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## Preliminary observations on Latin pronunciation

#### 0.1. Vowels 0

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(ĭ) /i/ ['ɪ, ˌɪ, ˌɪ], /CɪV/ [CɪV], /VijV/ [VɪjV], /#jV/ [#jV] 1
i
           (ī) /i:/ ['ir#, 'iC, 'iV, i, i, i] <sup>2</sup>
           (\breve{e}) /e/ ['E, <sub>i</sub>E, <sub>o</sub>E]
e
           (\bar{e}) /eː/ ['eː<sup>#</sup>, 'eC, 'eV, <sub>i</sub>e, <sub>o</sub>e]
           (\breve{a})/a/[{}^{!}e, {}_{!}e, {}_{\circ}e]
а
           (\bar{a}) /a! / ['a''', 'aC, 'aV, _a, _a]
           (\breve{o})/o/[\dot{\sigma}, \sigma, \sigma]
o
           (\bar{o}) /oː/ ['o<sup>#</sup>, 'oC, 'oV, <sub>i</sub>o, <sub>o</sub>o]
           (ŭ) /u/ ['ʊ, ˌʊ, 。ʊ], /CʊV/ [CʊV] <sup>3</sup>
u
           (\bar{u})/u:/ ['u', 'uC, 'uV, <sub>u</sub>, <sub>o</sub>u]
           (\breve{y})/y/[{}^{l}Y, {}_{l}Y, {}_{o}Y]^{4}
y
           (ȳ) /yː/ ['yr#, 'yC, 'yV, ,y, ,y]
           (ae) /ae/ ['re, re, re]
æ
           (au) /au/ ['eʊ, ˌeʊ, ˌeʊ]
au
           (oe) /oe/ ['oe, oe, oe]
œ
           /ei/ ['EI, |EI, |EI] 5
ei
           (eī) /ei:/ ['Ei, Ei, Ei]
ei
           /eu/ ['eʊ, 'eʊ, 'eʊ]
eu
           /ou/ ['ou, ,ou, ,ou]
ou
           /ui/ ['ʊɪ, ˌʊɪ, ˌʊɪ]
ui
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<sup>0</sup> This is a general presentation of the subject. The chapters after this one will provide fuller information and descriptions, which are more updated and systematized than any our previous treatises about Latin.

¹ AUdio /ˈaudioː/ [ˈɐʊdɪo], pejus (much better than peius) /ˈpeijus/ [ˈpeɪjʊs], etiam /ˈetiam/ [ˈetiɐ̃], jam (much better than iam) /ˈjam/ [ˈjɐ̃ŋ].

For metrical reasons, certain dictionaries and grammars, unfortunately, mark as 'long' the *short vowels* that precede i + a vowel, which –in reality– are /'VijV/ [VrjV], although often presented as /'VjjV/, eg 'pēĭŭs' (for pejus). Of course, the barbarous

'system' of ~ & ¬, would not be fit, with something like 'pĕīŭs' or 'pĕīĭŭs', which would 'produce' things like '/pe'i:us, pe'ijus/ [pe'ios, pe'ijus]'!

<sup>2</sup> There is a phonetic difference in length between stressed ([']) and unstressed long vowels ([.], including half-stressed vowels, [.]): ara (abl.) /'ara:/ ['ara], cf ara (nom.) /'ara/ ['arre].

The same is true, in spontaneous speech, when a long vowel is followed, in the *same syllable*, by a consonant (ie checked syllable), or a vowel, as seen (under note 5, below, ie just a longer syllable, not two, nor a hiatus!) for *aer*, *aeris* /ˈaːeːɾ, ˈaːeris/ [ˈaer, ˈaeris].

Perhaps in the fourth millennium (to be optimistic), they will definitely be recognized as monosyllabic, in spite of absurd grammatical diktats (only based on written vowels), 'to be assigned to different morpho-syllables'.

Of course, in poetic speech, things are often pushed away from their real natural essence, for 'stylistic' reasons...

- <sup>3</sup> Puer, puella /ˈpuer, puˈella/ [ˈpʊer, pʊˈellɐ]. But quV, nguV are /kw, ngw/ [k, ŋĝ] (fig 4.2.1 & fig 43).
- <sup>4</sup> These have rounded lips, generally used in Greek loans, and appear in the vocogram boxes just to the right of those of /iː, i/ [i(\*), 1] (fig 3.1.1).
- <sup>5</sup> There occur various vowel sequences, which are true phonetic diphthongs, even if phonemically we may prefer to consider them simply as sequences, just like consonant sequences.

The two more frequent sequences (in lexemes) are: au ('au') /au/ [ev] and ew ('ae') /ae/ [ew] (which is derived from archaic ai /ai/ [ew]; quite frequent as a desinential grammeme).

Instead,  $\infty$  ('oe') /oe/ [oe] is rare; while ei /ei/ [eɪ], eu /eu/ [eʊ], ui /ui/ [ʊɪ] are decidedly rarer; even more so are  $e\bar{\imath}$  /ei:/ [ei], yi /yi/ [yɪ], and ou /ou/ [oʊ], which only occurs lexically in the conjunction prout, although in phono-texts we also find -o V-, /o:#V, o#V/.

We can even find triphthongs formed by -x + a vowel (at the beginning of a following word),  $/ae^{\#}V/$ , provided there are neither interruptions, nor stress increases on the initial vowel.

In cases like æs, æris we have /ˈaes, ˈaeris/ [ˈɐes, ˈɐerɪs] (short diphthongs, even if written as aes, aeris), while aer, aeris (often indicated as aër, aëris, to guarantee a visible difference) are, instead, /ˈaːeɪr, ˈaːeris/ [ˈaer, ˈaerɪs] (long diphthongs), from Greek ἀήρ [ˌɐˈɛɛɾ].

Also: pœna /ˈpoena/ [ˈpoenɐ] (short diphthong), but poema, poematis (or poëma, poëmatis) /poˈeːma, poˈeːmatis/ [poˈeːmɐ, poˈeːmɐtɪs] (real hiatuses because of their stress pattern) from Greek ποίημα [ˈpoɪ.jɛ.mɐ].

We also have cases like aunculus /a'unkulus/ [e'unkulus] (from avunculus /a'wunkulus/ [e'wunkulus]).

**o.2.** Consonants (shown in an 'antiphonic' alphabetical order, but see fig 4.0 for a more scientific treatment)

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b
                           /b/ [b] <sup>6</sup>
                          /k/ [k, k], ch /kh/ [kh, kh] 7, 19
 c, k
 d
                            /d/ [d] <sup>6</sup>
f
                            /f/ [f]
                           /g/[g, g], /gN/[\eta N, \eta N] gn, gm^8, and ngu + a vowel/nqw/[\eta \hat{q}, \eta \hat{q}]^{14}
 g
 h
                            /i/ [i] 10
j
                            [1], [1], [1] + a vowel [1V], [1V], [1], [1] (final, + a pause), [1] + a consonant [1C]
                             [{1C], II /11/ [{11] 11
                            /m/ [m], -m<sup>#</sup> or -m<sup>#</sup> (word- or syllable-final + pause/vowel/consonant)
 m
                           /V\eta^{\#}/[V\eta, V\eta, V\eta, V]^{12}
                           /n/ [n], /VnC/ [VN\equivC], but nf, ns /Vŋf, Vŋs/ ['V̄nf, 'V̄nf, 'V̄ns, 'V
 n
                           /p/ [p], ph /ph/ [ph] <sup>7, 20</sup>
 p
                           /kw/ [k, k], and ngu+V/gw/ [ŋĝ, ŋĝ] 14
                            /r/[r], rh/r(h) \sim (h)r/^{15}
 r
                            /s/ [s], s /s/ [z] + b, d, g /b, d, g/, or + m, n, r, 1 /m, n; r; 1/, in neutral ac
 S
                            cents 16, 17
                            /t/ [t], ti /tiV/ [tɪV], th /th/ [th] 7, 20
 t
 ν
                            /w/ [w]
                            /ks/ [ks] 18
 Х
                            /z/[z]^{19}
 \boldsymbol{Z}
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<sup>6</sup> /b, d/ become /p, t/ [p, t] when followed by voiceless consonants: *urbs*, *obtusus*, *adpatruus* /'urps, op'tu:sus, at'patruus/ ['urps, op'tu:sus, et'petruus], except for insistence (which produces strained realizations). Let us also see that /uu/ [uu] is a monotimbric diphthong, different from /u:/ ['u(r), ou].

Of course, we have x /ks/ [ks], ie 'cs', as in rex /'re:ks/ ['reks]. In sentences, ab, sub, ad assimilate to following consonants, according to usual word formation rules (nowadays, crystallized in the current spelling of Latin texts).

This produces geminates, in fluent speech, with the possibility to keep their place of articulation before other stops or nasals.

However, voicing is lost before voiceless consonants: ad portas /ap'porta:s, at'p-/[ep'portas], ad quem /ak'kweŋ, at'kweŋ/ [ek'ţeŋ], sub monte /sum'monte, sub'm-/[sum'monte], sub die /sud'die:, sub'd-/ [sud'die], sub fine morbi /suf'fi:ne 'morbi:/[suf'fi:ne 'morbi].

 $^7$  'Aspirated' voiceless stop, actually the sequence /kh/ [kh, kh], mainly in Greek loans, as a phonostyleme (for  $\phi$  /ph/ [ph],  $\vartheta$  /th/ [th],  $\chi$  /kh/ [kh], [kh] before front vowels, /i:, i/ [i(¹), 1]).

Of two adjoining 'aspirated' stops, the first one loses its 'aspiration' (and, of course, belongs to the previous syllable): phthisis / [p'thisis].

<sup>8</sup> In clear and precise (but pedantic) pronunciation, /gN/ (ie /g/ + nasal) can be [gN]. The highly controversial matter about [ŋn] and [gn], for gn, is simply a tiny realization difference for /qn/.

As a matter of fact, even in word-initial position in a phrase, we have [ŋn]: tibi gnarigabo /tibi(:)gnariˈgaːboː/ [ˌtɪbɪŋnarɪˈgaabo, ˌtɪbi-]. In addition, any form with gn- are mainly archaic: nosco /ˈnoːskoː/ [ˈnosko] (- gnosco) –including the name Gnaeus /gˈnaeus/ [gˈnɐeʊs] – or, in any case, with variants in n-: (g)naritas /(g)ˈnaːri-taːs/ [(g)ˈnaːrɪtas], thus also /tibi(ː)naːrɪˈqaːboː/ [ˌtɪbɪnarɪˈqaːbo, ˌtɪbi-].

We equally have tegmen /'tegmen/ ['teŋ-men], or ['teg-men] for insistence (more systematically so in *popular* speech). In rural speech, also ['te $\gamma$ -men]. For ngu see g and qu (and note 13).

- <sup>9</sup> Rather weak, even in preclassical age, and not rarely voiced; between vowels, by then = /Ø/: nihil /'niːl, 'nihil/ ['nɪɪł, 'nɪ(h)ɪł], mihi /'miiː/ ['mɪi, 'mii, ˌmi, ˌmi] (only pedantically ['mɪĥi]).
- <sup>10</sup> Rather than more traditional, but misleading, i, it is better to systematically use j/j/[j] (cf  $\S$  0.7-8,  $\S$  4.8,  $\S$ 8.1.2).
- 11 Thus, velarized alveolar lateral, /l/ [½], before a pause or a consonant. But /ll/ [½]] (where [½] is *semi* velarized). In non-neutralal pronunciation: /li:, lɪ, lj/ [ʝi(), lɪ, lʝ].

Up to the end of the preclassical age, [ł] also occurred before non-front vowels (including /a, aː/), as shown by famulus /ˈfamulus/ [ˈfemulus; -ł-] or simulare /simu-laːre/ [ˌsɪmuˈlaːre; -ł-] (vs familia /faˈmilia/ [feˈmɪlɪe] or similis /ˈsimilis/ [ˈsɪmɪlɪs, -l̞ɪ-]), where, by assimilation, the vowels which preceded [ł] had become back ones.

Word-finally, either before a pause or a vowel beginning a following word, m simply nasalizes the vowels,  $[\tilde{\imath}, \tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\upsilon}]$ , in unstressed syllables, but becomes a sequence of a nasalized vocoid and a seminasal (pre)velar contoid, if stressed,  $[\tilde{\imath}\eta, \tilde{\epsilon}\eta, \tilde{\tau}\eta, \tilde{\tau}\eta, \tilde{\tau}\eta, \tilde{\tau}\eta]$ . Let observe: pulchrum est  $[p\upsilon^{\dagger}khr\tilde{v}(E)st]$ , pulchra es  $[p\upsilon^{\dagger}khr\tilde{v}(E)s]$ .

Before a consonant (either word-final or word-internal), m is  $/\eta(\#)$ C/  $[\tilde{V}\eta, \tilde{V}\eta, \tilde{V}]$ . The same before /f, s, j, w, h/ (even [?] by emphasis). However, for crystallized words, which means (still) not perceived as true compounds, m + /m, p, b/ is [mm, mp, mb].

