

Babel support for the Greek language

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Babel-greek is a contributed package providing support for the Greek language and script via the `babel` system. See the [README](#) file for an overview of the `babel-greek` package and links to requirements and related packages.

The file `babel-greek.dtx`¹ is the literate source for the Babel language definition file `greek.ldf`.

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1 Requirements

Typesetting Greek with Babel requires (of course) the `babel` package, support for Greek font encodings (`greek-fontenc`) and a `text font supporting the Greek script`.

The **CB Greek fonts** created by CLAUDIO BECCARI² are a complete set of 8-bit T_EX fonts matching KNUTH's Computer Modern. The package `cbfonts-fd` sets them up as Greek substitute for the Computer Modern and Latin Modern font families. The standard `\DeclareFontFamilySubstitution` macro can be used to set up Greek supplements for other T_EX font families (like Times or Palatino).

Unicode fonts (used with XeTeX or LuaTeX) provide slots for all Unicode characters in one font but commonly only a subset of the actual glyphs. **Many Unicode fonts, including the default Latin Modern, do not support the Greek script!** Authors need to set up an alternative font like CM Unicode, Linux Libertine, or DejaVu with `fontspec` or the `babel` font configuration system.

With 8-bit TeX and XeTeX, hyphenation patterns must be pre-loaded in the format file. This is a limitation by TeX, common to all languages. The LuaTeX engine loads hyphenation patterns dynamically.

2 Usage

To activate Greek language support with `babel`, specify the option `greek`, either as global option or as option to the `babel` package. Remember, that the *last* language option determines the document language, e.g.

```
\usepackage[greek,english]{babel}
```

activates support for Greek text parts in an English document.

```
\selectlanguage
\foreignlanguage
```

The Babel core provides two commands to switch the active language: The declaration `\selectlanguage{greek}` switches to the Greek language. The macro `\foreignlanguage{greek}{<some text>}` sets its second argument in the Greek language. This is intended for short text parts. For details see the `babel` documentation.

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2.1 Language attributes

The attributes `polutoniko`³, and `ancient` allow the specification of the used orthography. The language variant affects automatic hyphenation, spelling of auto-generated strings and support for multi-accented letters.

The default is modern *monotonic* Greek, while

```
\usepackage[english,greek]{babel}
\languageattribute{greek}{polutoniko}
```

sets the document language to modern Greek with *polytonic* spelling and

```
\usepackage[english,greek]{babel}
\languageattribute{greek}{ancient}
```

sets the document language to *ancient* Greek.

Both attributes may also be used as modifiers as in

```
\usepackage[greek.polutoniko,english]{babel}
```

and similarly

```
\usepackage[greek.ancient,english]{babel}
```

The `keep-semicolon` language attribute (new in `babel-greek` 1.13) ensures that a SEMICOLON character (;) can be used as input for the similar looking Greek question mark (*erotimatiko*). By default, the LGR font encoding uses the QUESTION MARK (?) as input for the *erotimatiko* and maps the SEMICOLON to an *ano teleia* (·).

2.2 Modifiers

Modifiers cannot be set with `\languageattribute`. Misspelled modifiers are ignored without warning!

Some workarounds for the non-standard LGR font encoding may have serious side-effects. The `local-LGR-fixes` modifier restricts the re-definitions in section 3.3.5 to text parts using the Greek language. The `no-LGR-fixes` modifier disables them completely. You may try, e.g.,

```
\usepackage[greek.local-LGR-fixes,english]{babel}
```

as a last resort if the workarounds make a document uncompileable and using Xe/LuaTeX with Unicode fonts is not an option. Check for problems with enumerations in Greek text parts and with Roman and Greek numerals everywhere (especially in the ToC). These modifiers are provisional, naming and behaviour may change.

2.3 Language hooks

`\extragreek` The macro `\extragreek` is called by `babel` on every switch of the active language to Greek. The macro `\noextragreek` is called when switching away from Greek. Package and document authors can add setup and tear-down code to the hooks with the help of the `\addto` command provided by `babel`. The first call of `\addto<hookname>{<code>}` initializes the hook, subsequent calls append `<code>` to its definition.

