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#### A. Administrative

1. Title

Proposal to add monogram, digram and hexagram characters to the UCS.

2. Requester's name

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3. Requester type

Expert contribution.

4. Submission date

2001-07-25.

5. Requester's reference

6a. Completion

This is a complete proposal.

6b. More information to be provided?

No.

## **B.** Technical – General

1a. New script? Name?

No.

#### 1b. Addition of characters to existing block? Name?

Yes. We suggest that the 2 monograms and 4 diagrams be added to the Miscellaneous Symbols block. See C6 below.

2. Number of characters

2+4+64=70.

3. Proposed category

Category A.

4. Proposed level of implementation and rationale

Base characters.

5a. Character names included in proposal?

Yes

5b. Character names in accordance with guidelines?

Yes

5c. Character shapes reviewable?

Yes. See below.

6a. Who will provide computerized font?

Cook & Everson.

6b. Font currently available?

Yes.

#### 6c. Font format?

TrueType, and PostScript Type 1 formats are available.

7a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts, etc.) provided?

Yes. See pp. 10-11.

7b. Are published examples (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of use of proposed characters attached?

**7c.** Proposed Unicode and ISO/IEC 10646 bibliographical citation See Wilhelm/Baynes (1950) in Bibliography.

8. Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing? No.

#### C. Technical – Justification

#### 1. Contact with the user community?

Yes. The Sino-Tibetan Etymological Dictionary and Thesaurus (STEDT) Project, and other Sinological groups.

#### 2. Information on the user community?

Chinese classicists and linguists.

#### 3a. The context of use for the proposed characters?

Classical semantic and divinatory notation.

#### 3b. Reference

See pp. 10-11.

4a. Proposed characters in current use?

Yes.

#### 4b. Where?

Symbols originated in and have strong usage in China; today used world-wide.

#### 5a. Characters should be encoded entirely in BMP?

Yes

#### 5b. Rationale

Should be kept on the same plane with the encoded trigrams U+2630-U+2637.

#### 6. Should characters be kept in a continuous range?

Yes, but the 2 monograms and 4 digrams could be placed together in the Miscellaneous Symbols block, as follows: U+2672-U+2677.

## 7a. Can the characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?

No. See Section D.

7b. Where? 7c. Reference

8a. Can any of the characters be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character?

No.

8b. Where?

8c. Reference

9a. Combining characters or use of composite sequences included?

Nο

9b. List of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images provided?  $N_{\rm O}$ 

10. Characters with any special properties such as control function, etc. included?

No.

## D.0. Proposal

At present although the eight Yi Jing trigram symbols<sup>1</sup>

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■ U+2630, ■ U+2631, ■ U+2632, ■ U+2633,
■ U+2634, ■ U+2635, ■ U+2636, ■ U+2637
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are all to be found in the UCS, the 70 related characters discussed in this proposal are not. These 70 related characters fall into three groups:

#### Ancient origin

Usage of these symbols in China begins with a text called 《周易》 Zhōu Yì ('the Zhou Dynasty [classic of] change'), said to have originated c. 1000 вс. This text is today popularly known by several names, including: 《易經》— Yì Jīng—I Ching—I ging; das Buch der Wandlungen—Yi king, le livre des transformations—Khuza Перемен—The Book of Changes. These symbols represent a primary level of semantic notation in this ancient text, which is in traditional estimation the first and most important of the Chinese Classics. Traditional Chinese Zhou Yi exegetical literature is extensive, to say the least, as the 352 pp. LU (1992) bibliography suggests.

#### **Global usage** (in running text)

These symbols appear today in a great many print and electronic publications, produced in Asia and all over the world. The *Bibliographic References* (Section E.0) provide a representative sample of works attesting usage. As a primary source 《漢語大字典》 *Hanyu Da Zidian* (HYDZD) may be cited: this Chinese character lexicon makes use of hexagram symbols in running Chinese text (see Example F.1). Many of the works listed in Section E.0 themselves contain bibliographies, providing attestation of usage of these symbols in running-text written in many languages and scripts of the world, including: Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Japanese. The Library of Congress on-line catalogue lists 219 titles, with another 398 titles listed in the old catalog, all under subject "I Ching"; under subject "Yi jing" it lists 337 titles. For a sample of English titles, a search at <a href="http://www.amazon.com">http://www.amazon.com</a> for "I Ching" or "Book of Changes" returned ~446 hits.

#### Semantically distinct

These symbols are semantically distinct written signs associated with specific words. Each of the 64 hexagrams has a unique name, of one or two syllables (see tabulation below). Each hexagram name is intimately connected with interpretation of the 6 lines.

