯 (卯) or 酉 (酉).

Per Shuowen, 留 actually comes from 卯 and is not related to 卯. Kangxi also uses the canonical form 畱 and calls 留 as the vulgar variant (俗字). However, in any modern orthography in East Asia, 留 is the predominant form if not the sole standard form.

As far as 留 is concerned, it doesn't really matter if it comes from 卯 (卯) or 酉 (酉). When used as a single character or as a phonetic component, 留 or 畱 is the exact same character. As its component there is no need to disunify them, and the character is already separately coded in the URO.

Therefore, I support Huang Junliang's suggestion to add it to the UCV so they can be unified when they are used as a component.

Feedback to Item 7




1	2	3	4	5
隸	隸	隸	隸	隸
U+96B7	U+96B8	U+28F7B	U+28F7E	U+2B559
GTJKP	GHTJKP	GT	G	T

I suggest putting “隸” as the first form, as all the others are usually recognised as the variant forms.

SAT Feedback to “Request to add seven new UCVs” (IRGN2675)

Date: 2024-03-20

Regarding the proposed UCV No. 1 in IRGN2675:

1	2	3
		
U+7559	U+7571	U+24CA2
GHTJKPV	GTJKPV	T

We believe that the glyph No. 1 and glyphs No. 2-3 (or, by extension, 留/畱 derived shapes) should not be made unifiable in principle.

The origin of the character 畱 can be traced back to 說文解字: “畱：止也。从田、卯聲。”, where 說文解字 also state that 卯 is an older variant of 酉¹, different from 卯, which is original shape of 卯².

However, modern scholars generally believe that the ancestor of this character had always been attested with 卯 at the top in pre-Qin usage, and the glyph that has 卯 is an artifact introduced by 說文解字. Be noted though, that 留 is originally for a proper name at Oracle or Bronze script ages, and was rarely used in the current meaning until the Seal script stage, rather than being borrowed to write what are now 劉, 瘤, 流, etc.

Nevertheless, under the prestigious influence of 說文解字, 畱 (with its derivatives) has been received as the “canonical” shape of 留 for most of the history down to the Kangxi dictionary. Intellectuals do not only use 畱 as an “inkhorn” glyph interchangeably with 留, but sometimes

¹ 古文酉，从卯。卯爲春門，萬物已出。卯爲秋門，萬物已入。

² 卯本字。與卯字上畫連者有別。卯音酉。

intentionally contrasted with 留 (see the picture).

畱
也 止
從田 𠄎聲 臣錯曰
田猶土也 里由反

𠄎
古文酉 從𠄎 𠄎為春門 萬物已出 𠄎為秋門 萬物已入 從一 中閉門象也

𠄎
冒也 二月萬物冒地而出 象開門之形 故二月為天門 凡𠄎之屬皆從𠄎 臣錯曰 二月陰不能制陽 陽冒

字作眠 目冥也
從目 民聲也
稽
畱
上經 覓反 考聲 云稽滯也 說文 畱止也 從
言 統聲 統音雞 古文作
訓與前同 考聲 久也 說文 田也 從田 𠄎聲 今
經文 變體作留 或作留 又作
畱 展轉訛也 𠄎音酉 亦音柳
謝
法
上夕
夜反

With above, an important and also complicating factor with regard to UCV here is that 說文解字 did actually alter the phonetic component. It is thought that 卯 had pronunciation **mru²* and 酉 **lu²* in the Old Chinese (i.e. around the time of 詩經), and they were eligible to 通假 (i.e. being options to be the phonetic indicator of the same word). Given that 說文解字 continues to use 卯 for 柳 or 聊, reanalysis of 留 as 𠂔卯田 by 說文解字 strongly suggests that the phonetic system at 許慎 Xu Shen's period no more favors 卯 for 留's pronunciation as much as 酉. The fact effectively establishes 畱 a variant with alternative component (異構字) rather than a pure orthographic variant (異寫字) of 留, similar to what 綫 is to 線, or 仙 to 僊.

As far as we find, the current UCV list has few entries exhibiting a similar circumstance. Most are either difference in:

- component(s) which do not carry semantic or phonetic role; or
- component(s) whose cognacy with whichever option is unambiguous if the context given

However, of course, difference in a component which does not contribute to semantic distinction in isolation is not automatically marked as unification candidate, because we also recognize the principle of difference in actual component not to be unified. What we find could be counted as precedents of 留/畱 case might be UCV #183 (每/每) and NUCV #294 (麻/麻), but the former is largely resulted from how late the 毋/母 distinction is fixated; and the latter is more related to simplified vs. traditional distinction. Moreover, in any case, 留/畱 retains quite dissimilar shapes in modern style as well as parallel usage until relatively recent times.

And as a tangential discussion, we think we should be more careful of pressing forward criteria solely based on holistic similarities, which could be in turn superficial. As far as I can remember, we have been already experienced several pitfalls in controversial cases such as [WS2021-02899 \(𠂔↔总\)](#), [WS2021-01842 \(𠂔𠂔木\)](#), [WS2015-03555 \(𠂔++仑\)](#), etc.

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³ Also **N-ru²* according to Baxter and Sagart.