`Babel-greek` uses these hooks to, e.g, select correct hyphenation patterns (cf. section 3.1) or ensure a font encoding supporting the Greek script is used for Greek text parts (cf. section 3.3).

2.4 Input of Greek text

There are several alternatives to write Greek text.

- Literal input using the UTF-8 encoding is the standard input method. With 8-bit TeX, this requires the package `greek-inputenc` and special handling for Latin letters and some symbols (consider using the `keep-semicolon` attribute).
With the packages `inputenc` and `greek-inputenc`, literal Greek characters can also be input using the legacy encodings `iso-8859-7` and `macgreek`.
- The Latin transliteration defined by the LGR font encoding is explained in the file `usage.pdf`.
- The package `greek-fontenc` defines *LaTeX internal character representation* (LICR) macros for Greek letters and text symbols. It is required by `babel-greek`. The LICR macros `\textAlpha ... \textomega` are a safe but cumbersome method to input Greek characters.
- The `alphabet` package, bundled with `greek-fontenc`, makes the short macro names `\Alpha ... \omega` available in both, text and math mode.

2.5 Greek vs. Latin script

When switching the language to Greek, `babel-greek` ensures that the Greek script is supported. The following macros allow the use of Greek vs. Latin script without changing the active language:

`\greekscript` The *TextCommand*⁴ `\greekscript` switches to a font encoding supporting the Greek script. The declaration `\greektext` always switches the font encoding to LGR. Both declarations do not change the active language.

`\latintext` `\latintext` (defined by the Babel core, deprecated since March 2014) can be used to switch back to an encoding supporting the Latin script.

`\ensuregreek` The function `\ensuregreek` takes one argument which is typeset using a font

³with the alias `polytonic`

⁴For a discussion of TextCommands, see the *LaTeX font guide*.

encoding supporting the Greek script. It only switches the font encoding if required (i.e. if the current font encoding does not support Greek letters and symbols).

`\lgrfont` The function `\lgrfont`⁵ switches to the non-standard Greek 8-bit font encoding LGR. Hint: Use `\lgrfont`, if you want to use the *Latin transliteration* input method and `\ensuregreek` else.

`\ensureascii` The Babel core defines `\ensureascii` that typesets its argument using an ASCII-compatible “standard text font encoding”. It is the recommended way for text parts requiring Latin letters but no language switch.

2.6 Greek numbering

The [Greek \(Milesian\) alphabetical numbering system](#)⁶ is still used in everyday life for short enumerations. It was used for dates and numbers in the range of several thousands in official editions up to the beginning of the 20th century and is still used by the Eastern Orthodox Church and certain scholars. Unfortunately, most Greeks don’t know how to write Greek numbers bigger than 20 or 30.

`\greeknumeral` The command `\greeknumeral` makes it possible to typeset Greek numerals for numbers up to 999 999. `\Greeknnumeral` is the “uppercase” version of this macro. Here are the conventions:

- There is no Greek numeral for any number less than or equal to 0.
- Numbers from 1 to 9 are denoted by letters *alpha*, *beta*, *gamma*, *delta*, *epsilon*, *stigma*⁷, *zeta*, *eta*, *theta*, followed by a *kerasia*, a mark similar to the mathematical symbol “prime”.
- Decades from 10 to 90 are denoted by letters *iota*, *kappa*, *lambda*, *mu*, *nu*, *xi*, *omikron*, *pi*, *koppa*⁸, again followed by the numeric mark.
- Hundreds from 100 to 900 are denoted by letters *rho*, *sigma*, *tau*, *upsilon*, *phi*, *chi*, *psi*, *omega*, *sampi*, followed by the numeric mark.
- Any number between 1 and 999 is obtained by a group of letters denoting the hundreds decades and units, followed by a numeric mark.
- To denote thousands one uses the same method, but this time the mark is an *aristeri kerasia*, a prime inverted by 180 degrees and placed in front of the letter, under the baseline. When a group of letters denoting thousands is followed by a group of letters denoting a number under 1000, both marks are used.