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<sup>1《</sup>易經》八卦。

## **D.1. Traditional Arrangement** 傳統次序

The ordering of these 70 signs proposed for the Unicode Standard follows the traditional Chinese arrangement, as presented in the principal modern editions:《周易·正義》【王弼】(WANG Bi, 226-249 AD; cf. RUAN Yuan, 1849);《周易·本義》【朱熹】(ZHU Xi, ~1200 AD). The ordering of the 64 hexagrams is as follows:

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It may be noted that the traditional ordering of the monograms and digrams given below is in agreement with the traditional ordering of the *Yi Jing* trigram symbols U+2630-U+2637.

## D.2. Two Monograms and Four Digrams 兩儀和四象

#### NAMING

The names proposed here for the 2 monograms and 4 digrams are based on the traditional Chinese names (appearing e.g. in the ZHU Xi text of c. 1200 AD; cf. LU Shaogang (1992:15-16,1063) in attached samples). These names are here given after the pattern of those for U+2630-U+2637.

U+2672	MONOGRAM FOR YANG	陽爻	yángyáo yang2yao2
U+2673	MONOGRAM FOR YIN	陰爻	yīnyáo yin1yao2
U+2674	DIGRAM FOR GREATER YANG	太陽	tàiyáng tai4yang2
U+2675	DIGRAM FOR LESSER YIN	少陰	shàoyīn shao4yin1
U+2676	DIGRAM FOR LESSER YANG	少陽	shàoyáng shao4yang2
U+2677	DIGRAM FOR GREATER YIN	太陰	tàiyīn tai4yin1

# D.3. Sixty-four Hexagrams 六十四卦

The names proposed here for the 64 hexagrams are based on the Baynes (1950) English translation of the Richard Wilhelm (1924) German translation. These are reminiscent of the trigram names, and of the names for the 214 Kang Xi Radicals (U+2F00-U+2FD5).

U+4DC0	HEXAGRAM FOR THE CREATIVE HEAVEN	乾	qián qian2
U+4DC1	HEXAGRAM FOR THE RECEPTIVE EARTH	坤	kūn kun1
U+4DC2	HEXAGRAM FOR DIFFICULTY AT THE BEGINNING	屯	zhūn zhun1
U+4DC3	HEXAGRAM FOR YOUTHFUL FOLLY	蒙	méng meng2
U+4DC4	HEXAGRAM FOR WAITING	需	xū xu1
U+4DC5	HEXAGRAM FOR CONFLICT	訟	sòng song4
U+4DC6	HEXAGRAM FOR THE ARMY	師	shī shi1
U+4DC7	HEXAGRAM FOR HOLDING TOGETHER	比	bǐ bi3
U+4DC8	HEXAGRAM FOR SMALL TAMING	小畜	xiǎochù xiao3chu4
U+4DC9	HEXAGRAM FOR TREADING	履	lů lu3
U+4DCA	HEXAGRAM FOR PEACE	泰	tài tai4
U+4DCB	HEXAGRAM FOR STANDSTILL	否	pľ pi3
U+4DCC	HEXAGRAM FOR FELLOWSHIP	同人	tóngrén tong2ren2
U+4DCD	HEXAGRAM FOR GREAT POSSESSION	大有	dàyǒu da4you3

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U+4DCE	HEXAGRAM FOR MODESTY	謙	qiān qian1
U+4DCF	HEXAGRAM FOR ENTHUSIASM	豫	yù yu4
U+4DD0	HEXAGRAM FOR FOLLOWING	隨	suí sui2
U+4DD1	HEXAGRAM FOR WORK ON THE DECAYED	盘	gǔ gu3
U+4DD2	HEXAGRAM FOR APPROACH	臨	lín lin2
U+4DD3	HEXAGRAM FOR CONTEMPLATION	觀	guān guan1
U+4DD4	HEXAGRAM FOR BITING THROUGH	噬嗑	shìhé shi4he2
U+4DD5	HEXAGRAM FOR GRACE	賁	bì bi4
U+4DD6	HEXAGRAM FOR SPLITTING APART	剝	bō bo1
U+4DD7	HEXAGRAM FOR RETURN	復	fù fu4
U+4DD8	HEXAGRAM FOR INNOCENCE	无妄	wúwàng wu2wang4
U+4DD9	HEXAGRAM FOR GREAT TAMING	大畜	dàchù da4chu4
U+4DDA	HEXAGRAM FOR MOUTH CORNERS	頤	yí yi2
U+4DDB	HEXAGRAM FOR GREAT PREPONDERANCE	大過	dàguò da4guo4
U+4DDC	HEXAGRAM FOR THE ABYSMAL WATER	習坎	xíkǎn xi2kan3
U+4DDD	HEXAGRAM FOR THE CLINGING FIRE	離	lí li2
U+4DDE	HEXAGRAM FOR INFLUENCE	咸	xián xian2