When followed by /r, l/, it is either dropped nasalizing the vowel, or completely assimilated. Let us just consider a couple of exaples: *cum grano salis* /kuŋˈgraːnoː ˈsalis/ [kʊ̃ˈɡra·no ˈsɐlɪs], *cum libro* /kuŋˈlibroː, kulˈlibroː/ [kʊ̃ˈlɪbro, kul·libro] (including [kul/libro]).

In addition to what already said, for *word-internal* m, before a following consonant, we have: *quamquam* /ˈkwaŋkwaŋ/ [ˈkɐ̃nk̞ɐ̃], *omnis* /ˈoŋnis/ ['ōnnɪs]. In our phonemic transcriptions, we simplify a bit, using /Vŋ/ for nasal(ized) vowels, ['V̄n, 'V̄n,  $\tilde{V}$ ], as already seen.

The same is done for /kw, gw/  $[\&, \&; \hat{g}, \hat{g}]$  (with possible different realizations, as we will see).

<sup>13</sup> Alveolar before a vowel, but homorganic to a following consonant, except for nf and ns, where nasalization occurs (as in the preceding case) and lengthening the syllable with [n, n], if stressed and becoming closed: confero, constans, con-

stantis, mens, mentis /konfero:, 'konstans, kons'tantis, 'mens, 'mentis/ ['konfero, 'kostes, kostentis, 'mens, 'mentis].

Traditionally, for metrical reasons, by forcing things, given the very limited written possibilities, this fact is shown as '/V:/', but also keeping n: 'confĕro, constāns, constāntīs, mēns, mĕntīs'. This lets people think we may have '/ˈkoːŋferoː, ˈkoːŋstaːŋs, koːŋstantis, ˈmeːŋs, ˈmentis/', or '[ˈkorfero, ˈkorstārs, korstæntɪs, ˈmērs, ˈmentɪs]', where excessively long vowels, especially in unstressed syllables, are clearly surprising, at least in everyday language.

In word-final position, in phrases with *in*, *non*, we find that n/n/ assimilates not only to stops and nasals, but also to /j, w/ [pj, ŋw] (including /ni:, ni, nj/ [pi(·), pɪ, pi], word-internally, in popular and rural speech).

However, it does not assimilate before /r, l/, as –on the contrary– it does in word-internal position.

Anyway, in popular and rural speech, such assimilations were frequent, if not normal, even before word-internal /r, 1/.

Before a vowel, n remains /n/[n], although it is not resyllabified with it, when stress is present, at least in careful pronunciation: in agrum /in'agruŋ/ [ɪn'ɐ-gɾʊ̃] (but [ɪ'nɐg-ɾʊ̃], in colloquial and broader accents, as popular and rural ones).

- <sup>14</sup> Labio-(pre)velar stops (cf fig 4.2.1): voiceless, qui /ˈkwiː/ [ˈk̞ir], or voiced, languor /ˈlangwor/ [ˈlɐŋĝσr]; /gw/ [ĝ] occurs only between /n/ and vowels different from /u/. However, in rural and popular speech, /kw, gw/ [k̞, k̞; g, ĝ] were practically replaced by '/kØ, gØ/' ie [k, g] (including [k, g], and even [c, t̪], before front vowels, in addition to /gm/ [gm, qm], and rural [γm, γm]).
- <sup>15</sup> Generally, an alveolar tap, [r], both in stressed and unstressed syllables, with the possibility of either 'aspiration' [rh], or 'preaspiration' [hr], for rh, β, in Greek loans, as a phonostyleme, in sophisticated accents.
- <sup>16</sup> Disgregatio, Lesbos, asma /disgre'ga:tio:, 'lesbos, 'a:sma/ [ˌdɪzgre'ga:tio, 'lezbos, 'azme]. But disjungo, transversus /dis'jungo:, transwersus/ [dɪs'jungo, tres'wersus]. However, colloquially, also [dɪz'jungo, trez'wersus].
- <sup>17</sup> Obviously, sc is always /sk/ [sk, sk]: scio /s'kio:/ [s'kio]. In rural speech, /s/ before any /C/ tended to become [ş, z; ş, z] (prepalatal, or lamino-alveolar).
- <sup>18</sup> The change from /ks/ to /gz/ for ex- /eksV-/ [ $\epsilon$ ksV-] decidedly belongs to periods after the classical age, while the change of (initial) x- /ks  $\rightarrow$  s/ happened even later than in classical age, thus, it is equally a non-neutral peculiarity.
- <sup>19</sup> It generally occurs in Greek loans, as a phonostyleme (for  $\zeta$ ). Since, in addition to [z], it also had further possible intervocalic variants, [zz] and [dz] (not [dz], stopstrictive), it is hardly surpring that in verse it could 'lengthen syllables'.

In addition to what already indicated above, in *popular* and *rural* speech, any voiceless simple consonants, between any voiced phones (either vocoids, or contoids), tended to become lenis, [C], or half-voiced, [C].

Furthermore, again popular and rural speech, between vowels, often had the

continuous contoids shown in the table of consonants (in fig 4.8, & fig 4.9), includig [z] for /r/ and [ $\frac{1}{7}$ ] for /l/ [ $\frac{1}{2}$ ] (to be seen in  $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

<sup>20</sup> Let us observe that /ph, th, kh/ [ph; th; kh, kh/ are phono-stylemes for Greek loans with original  $\varphi$ ,  $\vartheta$ ,  $\chi$ /ph, th, kh/ [ph; th; kh, kh/. In popular or rural speech they were replaced by plain /p, t, k/ [p; t; k, k, c].

Furthermore, [ʔ] could freely occur before vowels in word-initial position, after pause or in stressed syllable, especially for emphasis, /#V-/ [ʔV-]: ei! /"ei/ [¡"ʔEI, ;"ʔEI, ;"ʔEI].

Let us add that words like *suavis*, *suesco* and *Suetonius* were generally treated differently in current language and in verse. Thus, /#swV-/ [§V-] was often changed into [suV-] for metrical 'reasons'.

### Latin spelling used in this book

o.3. In this book, we decided to use a more realistic Latin spelling, and –frankly– more 'friendly', although somewhat different from that more commonly used at school. Exactly for this reason, it is more advisable, not to be overcome by wild doubts, for people who are interested in the best possible phonic rendering of Latin, especially if completed by Natural Phonotonetics.

As a matter of fact, besides using systematically v/V for /w/ [w] (instead of u/V, or u/U, also to avoid things like uiuus, for vivus /wi:wus/ [wirwus], or uiduus, for viduus /wi:duus/ [wirdous], or uiuula, for uvula /wi:wula/ [wirwule] (term of a successive technical use, also phonetic, though not classical). We know that many people (also teachers) used to write -uos, -uom, to avoid -uus,-uum (or -VVS,-VVM). However, for -vus,-vum, it is much better to write V with a small letter, rather than to change them into more 'archaic' forms.

Even words like *mutuus*, *mutuum*, /mutuus, 'mutuuŋ/ ['mutuus, 'mutuug] or *divus*, *divum* /'di:wus, 'di:wuŋ/ ['di:wus, 'di:wug], are much better than *diuus*, *diuum*, also avoiding saying '['mutuos, 'mutuog]' (not even '['mutuos, 'muutuog]'). Often, Sallustius and Cicero used *quom*, for the conjunction, instead of a more common *cum* /'kuŋ/ ['kõŋ, kõ, kõ], to better distinguish it from the preposition (since, popularly, /kw/ became /k/).

0.4. Also for /j/ [j], we clearly prefer to write j/J (rather than the ambiguous i/I). These are the 'famous' Ramist letters (introduced by 'Petrus Ramus', ie Pierre de la Ramée, 1515-1572). But, we prefer to go even further, by replacing au, ae, oe (and Au, Ae, Oe, for /au, ae, oe/ [ev, ee, oe]) with au, æ, æ (and AU, Æ, Œ), as in: cauda /ˈkauda/ [ˈkeude], AUgustus /auˈgustus/ [evˈgustus], æs /ˈaes/ [ˈves], æris, /ˈaeris/ [ˈverɪs], Æneæ /aeˈneːae/ [veˈneve], Œdipus /ˈoedipuːs/ [ˈoedɪpus], pæna /ˈpoena/ [ˈpoene], pænalis /poeˈnaːlis/ [poeˈnaːlɪs].

Besides, doing like this, it will not be necessary to use aü, aë, oë (and Aü, Aë, Oë) for /a'u, 'a:e(:), o'e:/ [ae, ae; o'e'] (in those examples), &c. The same for shortened

forms like aunculus /a'unkulus/ [e'uŋkulus] (from avunculus /a'wunkulus/ [e'wuŋkulus]), or Greek forms, like aer, aeris /'a:e:r, 'a:e:is/ ['aer, 'aeris], or poema /po'e:ma/ [po'e·me].

All this is better than current mean expedients using and over the vowels, 'pretending' to indicate true phonemes, but remaining too inveigled in the same old spelling. As a matter of fact, by simply using poor written diacritics, we cannot do anything better (or really useful). The only serious conclusion: real phonic transcriptions are certainly needed...

o.5. Let us tell in advance clearly that the 'very famous' lengths of the Latin vowels, were 'exploited' particularly for poetical recitations, often accompanied on string and wind instruments. Actually, the long vowels, /V:/, were really ['V·] only in stressed open syllables, while they were simply ['VC], in stressed closed syllables, or [<sub>o</sub>V(C)], in unstressed syllables (either closed or open).

Therefore, when some scholarly people 'enjoy' being histrionic, mostly nowadays, and for a word like *adeo* /'adeo:/, drawl something like '['a:deo:]' (or even '['a:deo:o]'), become utterly ridiculous.

Certainly,  $\alpha$  /ae/ and  $\alpha$  /oe/, were not reduced to monophthongs, at least in the classical time, although they were not much wide (as tongue movement), particularly in unstressed syllables in colloquial speech. Indeed, afterwards, they became real monophthongs, through successive reductions, also of length.

Instead, au /au/ [ $\varepsilon\upsilon$ ] (which was already articulatorily wider), remained practically unchanged for a longer time, before becoming, in successive times, a monophthong, [ $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma$ ], through [ $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma$ ].

On the other hand, a committed phisician or public administrator, could certainly have used 'technical' terms as extrauterus /ekstra'uterus/ [¡ɛkstre'uterus], extrauterinus /ekstraute'ri:nus/ [¡ɛkstre'ute'ri:nus], or extraurbanus /ekstraur'ba:nus/ [ˌɛkstre'ur'ba:nus] (not with the diphthong au /au/ [ɐʊ]), or extraurbanissimus /ekstraurba:'nissimus/ [ˌɛkstre'ur'ba'nissimus] (in case 'solvable' by writing a hyphen after extra-, if au was not used when necessary).

o.6. Obviouly, in phrases, also true (and undeniable) hiatuses may occur, as in extra urbem, extra uterum /ekstra:'urben, ekstra:'uterun/ [¡ekstra:'uterun/ [¡ekstra:'uterun]/ [[ekstra:'uterun]/ [[ekstra:

There is also a linguistic curiosity about the handling of loan words. Indeed, for the Chauchi/Cauci (Germanic) people, /ˈkhaukhiː, ˈkaukiː/ [ˈkhɐʊkhi, ˈkɐʊki], we also find various spelling renderings, including Cayci /kaˈyːkiː/ [kaˈyːki], probably depending on different ways of perceiving the term, by the Romans, in addition to geo-social (and communicative) differences by the people in question.

The true Latin language is (and certainly was) that of every-day life, not the affec-

ted one for 'artistic' and 'poetical' aims, as nowadays it happens for *opera*, or *rap* (just to give only a couple of extreme examples). Exactly for this very reason, in this book we will not deal with any metrical form. The language used in prose (literary, historical, or documentary) certainly falls within our purposes, without neglecting the language of every-day life (including colloquial, illiterate, or rural, as opposed to mannered accents).

o.7. But, back to /j/, let us consider when j has to be used, instead of i. In Word-initial position, when it is not actually /i/ (as in Greek words): jam /ˈjã/ [ˈjɐ̃n̪], juve-nis /ˈjuwenis/ [ˈjʊwenɪs], jus /ˈjuːs/ [ˈjus], jussu /ˈjussuː/ [ˈjʊssu], jacto /ˈjaktoː/ [ˈjɐkto], jecur /ˈjekur/ [ˈjɛkʊr], Julius /ˈjuːlius/ [ˈjuˈlɪʊs], Juppiter /ˈjuppiter/ [ˈjʊppɪter], but (Greek): Iulus /iˈuːlus/ [rˈurlʊs], Ionius /iˈonius/ [rˈonɪʊs].

We know quite well that, especially in poetry, but also in current language, oscillations beteen /CiV/ [CiV] and /CjV/ [CjV] were quite frequent (as a amatter of fact the Romance evolution surely preferred /CjV/, even for /CeV/).