The shape of the obsolete characters used for number 6 (*digamma/stigma*) and 90 (*koppa*) evolved over time and different characters are in use for them today. The following four macros can be re-defined to configure `\greeknumeral` and `\Greeknnumeral` respectively:

`\greeknumeralsix` Originally, the sixth letter of the alphabet, standing for 6, was the *digamma*

⁵The legacy name `\textgreek` is available as alias.

⁶Attic numerals, which predate the Milesian numerals are implemented in package `athnum`.

⁷cf. `\greeknumeralsix`

⁸cf. `\greeknumeralnintety`

– just as its Latin equivalent F is the sixth letter of the Latin alphabet. As Greek script turned to uncial and then lowercase, digamma changed its shape – it became similar to the ligature for sigma-tau (*stigma*). People started using the stigma or the digraph sigma tau⁹. The macro `\greeknumeralsix` allows configuring the symbol for the number 6 in `\greeknumeral`, the macro `\greeknumeralSix` does the same for `\Greekn numeral`. The default values are `\textstigma` and `\textStigma`.

`\greeknumeralSix`

`\greeknumeraln ninety`

`\greeknumeralN ninety`

Three symbols are in use for the number 90: Classicists prefer the q-like “archaic” *koppa* and, more rarely, its uncial form¹⁰, modern Greek uses the zig-zag shaped “modern” *koppa* exclusively. The macro `\greeknumeraln ninety` allows configuring the symbol for the number 90 in `\greeknumeral`, the macro `\greeknumeralN ninety` does the same for `\Greekn numeral`. The default values are `\textkoppa` and `\textKoppa` for modern Greek and `\textqoppa` and `\textQoppa` for ancient Greek.

There is no such variation in the shape of the *sampi* used for the number 900.

3 Implementation

The macro `\LdfInit` takes care of preventing that this file is loaded more than once, checking the category code of the @ sign, etc.

```
1 {*code}
2 \LdfInit\CurrentOption{captions\CurrentOption}
```

When the option `polutonikogreek` was used, redefine `\CurrentOption` to prevent problems later on.

```
3 \gdef\CurrentOption{greek}
```

Set up the Babel shorthands feature. It is used later to insert literal ~ characters with polytonic Greek and LGR and to prevent LGR converting a literal semicolon ; to an *ano teleia* ·.

```
4 \addto\extragreek{\languageshorthands{greek}}
```

3.1 Hyphenation patterns

When this file is read as an option, i.e. by the `\usepackage` command, `greek` could be an ‘unknown’ language in which case we have to make it known. So we check for the existence of the three variants of the Greek language `\l@greek`, `\l@monogreek`, and `\l@ancientgreek` and set the hyphenation to `\language0` for the missing ones.

```
5 \ifx\l@greek\@undefined
6 \nopatterns{greek}
7 \adddialect\l@greek 0
8 \fi
```

⁹Mainly because the letter stigma is not always available, so people opted to write down the first two letters of its name instead.

¹⁰resembling CYRILLIC LETTER KOPPA or GOTHIC LETTER NINETY

```

9 \ifx\l@monogreek\@undefined
10 \nopatterns{greek}
11 \adddialect\l@monogreek 0
12 \fi
13 \ifx\l@ancientgreek\@undefined
14 \nopatterns{greek}
15 \adddialect\l@ancientgreek 0
16 \fi
17 \newcount\bbl@monogreek \bbl@monogreek=\l@monogreek
18 \newcount\bbl@polygreek \bbl@polygreek=\l@greek
19 \newcount\bbl@ancientgreek \bbl@ancientgreek=\l@ancientgreek

```

Use the *language hooks* (cf. section 2.3) to set the correct hyphenation patterns. (We collect setup code for the language variants `polutoniko` and `ancient` in `\extraspolutonikogreek` and `\extrasancientgreek`; their content is added to `\extragreek` by the respective language attributes, cf. section 3.2).