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U+4DDF	HEXAGRAM FOR DURATION	恒	héng heng2
U+4DE0	HEXAGRAM FOR RETREAT	遯	dùn dun4
U+4DE1	HEXAGRAM FOR GREAT POWER	大壯	dàzhuàng da4zhuang4
U+4DE2	HEXAGRAM FOR PROGRESS	五五日	jìn jin4
U+4DE3	HEXAGRAM FOR DARKENING OF THE LIGHT	明夷	míngyí ming2yi2
U+4DE4	HEXAGRAM FOR THE FAMILY	家人	jiārén jia1ren2
U+4DE5	HEXAGRAM FOR OPPOSITION	睽	kuí kui2
U+4DE6	HEXAGRAM FOR OBSTRUCTION	蹇	jiǎn jian3
U+4DE7	HEXAGRAM FOR DELIVERANCE	解	jiě jie3
U+4DE8	HEXAGRAM FOR DECREASE	損	sǔn sun3
U+4DE9	HEXAGRAM FOR INCREASE	益	yì yi4
U+4DEA	HEXAGRAM FOR BREAKTHROUGH	夬	guài guai4
U+4DEB	HEXAGRAM FOR COMING TO MEET	姤	gòu gou4
U+4DEC	HEXAGRAM FOR GATHERING TOGETHER	萃	cuì cui4
U+4DED	HEXAGRAM FOR PUSHING UPWARD	升	shēng sheng1
U+4DEE	HEXAGRAM FOR OPPRESSION	木	kùn kun4
U+4DEF	HEXAGRAM FOR THE WELL	井	jǐng jing3

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U+4DF0	HEXAGRAM FOR REVOLUTION	革	gé ge2
U+4DF1	HEXAGRAM FOR THE CAULDRON	鼎	dǐng ding3
U+4DF2	HEXAGRAM FOR THE AROUSING THUNDER	震	zhèn zhen4
U+4DF3	HEXAGRAM FOR THE KEEPING STILL MOUNTAIN	艮	gèn gen4
U+4DF4	HEXAGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT	漸	jiàn jian4
U+4DF5	HEXAGRAM FOR THE MARRYING MAIDEN	歸妹	guīmèi gui1mei4
U+4DF6	HEXAGRAM FOR ABUNDANCE	里豆	fēng feng1
U+4DF7	HEXAGRAM FOR THE WANDERER	旅	Iŭ lu3
U+4DF8	HEXAGRAM FOR THE GENTLE WIND	巽	xùn xun4
U+4DF9	HEXAGRAM FOR THE JOYOUS LAKE	兑	duì dui4
U+4DFA	HEXAGRAM FOR DISPERSION	渙	huàn huan4
U+4DFB	HEXAGRAM FOR LIMITATION	節	jié jie2
U+4DFC	HEXAGRAM FOR INNER TRUTH	中孚	zhōngfú zhong1fu2
U+4DFD	HEXAGRAM FOR SMALL PREPONDERANCE	小過	xiǎoguò xiao3guo4
U+4DFE	HEXAGRAM FOR AFTER COMPLETION	既濟	jìjì ji4ji4
U+4DFF	HEXAGRAM FOR BEFORE COMPLETION	未濟	wèijì wei4ji4

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1	4DC1	4DD1	4DE1	4DF1
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4	4DC4	4DD4	4DE4	4DF4
5	4DC5	4DD5	4DE5	4DF5
6	4DC6	4DD6	4DE6	4DF6
7	4DC7	4DD7	4DE7	4DF7
8	4DC8	4DD8	4DE8	4DF8
9	4DC9	4DD9	4DE9	4DF9
Α	4DCA	4DDA	4DEA	4DFA
В	4DCB	4DDB	4DEB	4DFB
С	4DCC	4DDC	4DEC	4DFC
D	4DCD	4DDD	4DED	4DFD
Е	4DCE	4DDE	4DEE	4DFE
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## F.O. Examples

The following pages contain scanned images of representative texts attesting usage.