Between true vowels, also when, to be true, it is [1], not simply [j], after a diphthongized vowel, exactly with [1], giving ['V1jV], which, mostly in metrical notations was 'presented', for instance, as in cases like 'āĭō, pēĭŭs', disguised as '/ˈaːjoː, ˈpeːjus/', instead of ajo /ˈaijoː/ [ˈɐɪjo], pejus /ˈpeijus/ [ˈpeɪjʊs].

Probably, sequences with /Vi/ [VI] diphthongs, followed by /jV/ [jV], were not perceived clearly enough (as the Sanskrit 'phono-grammarians' might have done, instead). Indeed, this may explain possible double realizations.

A 'practical solution', and less unsuitable, consisted in producing ['pjjo] and ['ppjjus], as a compromise, although somehow too 'overplayed'. However, a language that wrote geminate consonants, by doubling letters, could –or should–have needed to use -ii-, as Cicero (and others) often did: aiio, peiius, Pompeiii (or, better still, introducing, at least j, in case also jj): ajo, pejus, Pompe(j)i. However, -ii-,-iii, to be true, already announced ['pijo, 'peijus] and [pom'peiji], although an 'non-phonic' spelling was predominant: aio, peius, Pompei(us).

Other examples: major /ˈmaijor/ [ˈmɐɪjor], hujus /ˈhuijus/ [ˈhʊɪjʊs], Pompejus /pom-ˈpeijus/ [pomˈpeɪjʊs], Gajus /ˈqaijus/ [ˈqɐɪjʊs], Dejanira /deijaˈniːra/ [ˌdeɪjɐˈniːrɐ].

o.8. Also in *combinations with prefixes* (ending in a consonant), we have *j* /*j*/ (even if, traditionally and ambiguouly, *i* is still used): *abjectus* /*ab*'jektus/ [ɛb'jɛktus], *injectum* /in'jektuŋ/ [ɪp'jɛktʊ̃], *subjectum* /sub'jektuŋ/ [sub'jɛktʊ̃], *adjuvo* /'ad-juvo:/ ['ed-juwo], *conjungo* /kon'juŋgo:/ [kop'juŋgo], *disjungo* /dis'juŋgo:/ [dɪs'juŋgo], *subjungo* /sub'juŋgo:/ [sub'juŋgo], and even *subjicio* /sub'jikio:/ [sub'jɪkɪo] (in addition to a more frequent *subicio* /sub'bikio:/ [sub'tkɪo], by dissimilation and resyllabification, through /sub'ikio:/ [sub'tkɪo]).

Let us remind once again that, in metrics (but also currently, especially in colloquial speech), /i, j/ and /u, w/ often exchanged to 'balance things'... On the other hand, (classical) Latino, in its evolution, changed, almost automatically, /iV, uV/ and /i'V, u'V/ into [jV, wV, 'jV, 'wV].

Let us add that there is no real need to also posit '/ww/' (or, in case, '/uw/') for

loans or exclamations. As a matter of fact, a trustworthy spelling is the more suitable device for possible variants, as in the following examples: Evander /eːˈwander/ [eˈwender], Euander /euˈander/ [eʊˈender], Agave /aˈgaːweː/ [eˈgaːwe], Agaue /aˈgaueː/ [eˈgeʊwe], evoe! /ˌiˈeːwoe, ˌeːˈwoe/ [ˌiˈeːwoe, ˌeˈwoe], euhoe! /ˌiˈeuhoe, ˌeuˈhoe/ [ˌiˈeʊhoe, ˌeʊˈhoe].

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Very sadly, both school and university teachers pay very little attention to the pronunciation of Latin, offending the ears of poor (interested) students, either with coarse or ridiculous 'performances'.

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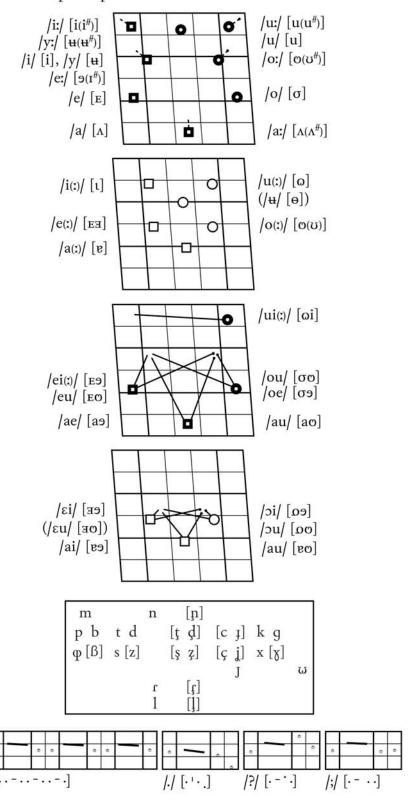
# 11. Diachoric (or regional) ancient phonopses (& map)

fig 11.0. Diachoric ancient phonopses: map.



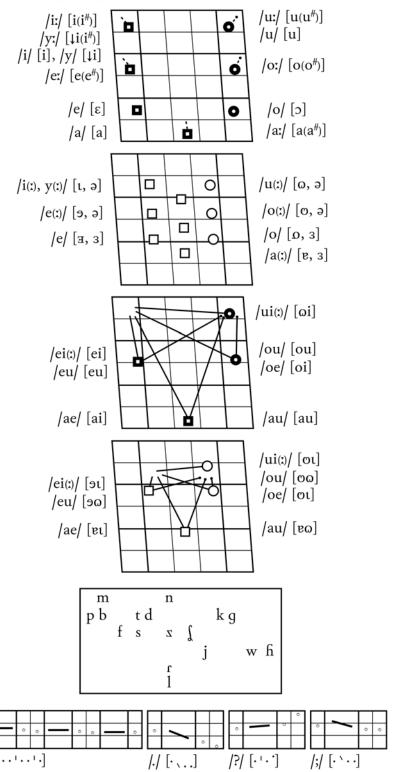
11.1. Oscan (Italic, IE) had the seven vowels, both short and long (the latter actually were narrow diphthongs), and the six diphthongs given (one was of lesser importance). Also,  $[n\equiv C]$  and  $|C| \neq |CC|$ , |s|, |s|

fig 11.1. Diachoric ancient phonopses: Oscan Latin.



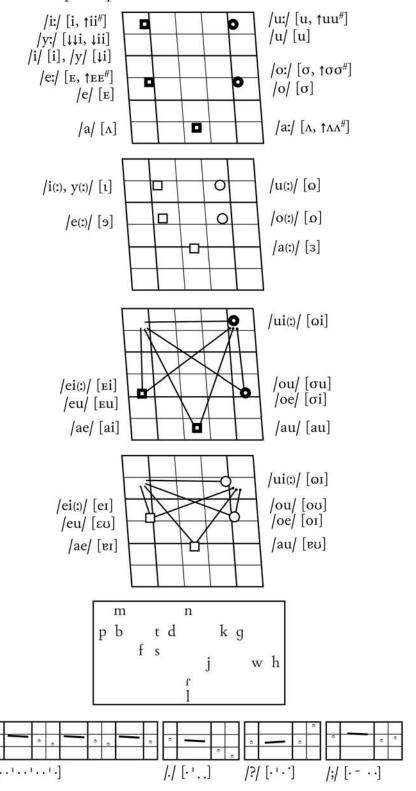
11.2. *Umbrian* (*Ancient*, Italic, IE) had seven short vowels, but no diphthongs; its consonants were as shown, with  $/\hbar$ , and [n = C], and /s different from /r. For /s, the situation was similar to that of some present-day languages: Albanian, with /1 and /s; Gheg, with /s and /s; and /s, and /s and /s and /s.

fig 11.1. Diachoric ancient phonopses: Umbrian Latin.



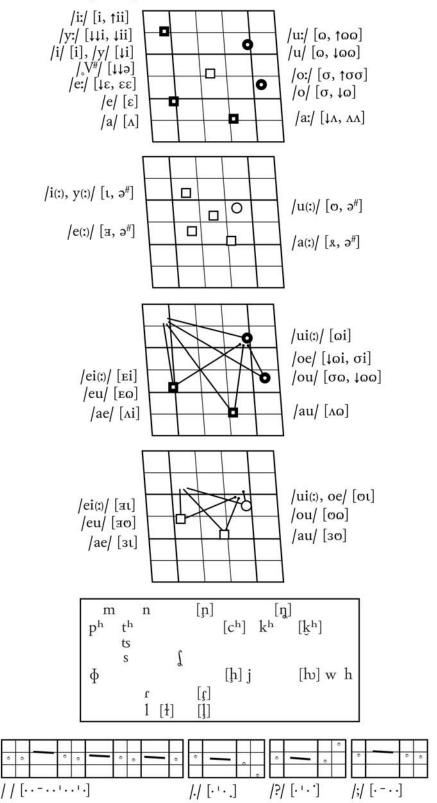
11.3. Faliscan (Italic, IE) had the five short vowels and six diphthongs given (one was of lesser importance), and [n≡C].

fig 11.3. Diachoric ancient phonopses: Faliscan Latin.



11.4. Etruscan (isolated) had five short vowels, including /ə/. It opposed voiceless and 'aspirated' stops, /C, Ch/. The phoneme /k/ was [c] before front vowels and [k] before /u/; /h/ behaved likewise: /h/ [h, h, h], but confusion often arose

fig 11.4. Diachoric ancient phonopses: Etruscan Latin.



between those taxophones and  $/\phi/$  [ $\phi$ ] (as also between /C/ and /Ch/), mainly due to differences between northern and southern areas. It had several vowel sequences (also with identical elements). Between vowels, the two sounds [j, w] could be found, which conveniently we could consider as phonemes, even though they were seemingly in complementary distribution. It had  $[n\equiv C]$ ; [m, n, f, l] were possible realizations of  $/\partial N/$  (sonants).

### Diachoric (or regional) modern phonopses

### How Latin is pronounced in some European Countries, today

12.1. In this chapter, we will deal with the typical Latin pronuciation in Europe (and America). Each accent will be presented by means of figures showing the *vowels* and *intonation* patterns. Our accents represent the different realities of the ecclesiatical pronunciation as generally used in the Countries that we will present. Indeed, anyone wanting to satisfactorily acquire the classical pronunciation (including the differences that we indicated) inevitably starts from one's local (and personal) habits.

Each accent is dealt with as a uniform entity, although personal and regional interferences are more or less certainly present, especially about intonation, but also as far as both vowels and main consonants are concerned, even for /r/ and /l/ and /h/. Also differences about the use of stress are not at all excluded, in the speech of less professional speakers, including great mistakes.

In addition, French speakers, for instance, may happen to highlight final syllables, while others, like Germans, Czechs, or Hungarians, may stress earlier syllables. Unwanted oscillations are quite possible, indeed. A word like sæpe /ˈsɐepe/ [ˈsɐepe], even in Latin international congresses, is often heard as [saˈe-pe], or muliebris /muˈlie-bris/ [muˈlie-bris] as [muˈlje-bris]!

The typical peculiarities shown in the figures of this chapter clearly occur, not only in the non-reconstructed accents, but also in the reconstructed one, of *restituta* pronunciation, which inevitably becomes more *prostituta* than expected and hoped for, even for fluent Latin speakers.

12.2. Indeed, especially for the vowels, the pronunciation used is hastily based mainly on *spelling*, rather than on actual long or short *phonemes*, which should have different timbres. Instead, also depending on syllable structures, their realizations are, practically, 'chosen' at random, rather than according to the real phonemes. This, unfortunately, happens in spite of theoretical 'rules' more or less clearly known.

When 'committed' speakers want to respect such rules, for instance about final unstressed /a:, o:/, they lengthen them too much, as [a', o'] (even as [a:, o:]!), instead of plain and simple [a, o] (sufficiently different from [v, o], or from rural [3,

o], fig 3.8). The same irritating result is found for /au/ [vv], when realized exactly as [au].

Even worse is the frequent case of final unstressed /ae/ [ve], when realized as [ae], which is terribly different from 'national neutral' [ve, sa] (cf fig 3.2), or colloquial [sp] (fig 3.4). For instance, having to listen to repeated [ae], in a phrase like meæ novæ amicæ, is extremely depressing, instead of more pleasant [meaning meaning me

12.3. The 'choice' between *classical* and *ecclesiastical* pronunciation is not always satisfactory. As a matter of fact, often, apart from the more or less typical 'alien' peculiarities shown in our figures (instead of those of either international, or national Latin), often, even committed 'experts' fluctuate between the two 'models', although if their intention is to speak 'classical' Latin.

Of course, even in reading, and mostly in speaking off the cuff, it is not easy to always remember the phonemic length of each vowel, and use it adequately. Indeed, even in sound files expressly made for teaching pronunciation, such problems are quite frequent.

The phonopses of this chapter mostly 'describe' the local 'versions' of ecclesiastical Latin. We particularly show their main vowels and intonation patterns, which may be easily identified, and used to (try to) pass to the classical pronunciation of Latin. For the consonants, we will not show all their peculiarities in each phonopsis, but we will collectively indicate (and draw attention to) the main differences they exhibit, also because speakers may oscillate in different directions.