#### **F.1. HYDZD** = 《漢語大字典》(1986:56)

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The example from HYDZD shows part of the entry for the character 乾 qián, which is the name of the first hexagram, \begin{align\*}\begin{align\*

## F.2. LU Shaogang (1992:15-16)

p.15

The example from Lu Shaogang (1992:15-16) shows the monogram and digram characters in running text with Chinese characters. The lines on which these occur are indicated by arrows.

#### **F.3.** Соок (1995:153)

p.16

This example shows hexagram 51 "HEXAGRAM FOR THE AROUSING THUNDER" in running text (both Latin and Chinese). There are numerous other examples of monogram, digram and hexagram characters in running text in this book's endnotes.

#### F.4. WILHELM/BAYNES (1950)

p.17

This example from WILHELM/BAYNES (1950) shows the monogram and digram characters in running Latin text. (As the hexagram names given in Section D.3 derive from this book, it was proposed that this text be cited in the *Unicode Standard* and in the ISO/IEC 10646 bibliographies.)

#### F.5. SHAUGHNESSY (1996:18)

p.17

The example from Shaughnessy (1996:18) shows hexagrams 41 "HEXAGRAM FOR DECREASE" and 42 "HEXAGRAM FOR INCREASE" in running Latin text. The Shaughnessy text has numerous similar examples.

#### F.6. LU Shaogang (1992:1063,1069)

p.18

These two examples from Lu Shaogang (1992:1063,1069) show: the hexagrams with traditional names in both square and circular binary arrangements (top); and the traditional names and sequences of the monograms and digrams (bottom). These are the names used in this proposal, Section D.2.

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《説文》:"乾,上出也。从乙。乙,物之達也。倝聲。乾, 籀文乾。"段玉裁注:"此乾字之本義也。自有文字以後,乃 用為卦名,而 孔子釋之曰:'健也。'健之義生於上出。上 出為乾,下注則為溼,故乾與溼相對。"

- (一) qián《廣韻》渠焉切,平仙羣。元部。
- ❶冒出。《説文•乙部》:"乾,上出也。"徐灝注箋:"乾 之本義,謂艸木出土乾乾然强健也。"
- ②八卦之一。卦形为三。又为六十四卦之一。卦形为三, 乾下乾上。《易·說卦》:"乾為天,為園,為君,為父,為 玉,為金,為寒,為冰,為大赤,為良馬,為老馬,為瘠馬,為 駁馬,為木果。"
- ③因乾卦象征天,故指天。《後漢書·郭太傳》:"吾夜 觀乾象,畫察人事。"《舊唐書·禮儀志二》:"所以仰測 乾圖,上符景宿,考編珠而紀度,觀列宿以迎時。"
- ④指君主。《三國志·吴志·薛綜傳附薛瑩》:"乾德 博好,文雅是貴。"《文選·顔延之〈赭白馬賦〉》:"乾心 降而微怡,都人仰而朋悦。"李善注:"乾,喻文帝也。"
- **5**代表西北方。《易·說卦》:"乾,西北之卦也。"《漢 書。禮樂志》:"至武帝定郊祀之禮,祠太一於甘泉,就乾 位也。"顔師古注:"言在京師之西北也。"
- 6代表男性。如旧时婚姻中称男方为"乾造",男家为 "乾宅"。《易·繫辭上》:"乾道成男。"

四象 语出《系辞传上》,凡2 见。其文曰:"易有大极,是生两仪,两 仪生四象,四象生八卦。""易有四象, 所以示也。系辞焉,所以告也"。前一 "四象"是阴阳两仪与八卦之间的中间 环节,即老阳、少阳、老阴、少阴。阴 --、阳一各分为二而成四象。一分而 为二,即上面加上一、--,遂变为二 (老阳)、二(少阴)。--分而为二,即上 面加上--、一,遂变为二(老阴)、二 (少阳)。此"四象"可以象春夏秋冬四 时,但是在《易》中实无表达之意义, 与两仪、八卦不同。两仪代表阴阳刚柔 天地乾坤,是《易》中的基本概念。八 **卦代表万物的八种性质,又是重为六** 十四卦的构件,更为重要。"四象"却 无如此重要的意义。后一"四象"所指 为何物,古说各异,据孔颖达疏,庄氏 谓六十四卦中的实象、假象、义象、用 象为"四象"。何氏以为"四象"谓天 生神物,天地变化,天垂象见吉凶,河 出图洛出书。孔氏自认为此"四象"系 指称七八九六。谁说为是,今未可遽 定。

The text of the hexagram is reproduced below, transcribed in comparison with the traditional text as these appear in "马王堆帛书《六十四卦》释文",马王堆汉墓帛书整理小组。《文物》1984 年 3, pp. 1-8. Parentheses (震) indicate the reading of the traditional text. Square brackets (言) indicate omissions in the silk book, while angle brackets 〈逐〉 indicate emendations of obvious textual errors. In the different orderings of the traditional and 马王堆 texts, the is hexagram is 51st and 25th, respectively.

晨 辰(震)亨。辰(震)來朔(虩)朔(虩),芙(笑)言亞(啞)亞(啞)辰

(震)敬(驚)百里,不亡(喪)釓(匕)觴(鬯)。

初九,辰(震)來朔(虩)朔(虩),後芙(笑)〔言〕啞啞,吉。

六二,辰(震)來厲,意(億)亡(喪)貝,齍(躋)于九陵,勿遂〈逐〉七日得。

六三,辰(震)疏(蘇)疏(蘇),辰(震)行無(无)省(眚)。

九四,辰(震)遂泥。

六五,辰(震)往來厲,意(億)无亡(喪),有事。

尚(上)六,辰(震)昔(索)昔(索),視戄(矍)戄(矍),正(征)凶。辰(震) 不于其躬(躬),于其鄰,往无咎。閩(婚)詬(媾)有言。

A preliminary attempt at a composite interpretation of both might be rendered thus:

- The Spring Thunderbolt. Sacrificial offering. The Spring Thunderbolt comes (with the celebration of the appearance of the first sliver of the spring new moon), flashing in the dark, booming! fearful wonder and then laughter! The Spring Thunderbolt astonishes the people for hundreds of miles, but not so much that they leave off partaking of their festal spoons and cups.
- 1.) The strong bottom line of the hexagram changes to weak: The Spring Thunderbolt comes (with the celebration of the appearance of the first sliver of the spring new moon), flashing in the dark, booming! fearful wonder and then laughter! A good omen.
- 2.) The weak second line changes to strong:
  The Spring Thunderbolt comes dangerously close. This means loss of
  money— [and though you might] climb the nine hills, don't chase after it— on
  the seventh day you will get it back.
- 3.) The weak third line changes to strong: The Spring Thunderbolt comes with purple perilla flowers (Perilla frutescens), freshness and quickening fecundity, the Spring Thunderbolt goes on without fading.
  - 4.) The strong fourth line changes to weak:

The Spring Thunderbolt fallen, then running with mud.

5.) The weak fifth line changes to strong:

The Spring Thunderbolt repeatedly comes dangerously close. This means that though there is no loss, there is however a problem to be worked out.

6.) The weak line at the top changes to strong:

The Spring Thunderbolt booming descends like a coarse hangman's noose: a mistake has been made for which there will be punishment. Glancing about terrified at the prospect of death. It wasn't me, it was them! I should go free! If this is a marriage there will be words.

## Wilhelm/Baynes (1950)

#### 1. THE USE OF THE BOOK OF CHANGES

The Book of Oracles

At the outset, the Book of Changes was a collection of linear signs to be used as oracles. In antiquity, oracles were everywhere in use; the oldest among them confined themselves to the answers yes and no. This type of oracular pronouncement is likewise the basis of the Book of Changes. "Yes" was indicated by a simple unbroken line (——), and "No" by a broken line (——). However, the need for greater differentiation seems to have been felt at an early date, and the single lines were combined in pairs:

To each of these combinations a third line was then added. In

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5. We might mention here, because of its oddity, the grotesque and amateurish attempt on the part of Rev. Canon McClatchie, M.A., to apply the key of "comparative mythology" to the *I Ching*. His book was published in 1876 under the title, A Translation of the Confucian Yi King or the Classic of Changes, with Notes and Appendix.

6. From the discussion here presented, it will become self-evident that the Book of Changes was not a lexicon, as has been assumed in many quarters.

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## Shaughnessy (1996:18)

a) The sequence of the received text is in pairs of hexagrams sharing one hexagram picture (i.e., when the picture of the first hexagram is inverted, it becomes that of the next hexagram). Many of these pairs are linked both formally (i.e., by the use of similar terms) and conceptually. To give just one example, the fifth lines of both hexagram Sun \$\existsim\_{\text{i}}\$, "Decrease," number 12 in the manuscript but 41 in the received sequence (indicated hereafter in this section as M12/R41), and \$Yi \existsim\_{\text{i}}\$, "Increase" (M64/R42), the names of which are doubtless related, contain the following identical line statement:

## LU Shaogang (1992:1063,1069)