12.4. Ecclesiatical Latin is used in Vatican City. It is also subject to interferences from Asian and African languages, in addition to those from European Countries. However, it is mostly based on Italian Latin (cf 12.8), although with more 'international' choices, but, of course, not without more or less frequent interferences from one's own mother tongues (and regional peculiarities).

A native speaker of a given language may be able to identify the region where certain 'colleagues' come from, as it happens with Esperanto, in international congresses.

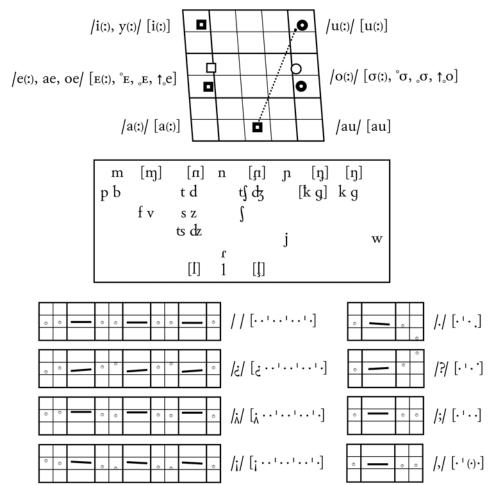
However, ecclesiatical Latin is similar to Italian Latin, and indeed it should be pronounced exactly like it. However, in Vatican City, it is used by both Italian and foreign churchmen, friars, and monks. So, it undergoes several different interferences, not only by regional Italian accents, but also by different languages and their several regional accents, also including many different habits in speaking more or less different (academic) Latins, for each foreign language.

Thus, the ideally expected 'pure' pronunciation is very rarely heard, as for Italian Latin itself (cf § 12.8) and any other more or less academic Latin from other Countries.

12.5. Thus, fig 12.1 shows a more 'international' version of the vowel situation, especially as far as the e, o vowels are concerned, with less different timbres. Of course, the consonants should be realized as shown, for Italian Latin, shown in fig 12.2, but, in reality, more or less systematically, the following (and other) 'devia-

tions' certainly occur, unfortunately.

fig 12.1. Ecclesiastical Latin.



Thus, Romance and Slavonic languages usually have (excepting greater and worse differences): i/i(x)/[i, t],  $e/e(x)/[E, \varepsilon, e]$ ,  $a/a(x)/[a, \varepsilon, A]$ ,  $o/o(x)/[\sigma, o, o]$ , u/u(x)/[u, v]. German & Hungarian speakers generally have i/i(x)/[i(x), t],  $e/e(x)/[E(x), \varepsilon(x), e(x)]$ , a/a(x)/[a(x), A(x), a(x)] (even [D(x)]),  $o/o(x)/[\sigma(x), o(x), o(x)]$ , /u(x)/[u(x), v] (adding e/o(x)/[o(x), e] for German and other 'northern' European languages).

Not surprinsingly, English can have the strangest possible realizations: i/i(x)/(and/y(x)/) [ii, ii, i] & [a9, d9, e9], e/e(x)/ [E,  $\epsilon$ , e, EI] & [ii, ii], a/a(x)/(a(x)), a(x), a(x

12.6. In addition, different diphthongs are generally realized combining the available monophthongs (shown in the vocograms of our phonopses), with some possible surprise for given languages. As for the three canonical diphthongs, æ /ae/

[ve],  $\infty$  /oe/ [oe], au /au/ [vu], we very often find both  $\infty$  and  $\infty$  realized as [e(x), E], or (mostly for some Germanic languages)  $\infty$  [ $\emptyset$ (x),  $\infty$ ].

For *au*, many languages have some variants of [ $\varepsilon \upsilon$ ], although other languages may have it merged with o/o(z)/, as French [o(z), o(z)]. Besides, certain languages may *oscillate* between a couple of variants, either diphthongized or monophthongized. In our phonopses, such possibilities are shown.

12.7. As for the *consonants*, we will indicate *spelling* peculiarities, with the possible contoids that happen to be used in our accents. Most accents do not respect consonant gemination, contrary to Italian (which regionally may also use gemination for postvocalic  $[p; ts, dz; \int]$ . Especially Russian may present palatalized taxophones before front vowels. Thus:

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b /b/ [b, p]: [b, β, p, b];
c/k/[k, k] before front vowels (including \alpha, \alpha): [tf, tf, ts, s, s, s, s, s, s, s, d, c], notice [\theta]
    for some Castilian accents; in further contexts, we have c: [k];
cc /kk/ [kk, kk, kk, kk]: [tʃtʃ, tʃ, ksts, kʃ, ks, kş, kş, kθ, χs, χş, χş, s, ş, ş];
ch /kh/ [kh, kh]: [k, k, kh, kh, ç, x, tʃ, tʃ];
d/d/[d, t]: [d, d, \delta, d], notice Spanish [\delta];
f/f/[f]:[f, \phi, f];
h]; in further contexts, we have g: [q, k];
gn/gn/[\eta n, \eta n]: [\eta(n), \eta, \eta n, \eta n, \eta n];
h/h/[h, h]: [\emptyset, x, h, h, h, h, h] ([\emptyset] = 'zero'; in mihi, nihil/-h-/[-h-, -h-, -\000]: [k, h, h, \000];
j /j/ [j]: [j, j, j, ʒ, ʒ, ʒ, ʤ, x, χ];
k/k/[k, k]: [k, k, kh, kh, c];
1 /1/ [1, 1, 1]: [1, 1, 1, 1];
m/m/[m, \eta]: [m, \mathfrak{m}];
n/n/[n, n, n, n, m]: [n, n, n, n, m, n];
p /p/ [p]: [p, ph, p];
ph /ph/ [ph]: [p, ph, p];
qu /kw/ [k]: [kw, kv, kf, k, cy] (ngu /ngw/ [ηĝ, ηĝ, ηĝ]: [ηgw, gv, g, τy]);
r(rh)/r/[r]:[r, r, r; R, H, R, I, I, f, \emptyset];
s /s/ [s]: [s, ş, s, z, z, z, <sup>#</sup>z];
sc /sk/ [sk] before front vowels (including ae, oe): [\{, \{, st\}, st\}, s, s, s, s\};
t /t/ [t]: [t, t, t, tf, tʃ];
ti/ti/[ti] + unstressed vowel: [ti, tsj, sj, \int];
th/th/[th]: [t, t, th, th, \theta, t];
v/w/[w]: [v, v, \beta, b, f, w, \omega, y];
x / ks / [ks]: [ks, qz, s, \, \, \];
xc /ks/ [ks] before front vowels (including ae, oe): [kst], kst], ksts, ks, qz, s, \{, \{, s\theta \};
z/z/[z, zz, dz]: [dz, dzdz, ts, qz, ks, z, \theta];
in addition:
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i+a vowel /iV/ [IV]: [jV, iV];
li+a vowel /liV/ [lIV]: [liV, ljV, ΛV];
ni+a vowel /niV/ [nIV]: [niV, njV, pV];
v between a consonant and a vowel /CuV/ [CυV]: [CwV, CuV, CqV].
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12.8. *Italian Latin* has only five vowels in stressed position, /i, ε, a, ɔ, u/, eg even habere or Roma, /haˈbeːɾe, ˈroːma/ [hɐˈbe·ɾe, ˈroːmɐ], became /aˈbɛɾe, ˈrɔːma/ [aˈbɛːɾe, ˈrɔːma] (in spite of Italian etymological avere [aˈveːɾe], Roma [ˈroːma]).

Similarly to Italian, in unstressed syllables only [e, o] and [e, σ] occur, with intermediate timbres, as a result of vowel adjustments of either half-opening (for Italian unstressed sentence final /e|, o|/) or half-closing (for de-stressed /ε, °)/, which is typical of neutral Italian pronunciation. Examples: dico /diːkoː/ ['diːko] → ['diːko], erga omnes /ergaː 'onneːs]/ [ergaˈonnes] → [ergaˈomːnes].

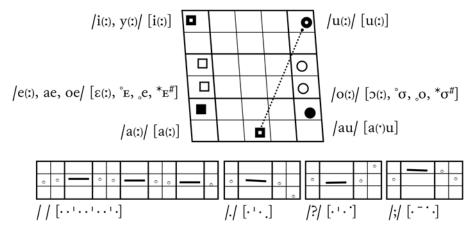
Length and the various vowel sequences also correspond to those found in neutral Italian, although with  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$  /' $\epsilon$ , ° $\epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon$ /. It preserves consonant *gemination*, homorganic [n=C], but /mC/ [mC] (often, also /mC/ [n=C]).

It rigorously has intervocalic s /VzV/; z is /dz/, and ti (with unstressed i, followed by a vowel) is /tsjV/, eg otium /'o:tɪuŋ/ ['o:tɪʊ]  $\rightarrow$  ['o:ts:tsjum $_*$ ] (the example shows both self-gemination, shared by /dz/, and /ʃ/, piscem ['piʃ:ʃɛm $_*$ ], and /p/, lignum ['lip:pum $_*$ ], and audible release, even for /m $^*$ /, indicated by [ $_*$ ], as can be seen).

But, unstressed ti/ti/[t1] is [ti, tj], when preceded by s, t, x/s, t, ks/t: bestia/bestia/[bestie]  $\rightarrow$  [bestie], Cottius/kottius/[kottius]  $\rightarrow$  [kottius], mixtio/mikstio:/[mikstio]  $\rightarrow$  [mikstjo]. Again ti/ti/[t1] when stressed: totius/to:titus/[to'tius]  $\rightarrow$  [to'tius], or in names of Greek origin: Miltiades/mil'tiades/[mil'tiedes]  $\rightarrow$  [mil'tiedes]. For c, g, before front vowels, we have /tf, ds/t: Cyrus ['tfirus], different from Chiron ['kiron].

Let us observe that our transcriptions accurately and clearly follow what we have just said, in spite of cases like *habere* and *Roma* seen above. Unfortunately, however, Italian speakers, even university Latin teachers, too often, pronounce Latin not exactly as it should be, according to what we have just said, but by mortifying its pronunciation with regional habits, both for the phonemes and intonation (including, often, stress patterns).

fig 12.2. Italian. Latin.



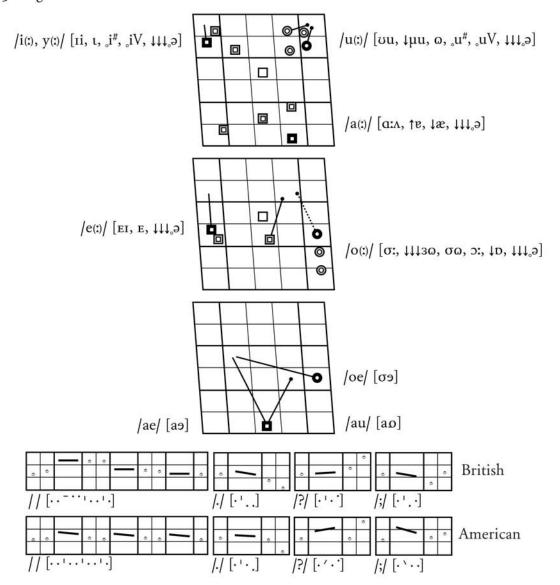
On the other hand, instead of (or in addition to) regional 'deviations', too many Italian speakers also introduce, more or less frequently, even 'neutral Italian deviations', which are clearly contrary to the cryterion accurately established above. Of course, it might be surprising to actually say [a'bɛːre, ˈrɔːma], but Italian (academic) Latin *is* another language, clearly different from both classical Latin and its most direct 'offspring', ie the current Italian language.

12.9. There follow our other phonopses. It is important to always keep in mind what has been said in the preceding chapters.

Let us start with six Germanic languages: English, German, Dutch, Danish, Swedish. and Norwegian. Afterwards, there are five Romance languages: Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, French, and Romanian (while Italian has just been dealt with above, being the source of ecclesiastical Latin).

In addition, two baltic languages: Lettish and Lithuanian, followed by three Uralic languages: Finnish, Estonian, and Hungarian.

fig 12.3. English Latin.



Besides, there are three Slavonic languages: Russian, Polish, Czech, followed by a group of other Slavonic languages, mostly representing former Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. Lastly, we present Albanian, Gheg, and Greek.

fig 12.3. German Latin.

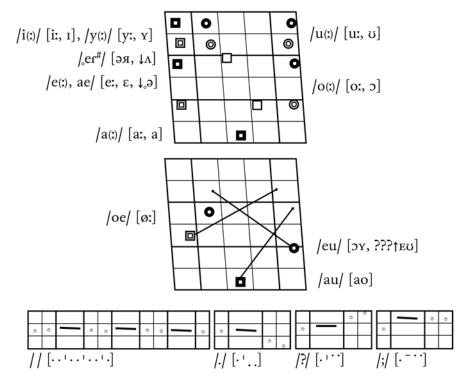


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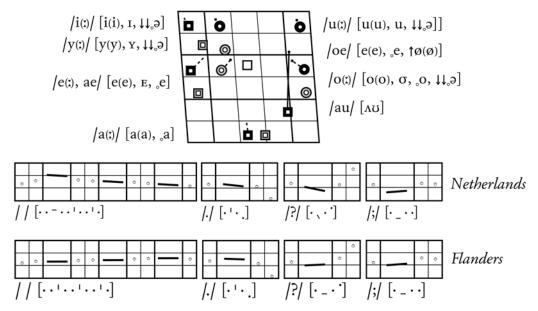


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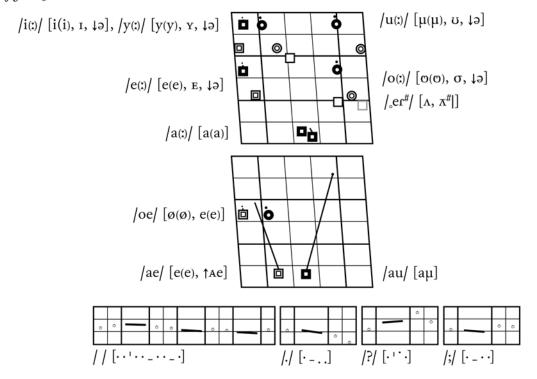


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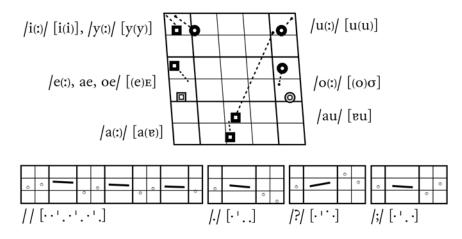


fig 12.7. Norwegian Latin.

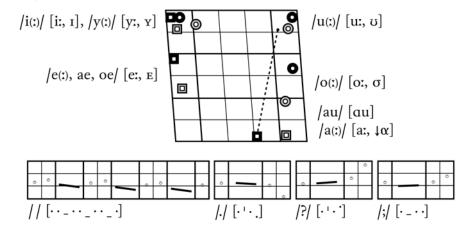


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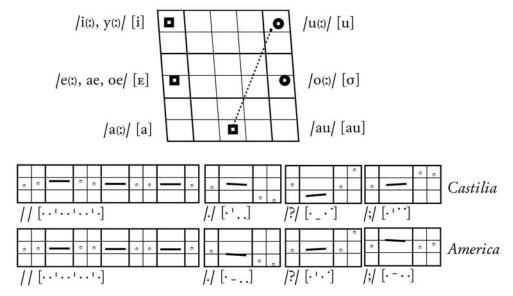


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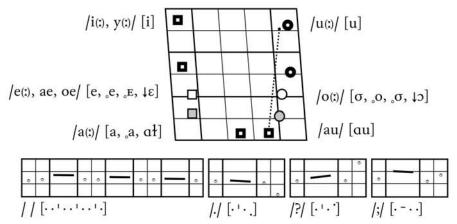


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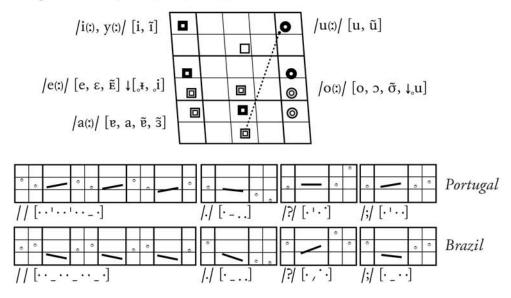


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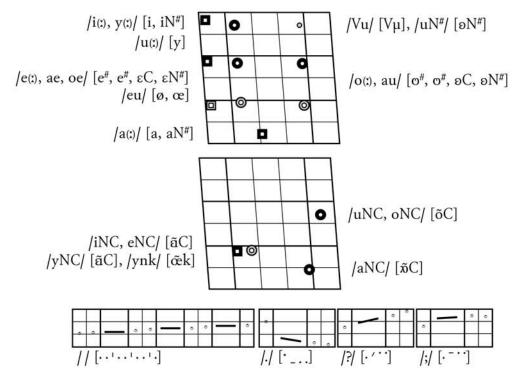


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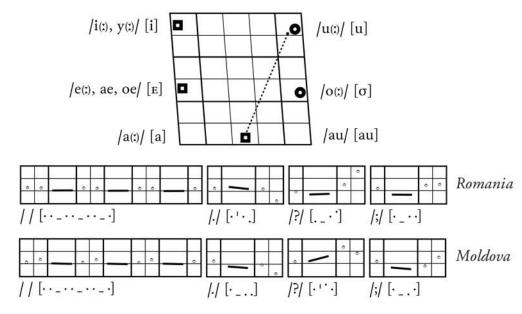


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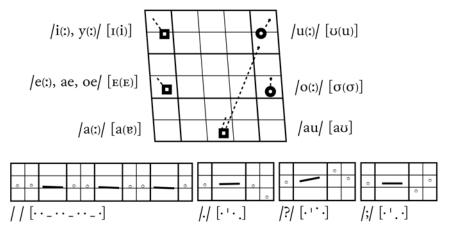


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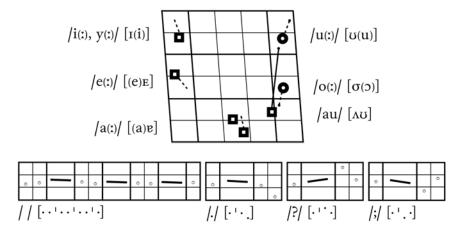


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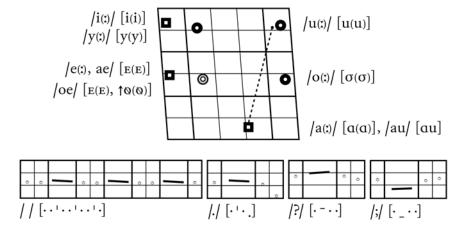


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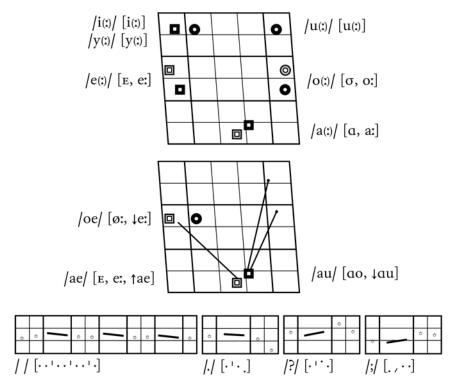


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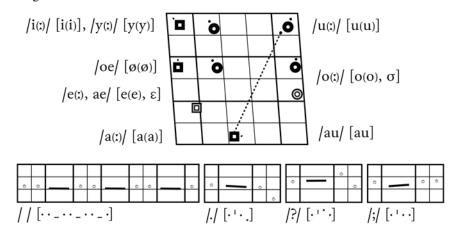


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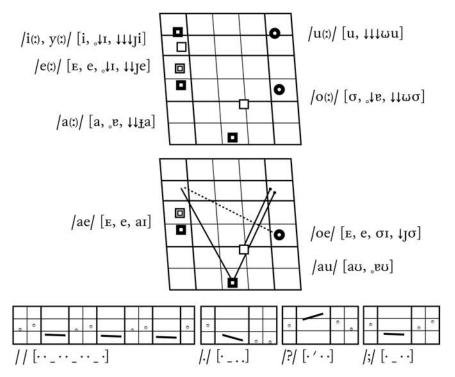


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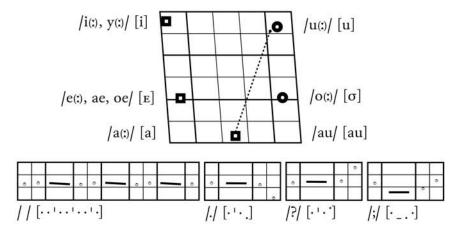


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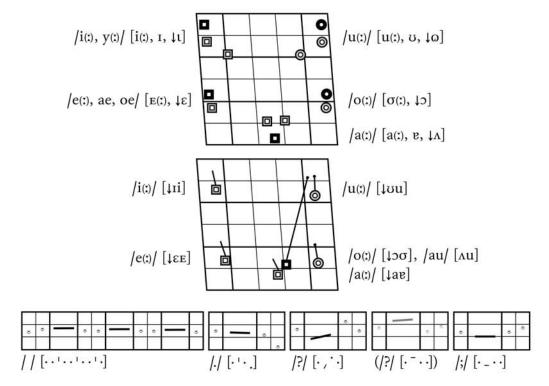


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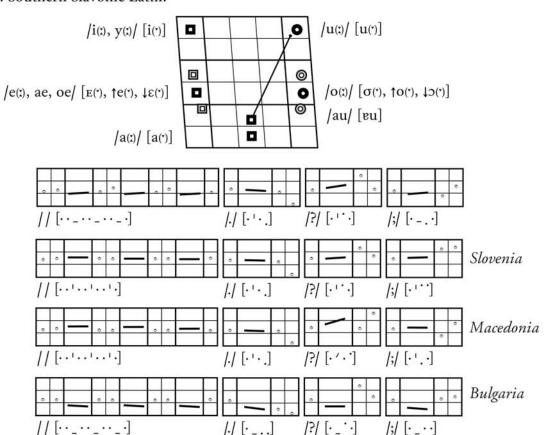


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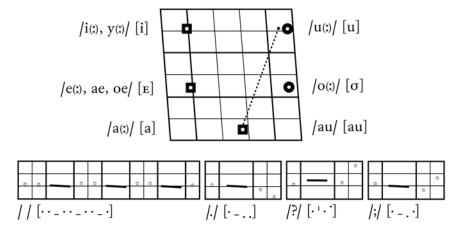


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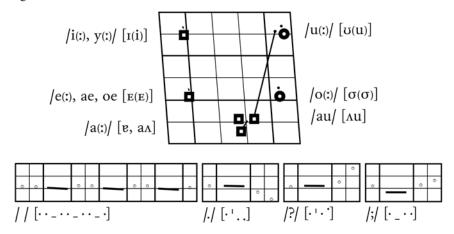
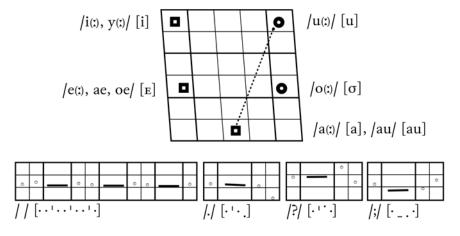


fig 12.25. Greek Latin.



### Comparison between three important kinds of pronunciation for Latin

12.9. Let us go back to the *IPA* text seen at the beginning of  $\mathfrak{G}$  7. We will repeat it in its classical pronunciation, adding the ecclesastical (and the Italian one, which it derives from), for useful comparisons. Of course, any interested reader may retranscribe it according to one's own traditional experience.

Olim inter se Aquilo et Sol uter fortior esset certabant, cum viatorem quendam pænula amictum procedentem conspexerunt; atque ipsorum fortiorem existimandum esse consenserunt, qui efficeret ut viator ille pænulam deponeret.

Aquilo autem vehementissime furere cœpit; sed, quo fortiores flatus emittebat, eo artius viator se circumdabat pænula; tandem, viribus destitutus, propositum suum omisit. Tum Sol cælum clarissima luce illustravit; mox vero viator, calore victus, pænulam exuit. Itaque Aquilo, quamvis invite, confessus est solem esse fortiorem.

Tibi placuit fabula? Libetne eam repetere?

### Classical pronunciation

['o'lī· Linter'se'·] 'eţiloet 'sof·| 'oter 'fortio· L'resset·] ker'ta'bent·, kõwia'to'rē 'ţende 'dē·| L'peenulae 'miktū·, iproke'dentē·, kõspek'serunt·, 'etţe-; ip'so'rū· forti'o'rē·, ek-isisti'mendū· L'esse·, kõsë'serunt·, 'ţi·; kef'fikeret·, otwi'a'to· L'rifle·, 'peenulē· de'poneret·,

'ɐˈkulo- լ'ɐute-j¦ ˌweemen'tɪssɪme- 'furere- ˌ [ˈkoepɪt-,] 'set- -koˌfortɪ'ores- 'flartu- ˌse-mɪt-te-bɐt- | eo'ɐrtɪus- wı'artor- ˌsekɪrˈkῦηdɐbɐt- ˈpɐenula-] 'tɐnde- [ˈwiˈrɪbus ˌdestɪ-tu-tus-] proˈposɪtῦ- [ˈsuῦ-,] oˈmiˈsɪt-] [ˈtῦη- ˈsol-¦ ˈkɐelῦ- [klaˈrɪssɪma ˈlu-ke-] ˌɪlusˈtra-wɪt-] ˈmoks- [ˈwe-ro-] wıˈartor- [kɐˈlo-re -wɪktus-] ˌˈpɐenule- ˌˌˈeksuɪt-] -ɪtɐke-- ˈɐkɪlo-¦ [ˈkɐ̃ηwi sɪŋ-wi-te-] kỡˈfessu- [ˈsest-,] ˌˈsoo-le- ˌesseˌfortɪ'ore-]|

¿tıbı'plekuit ¿'fabule | ¿lı'betne | e e re'petere | ]].

### Ecclesiastical pronunciation

['orlim-Linter'se-] 'arkwilo- et'sol-| 'urter- 'fortsjor- L'esset-] tfer'tarbant-; kumvia'torrem 'kwendam-| L'pernulaa 'miktum-] protfe'dentem-; konspek'serunt-] 'atkwe-; ip'sorum- for'tsjorem-; eg;zisti'mandum- L'esse-] konsen'serunt-] 'kwi- ;ef'firtferet-; utvi'artor- L'ille-]; 'pernulan- de'porneret-.

'aˈkwilo- lˈautem-]; 'veemenˈtissime- ˈfurere- lˈtʃe·pit-,] 'sed- kwoforˈtsjores- ˈflartus- jemit-te-bat- | eoʻartsjus- viʻartor- jsetʃirˈkumdabat- ˈpe·nula-,] 'tandem- lˈvirribus ˈdesti-turtus--] proʻpoʻzitum- lˈsuum-, oʻmiʻzit-, || lˈtum-, ˈsol-; ˈtʃe·lum- lklaˈrissima ˈlu-tʃe-, il-lusˈtra·vit-, ˈmoks- lˈvero-, viˈartor- lkaˈlore -viktus--, iˈpe·nulam-, jˈegzuit-, lˈ-irtakwe-- ˈaˈkwilo-; lˈkwamyis im-virte--, komˈfessus- lˈest-, iˈ-jˈso-lem- jesseforˈtsjorem-, ||

¿ˈti·bi ˈpla·kwit· ¿ˈfa·bula·| ¿liˈbetne ¡eamɾeˈpe·teɾe·||].

### Italian pronunciation

-ct'sivmuk, j.:tnead:st' j.:lic'] witer 'fɔr:tsjo l'rɛs:set' j. tʃer'ta:bant' j.:lic'] ret'ta:bant' j.:tnead:st' j.:tnead:

'sɔːrum· for'tsjɔːrem· ˈ; egˌzisti'man:du· ˌ'mɛsːse· ˌ ,konsen'sɛːrunt· ] 'kwi· ;efˈfiːtʃeret· ¡ ,utvi-'a:to· ˌ'rilːle· ]; 'pɛːnulan· deˈpɔːneret· ]|

'a:kwilo- l'arutem- l'veemen'tis:sime- 'furrere- l'tfe:pit-, l'sed:- kwofor'tsjores- 'flattus- l'arutem- l'arutem- l'viribuz l'arutem- l'uirere- l'tfe:pit-, l'sed:- kwofor'tsjores- l'arutus- l'arutem- l'arutem- l'viribuz l'ateritem- l'viribuz l'esti- l'uire l'arutem- l'arutus- l'uire l'uirere- l'arutus- l'arutem- l

## Phonopses of 26 modern languages (for comparisons)

13.1. According to the phonetic method, the pronunciation of another language is done contrastively, by comparing the characteristics of the language to be studied and those of one's own mother tongue.

For the latter, at least its neutral accent is presented, although in a simplified way. In fact, only the diphthongs which are not just simple combinations of existing phonemes are here shown, possibly as independent phonemes, often with unpredictable realizations. In more complete books (with specific teaching purposes), also the regional accents of both languages are presented.

- 13.2. However, in this book it is not possible to provide everything and for several languages. The books already published (and those in preparation, indicated in the bibliography), which belong to the series *X Pronunciation & Accents*, are thought to be useful. They are on: English, German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Galician, Italian, Russian, Greek, Chinese, Japanese, Hindi, Persian, Turkish, Arabic, Hebrew.
- 13.3. Therefore, here, we will at least provide the iconic phonopses of 26 languages, as for their *vowels*, *consonants* and *intonation*, a little simplified (but still more accurate than what can be found in so many other books). They are derived from those books or from *Handbook of Pronunciation* and *Natural Phonetics & Tonetics*, where much more can be found in comparison with what has been provided here. In fact, here, for tonal languages, we have also omitted their tonemes, while showing their marked tunes, with further simplifications.
- 13.4. Thus, it will be useful to carefully compare the phonopses of one's own language (and also those of other languages one wants to know), to see directly what is similar or different. In the indicated books, there are more than 300 such phonopses. fig 13.27.1-7 give a number of orograms of the contoids which are necessary to facilitate the comparison between different languages.
- 13.5. Symbols given between [] are important taxophones (or combinatory variants), while those between () are possible additional phonemes or xenophonemes. Since we do not consider clusters like /Ch/ as unitary phonemes in possible opposition to simple /C/, they do not appear in the consonant tables provided.

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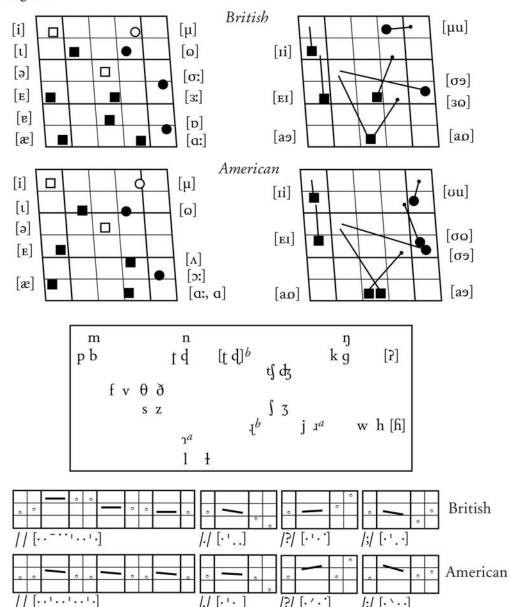


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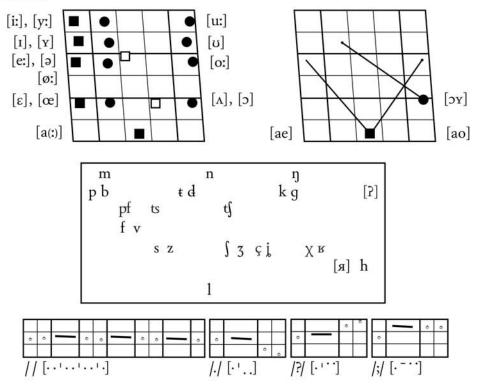


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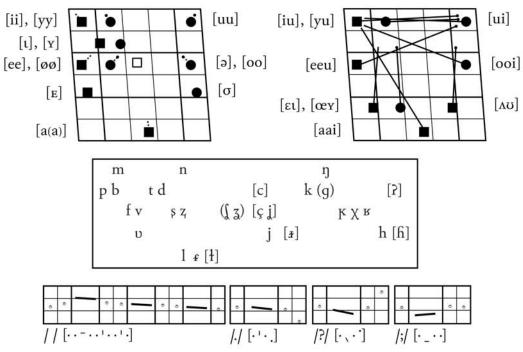
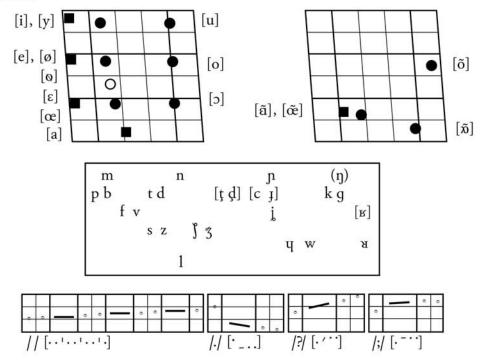


fig 13.4. French.



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fig 13.5. Spanish.

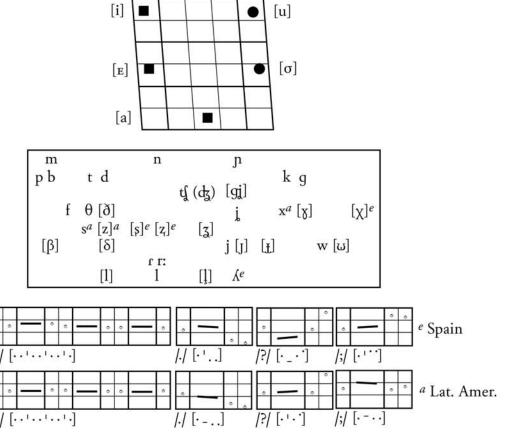


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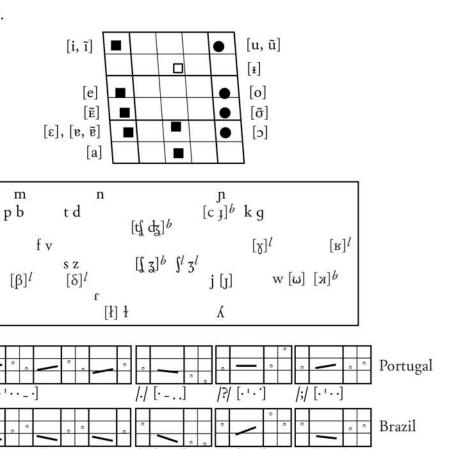


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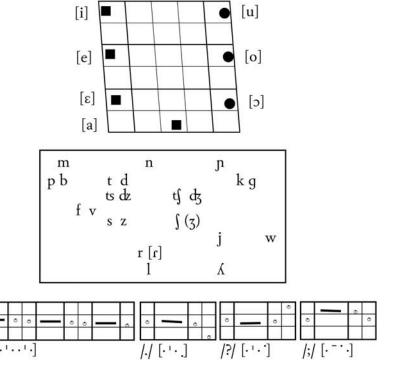


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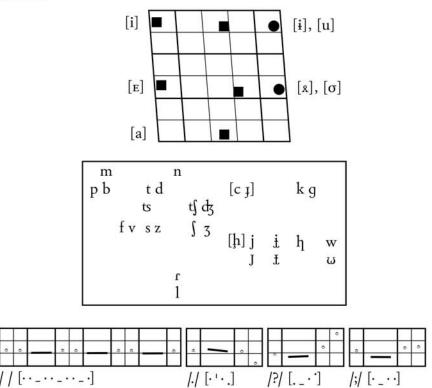
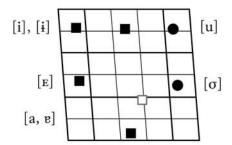
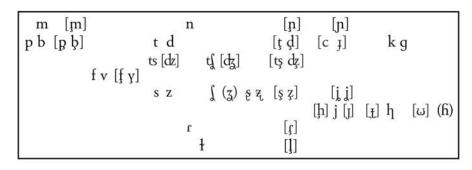


fig 13.9. Russian.





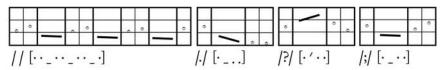


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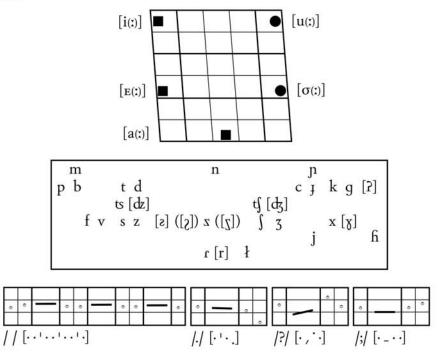


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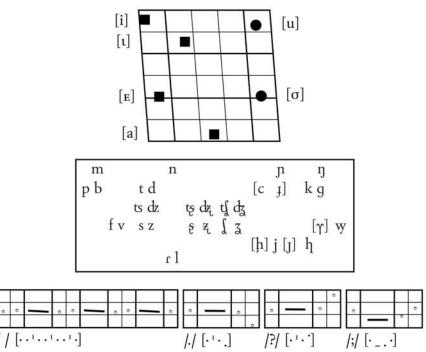


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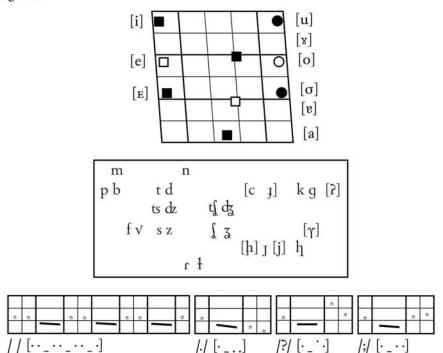


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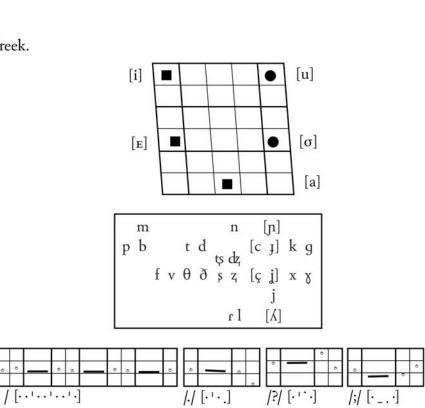


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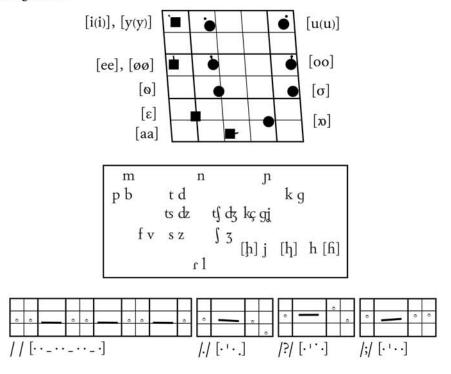


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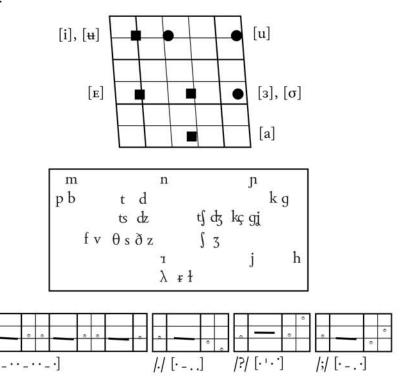


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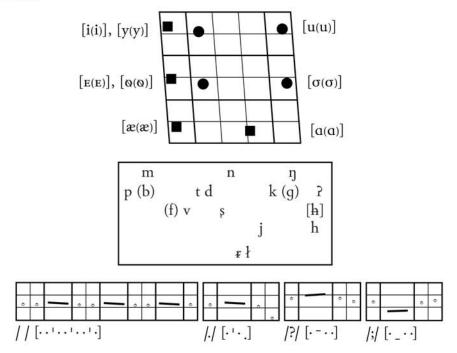


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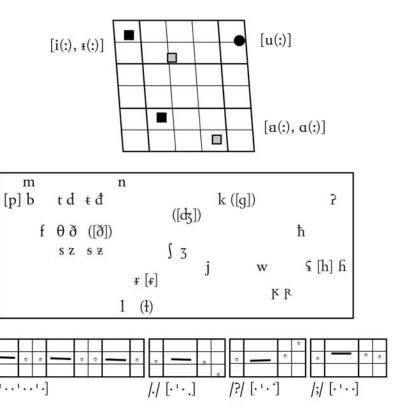


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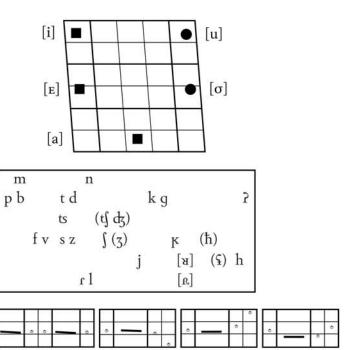


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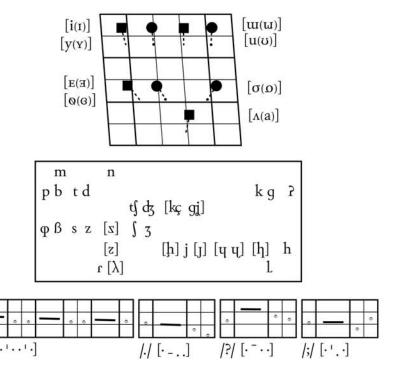


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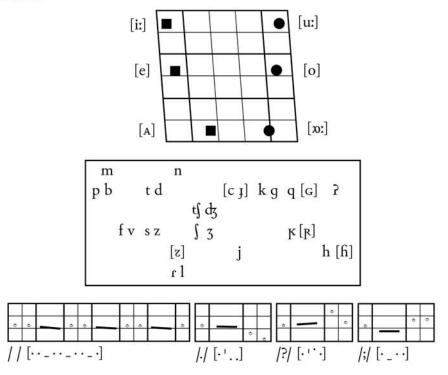


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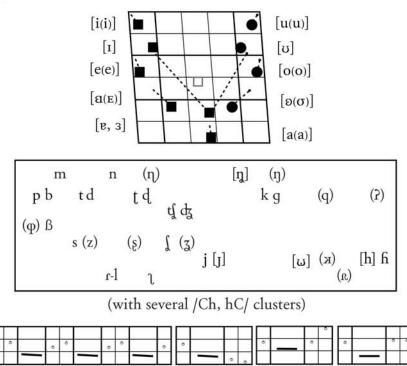


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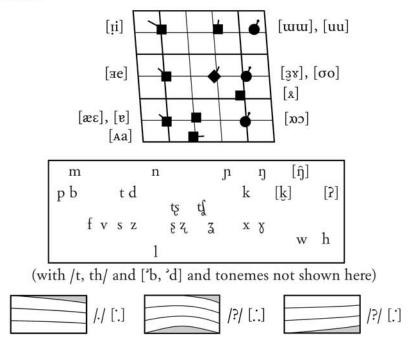


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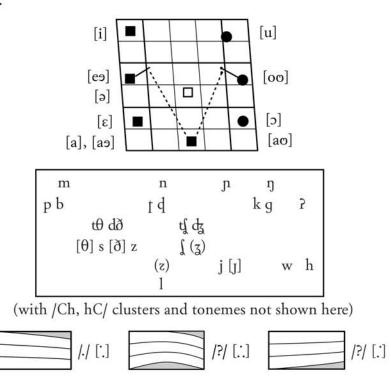


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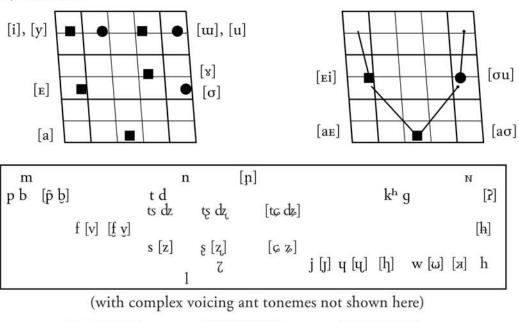
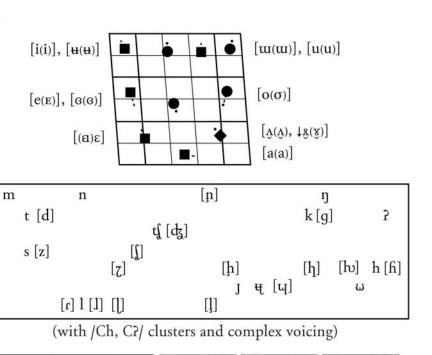


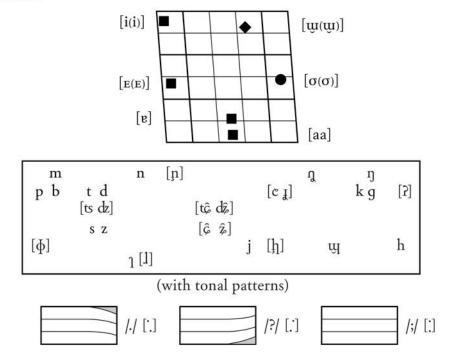
fig 13.25. Korean.

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fig 13.26. Japanese.



## Main consonant orograms

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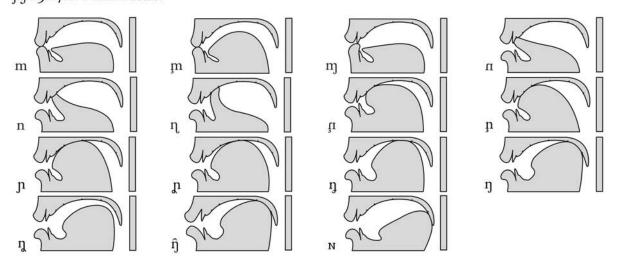


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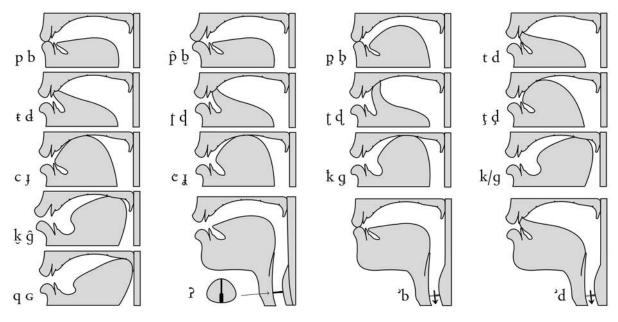


fig 13.27.3. Main stop-strictives (or 'affricates').

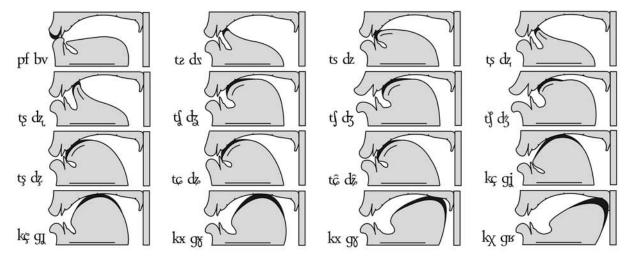


fig 13.27.4. Main constrictives (or 'fricatives').

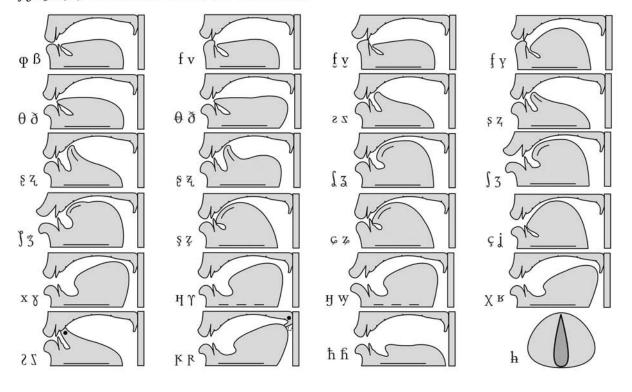


fig 13.27.5. Main approximants (and semi-approximants).

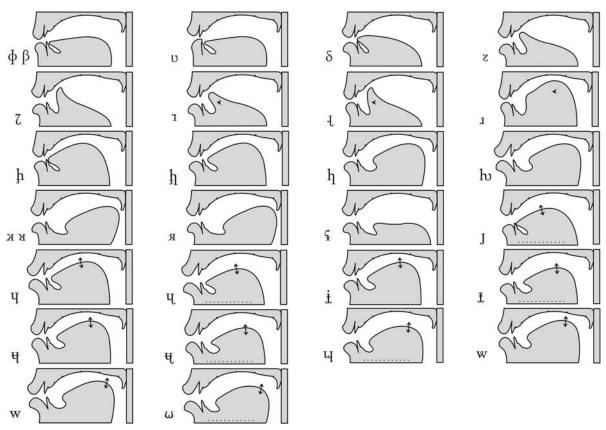


fig 13.27.6. Main 'rhotics'.

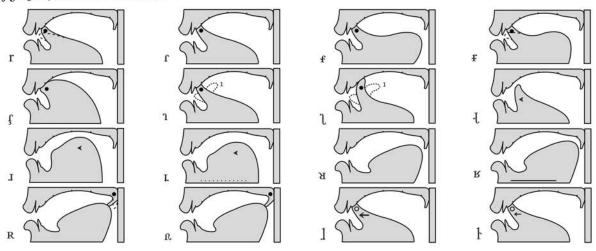
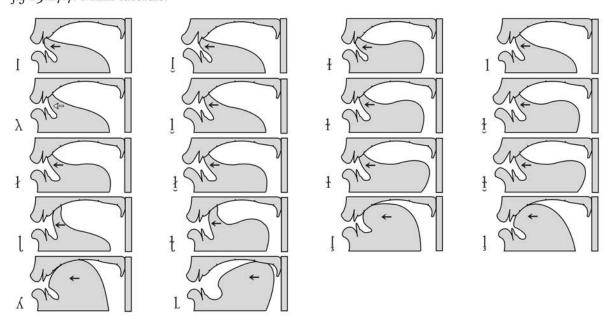


fig 13.27.7. Main laterals.



## 14. Annotated Bibliography

A number of our examples have been taken from some of the few titles listed in this Bibliography, but they have been retranscribed (or transcribed, if needed), following our *canIPA* method, also adapting their spelling.

Unfortunately, none of them succeeded in actually freeing themselves from the incredible confusion between 'syllable' and 'mora'. Thus, they continue mixing up phonic and graphic matters. Of course, less useful (or, rather, useless) books and articles do not appear here.

In addition, even none of the titles listed here indicate, systematically and fully, vowel quantities, as if they were not important, including frequent differences.

- Adams, J.N. (2013) *Social Variation and the Latin Language*. Cambridge: Cup; a very thick book with nothing new, just a collection of what is known and well-known, even more deeply, still with the incredible fairy-tale section about 'diphthongs and hiatuses', with a 'promising' but very disappointing and highly misleading title; non-*IPA*.
- ALLEN, W.S. (1978<sup>2</sup>) Vox latina. Cambridge: CUP; sufficient as a start, but not as satisfactory as some 'older' treateses and grammars; non-IPA.
- BERNARDI PERINI, G. (2010<sup>5</sup>) L'accento latino. Bologna: Pàtron; non-IPA, somehow indicating stresses and vowel quantities, but Italian e/e used at random.
- Betts, G. (1986) *Teach yourself Latin*. Sevenoaks: Hodder & Stoughton; non-*IPA*, but indicating stresses and vowel quantities, somehow.
- Boldrini, S. (2004) Fondamenti di prosodia e metrica latina. Roma: Carocci.
- BOUQUIAUX, L. et alii (1976) Initiation à la phonétique. Paris: PUF/ORSTOM; a vinyl record to be used in connection with Thomas et alii; expanded IPA.
- CALONGHI, F. (1950) Dizionario latino italiano. Torino: Rosenberg & Sellier.
- CANEPARI, L. (1983) *Phonetic Notation | La notazione fonetica*. Venezia: Cafoscarina; with 2 enclosed audiocassettes; almost <sup>can</sup>IPA.
- (1986<sup>3</sup>) *Italiano standard e pronunce regionali* ['Standard and Regional Italian Pronunciations']. Padua: Cleup; with 2 enclosed audiocassettes, the second one is about regional pronunciations, aslo downloadable from our *canipa.net* website; almost <sup>can</sup>IPA.
- (2000/2009) Dizionario di pronuncia italiana ['Italian Pronouncing Dictionary']. Bologna: Zanichelli; 60,000 forms with transcription and pronunciation variants, which correspond at least to 180,000 actual words; with many variants

- and degrees of acceptability: *modern* neutral, *traditional* neutral, *acceptable*, *tolerated*, *slovenly*, *intentional* and *lofty*; <sup>can</sup>IPA.
- (2004<sup>2</sup>) Manuale di pronuncia italiana ['Handbook of Italian Pronunciation']. Bologna: Zanichelli; with 2 enclosed audiocassettes, aslo downloadable from our canipa.net website; it introduces modern neutral pronunciation, in addition to the traditional one, besides other types, including 22 regional koinés; canIPA.
- (2007) *Pronunce straniere dell'italiano ProSIt* ['Foreign Pronunciations of Italian']. München, Lincom; precise descriptions of the foreign accents of 43 language groups, not only European, with intonation and more or less marked internal variants; *canIPA*.
- (2007<sup>2</sup>) A Handbook of Pronunciation. English, Italian, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Hindi, Chinese, Japanese, Esperanto. München: Lincom; canIPA transcriptions, as in this book.
- (2007) Natural Phonetics & Tonetics. Articulatory, auditory, and functional. München: Lincom; updated edition of previous title; the first part gives a complete presentation of the canIPA method and symbolization; while, the second part provides accurate phonosyntheses of 241 living languages and 71 dead ones; on our website, the latter are 81, freely downloadable.
- (2016<sup>2</sup>) English Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; with more than 200 different accents [L1: 121 native with variants], bilingual [L2: 63], foreign [LS: 30]; canIPA.
- (2016<sup>2</sup>) German Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic, traditional, international, regional and foreign accents, not only in Germany, Austria and Switzerland; canIPA.
- (2017) French Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic, traditional, international, regional and foreign accents, not only in France; canIPA.
- (2017) Portuguese Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic, traditional, and international pronunciations, 22 regional and several foreign accents; canIPA.
- (2018) *Italian Pronunciation & Accents*. München: Lincom; neutral, traditional, mediatic pronunciations, with 22 regional and 43 foreign accents, not only European, with intonation and more or less marked internal variants and subvariants, with further chapters on Italian dialects, Latin and other diachronic stages, and many downloadable sound files from our *canipa.net* website; *canIPA*.
- (2019) Hebrew Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; international, neutral, mediatic, traditional pronunciations, with Jerusalem and five 'ethnic' accents, including 40 'return-regional' accents, and a couple of diachronic stages, with counseling by Maya Mevorah; canIPA.
- (2020) *Greek Pronunciation & Accents*. München: Lincom; international, neutral, mediatic, traditional pronunciations, regional accents, including diachronic stages, with a chapter on Ancient Greek; *canIPA*.
- (2020) Persian Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; communicative, neutral, mediatic, traditional, international pronunciations, with regional and border-

- ing accents; canIPA.
- (2020) Ancient Greek Pronunciation & Modern Accents. München: Lincom; including diachronic stages and some modern European accents; canIPA.
- (2020) Sanskrit Pronunciation & Modern Accents. München: Lincom; including some diachronic stages and modern Indian accents; canIPA.
- (forth.) *Italian pronouncing dictionary*. Rome: Aracne; updated and expanded full version of the 2000/2009 *DíPI* edition; <sup>can</sup>IPA.
- & Balzi, F. (2016) *Turkish Pronunciation & Accents*. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic, and international pronunciations, and regional accents; *canIPA*.
- & CERINI, M. (2016<sup>2</sup>) Dutch & Afrikaans Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic, traditional, international, and regional accents, not only in the Netherlands, Flanders, and South Africa; canIPA.
- & (2017<sup>2</sup>) Chinese Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral and mediatic Mandarin, with 10 regional and Taiwanese accents; canIPA.
- & (2020<sup>2</sup>) Arabic Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral and mediatic accents, including 'regionational' accents; with contributions from Maurizio Pugliese; <sup>can</sup>IPA.
- & GIOVANNELLI, B. (2012<sup>4</sup>) La buona pronuncia italiana del terzo millennio ['Good Italian Pronunciation for the Third Millennium']. Rome: Aracne; neutral pronunciation, with a CD containing recordings, also downloadable from the *canipa.net* website; <sup>can</sup>IPA.
- & MIOTTI, R. (forth.) Spanish Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic, traditional, international, and regional accents, not only in Spain and Latin America; English version corresponding to Miotti & Canepari's Pronunciación y acentos del español; canIPA.
- & MISCIO, F. (2017<sup>2</sup>) *Japanese Pronunciation & Accents*. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic and international pronunciations, and 20 regional accents; *canIPA*.
- & (2018) *Japanese Pronouncing Dictionary. From Transliteration to Phonotonetics.* München: Lincom; <sup>can</sup>IPA.
- & Pugliese, M. (2020) *Galician Pronunciation & Accents*. München: Lincom (neutral, mediatic and regional accents; canIPA).
- & (2021) Romanian Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral and regional accents; canIPA.
- & Sharma, G. (2017<sup>2</sup>) *Hindi Pronunciation & Accents*. München: Lincom (neutral, mediatic and international pronunciations, and 16 regional accents; *canIPA*).
- & VITALI, D. (2018) Russian Pronunciation & Accents. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic, traditional, international, and some regional accents; canIPA.
- CATFORD, J.C. (1988) A Practical Introduction to Phonetics. Oxford: Clarendon Press; guided drills to develop phonetic kinesthesia, to be performed accurately, step by step; however, the 2001 edition should be avoided because of too many technical problems during its unsuccessful updating; *IPA*.
- Chapman, W.H. *et alii* (1988<sup>3</sup>) *Introduction to Practical Phonetics*. Horsleys Green: Summer Institute of Linguistics; substantially *IPA*.
- CLACKSON, J. (2011 ed) A Companion to the Latin Language. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

- CSER, A. (2020) *The Phonology of Classical Latin*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell; not complete and still grammar-dependent for 'hiatuses & diphthongs', *IPA*, but with /aj/ for æ, &c.
- DAITZ, S.G. (1984) *The Pronunciation and Reading of Classical Latin*. London: Norton; booklet and cassette with cartoon-like effect, and not without phonomistakes; only listed *IPA*.
- Dictionnaire Latin-Français (2014) Chennevières-sur-Marne: Assimil; 14000 entries, with vowel quantities and, wisely, j for /j/, v for /w/, but not au, æ, æ for /eu, ee, oe/.
- Duden Aussprachewörterbuch (2015<sup>7</sup>, 1962<sup>1</sup>) Berlin: Dudenverlag; the 'DUDEN 6'; also gives person, family, and place names belonging to various languages, with their original pronunciation, but unfortunately, with *intra*linguistic rather than *inter*linguistic transcriptions, and sometimes in an outdated style; *IPA*, with /a, a:/, but /r/, however, now, at last, it accepts '/r/'vocalization' also after short vowels, although it continues using only /r/; nothing on intonation, and a very short section on reduced forms; *IPA*.

However, its first edition was our best 'friend' during school time, bringing there interesting books on languages and phonetics, rather than the boring expected ones, not to waste precious time. Among the preferred books there were various Linguaphone courses —set up by renowned phoneticians and also recorded by selected radio speakers— which had a whole disc out of sixteen devoted to the phonetics of the language taught, with full *IPA* transcriptions of the various examples, accurately chosen to show the phonic structure; later on, we used those same lists, adequately completed, also for our studies on the different accents, including the social, regional, and foreign ones. Unfortunately, after the sixties, those courses became like all others, practically with no attention to phonetics.

- Georges, C.E. & Calonghi, F. (1896) Dizionario della lingua latina. Torino: Rosenberg & Sellier; with j and v, but not æ, æ, nor au.
- HALE, W.G. & BUCK, C.D. (1903) A Latin Grammar. Alabama: UAP; much better than so many recent books.
- Handbook of the International Phonetic Association (1999). Cambridge: C. Univ. Press; although it should be a reliable and advisable guide for transcribing and describing the pronunciation of languages, it honestly cannot be considered such; *IPA*.
- HAUDRICOURT, A.G. & THOMAS, J.M.C. (1976) La notation des langues. Phonétique et phonologie ['Language notation. Phonetics and phonology']. Paris: Inst. Géographique National; with 2 enclosed vinyl records; adapted *IPA*.
- JONES, D. (1956) *Cardinal Vowels*. London: Linguaphone Institute; 2 [78 rpm] records with booklet; now face A of both records are downloadable; *IPA*.
- (1967<sup>3</sup>) The Phoneme: its Nature and Use. Cambridge: Heffer; still better than so many more or less recent productions, woolily trying to deal with this serious subject, denying it; IPA.
- KENT, R.G. (1945<sup>3</sup>) *The Sounds of Latin*. Baltimore: Linguistic Society of America; with some almost natural-phonetics presentations.
- LAVER, J. (1980) *The Phonetic Description of Voice Quality*. Cambridge: CUP; with a non-enclosed audiocassette; *IPA*.
- Le Latin (2015) Chennevières-sur-Marne: Assimil; some pseudo-phonetic transcrip-

- tions, with almost unreadable notes, for unprofessional color printing.
- LINDSAY, W.M. (1894) *The Latin Language*. Oxford: OUP; still much better than so many 'modern' books.
- MABILIA, V. & Mastandrea, P. (2000) *Il primo latino*. Bologna: Zanichelli; marks non-penultimate stress by means of `.
- MAGGI, F. & CANEPARI L. (forth.) Latin Pronouncing Dictionary · Lexicon Latinæ Locutionis. Rome: Aracne; presented and realized according to useful phonic principles, rather than morphological ones; canIPA.
- MIOTTI, R. & CANEPARI, L. (forth.) *Pronunciación y acentos del español* ['Spanish Pronunciation & Accents']. München: Lincom; neutral, mediatic, traditional, international, and regional accents, not only in Spain and Latin America; Spanish version of Canepari & Miotti's *Spanish Pronunciation & Accents*; canIPA.
- & (forth.) Spanish Pronouncing Dictionary/Diccionario de pronunciación española. München: Lincom; <sup>can</sup>IPA.
- MIR, J. & Calvano, P. (1986) *Nuovo vocabolario della lingua latina*. Milano: Mondadori-ELI; marks many stresses by means of 'or ', but not without mistakes.
- Oxford Latin Desk Dictionary (2005). Oxford: OUP; indicates long vowels by means of macrons, although not always or not always correctly, v for /w/, but not j, au, æ, œ for /j, eu, ee, oe/, no IPA.
- Oxford Latin Dictionary (1968). Oxford: OUP; not as useful and complete as it should be, indicates long vowels by means of macrons, although not always, besides with u, i, au, ae, oe for v, j, au, æ, œ /w, j, ɛu, ɛe, oe/, no IPA.
- SMALLEY, W.A. (1964<sup>2</sup>) Manual of Articulatory Phonetics. Terrytown (NY): Practical Anthropology; with 33 non-enclosed [18 cm, 19 cm/s] reels, lasting 32 hours; non-IPA.
- STURTEVANT, E.H. (1920) *The Pronunciation of Greek and Latin*. Chicago: UCP; still interesting and useful.
- THOMAS, J.M.C. *et alii* (1976) *Initiation à la phonétique* ['Introduction to Phonetics']. Paris: PUF; completed by the vinyl record BOUQUIAUX *et alii*; expanded *IPA*.
- VENDRYES, J. (1902) Recherches sur l'histoire et les effets de l'intensité initiale en latin. Paris: Klincksieck; with passages from various authors, both Latin and modern on the subject, but not convincing about a 'musical' accent.
- ZAGO, M. (1998) La pronuncia e l'intonazione della lingua latina: una proposta. Venice University graduation thesis guided by L. Canepari; some of its texts have been retranscribed for the present book.