`\extraspolutonikogreek`
`\extrasancientgreek`

```

20 \addto\extragreek{\let\l@greek=\bbl@monogreek}
21 \addto\extraspolutonikogreek{\l@greek=\bbl@polygreek}
22 \addto\extrasancientgreek{\l@greek=\bbl@ancientgreek}

```

`\providehyphenmins`

The macro `\providehyphenmins` is used to set the correct values of the hyphenation parameters `\lefthyphenmin` and `\righthyphenmin`. Yannis Haralambous has suggested the value 1.

```

23 \providehyphenmins{\CurrentOption}{\@ne\@ne}

```

3.2 Language attributes

The Babel core provides the command `\bbl@declare@ttribute` for the declaration of language attributes in language definition files. It takes three arguments: the name of the language, the attribute to be defined, and the code to be executed when the attribute is to be used. If the language attribute is selected, the third argument is executed after reading the *.ldf file.

3.2.1 polutoniko

The `polutoniko` language attribute selects the “polytonic” spelling.

We use an auxiliary function for the setup part used with several attributes. This code adds the expansion of `\extraspolutonikogreek` to `\extragreek` to set up support for multi-accented characters and hyphenation patterns for the polytonic orthography.

```

24 \def\bbl@greek@setup@polytonic{%
25 \expandafter\addto\expandafter\extragreek
26 \expandafter{\extraspolutonikogreek}%

```

It also uses polytonic spelling for auto-strings (captions and month names) and changes the expansion of the character from “protected space” to “self-insert” if the `\greekfontencoding` is LGR (for use as perispomeni in the Latin transliteration).

```

27 \let\captionsgreek\captionspolutonikogreek
28 \let\gr@month\gr@polutoniko@month
29 \def\bb@tempa{LGR}
30 \ifx\greekfontencoding\bb@tempa
31   \declare@shorthand{greek}{~}{\bb@greek@tilde}
32 \fi
33 }

```

Now declare the option. For backwards compatibility, modern Greek with “polytonic” spelling can also be selected via the dummy language `polutonikogreek`. However, it is not possible to use both options, `greek` and `polutonikogreek` in one document. We also define aliases to allow language switching commands using the language name `polutonikogreek`:

```

34 \bb@declare@ttribute{greek}{polutoniko}{%
35   \bb@greek@setup@polytonic
36   \let\l@polutonikogreek\l@greek
37   \let\datepolutonikogreek\dategreek
38   \let\extraspolutonikogreek\extraspolutonikogreek
39   \let\noextraspolutonikogreek\noextraspolutonikogreek
40 }

```

3.2.2 polytonic

The polytonic language attribute is an alias for the attribute `polutoniko` matching the spelling for this orthography variant in `polyglossia` and Babel `*.ini` files.

```

41 \bb@declare@ttribute{greek}{polytonic}{%
42   \bb@greek@setup@polytonic
43 }

```

3.2.3 ancient

The ancient language attribute is used for classical Greek. This attribute adds the expansion of `\extraspolutonikogreek` and `\extrasancientgreek` to `\extraspolutonikogreek` to set up support for multi-accented characters and ancient hyphenation patterns.

```

44 \bb@declare@ttribute{greek}{ancient}{%
45   \bb@greek@setup@polytonic
46   \expandafter\addto\expandafter\extraspolutonikogreek
47   \expandafter{\extrasancientgreek}%

```

Auto-strings (captions) are specific to ancient Greek while `\today` uses modern polytonic month names (as there existed incompatible sets of month names and no common calendar in ancient Greece).

```

48 \let\captionsgreek\captionssancientgreek

```

Classicists tend to use the Q-like “archaic” koppa for the number 90. Thus, for classical Greek, we set the default to the “archaic” koppa (cf. section 2.6).

```

49 \renewcommand{\greeknumeralninety}{\text{qoppa}}%
50 \renewcommand{\greeknumeralNinety}{\text{Qoppa}}%
51 }

```


3.2.4 keep-semicolon

The LGR font encoding uses the Latin question mark as input for the Greek question mark (*erotimatiko*) and maps the semicolon to a middle dot (*ano teleia*). As a result, Unicode-encoded texts that use the semicolon (;) as *erotimatiko* end up with an *ano teleia* (·) in its place!

With the `keep-semicolon` language attribute, 003B SEMICOLON is made active and inserts an *erotimatiko* also with LGR encoded fonts:

```
52 \bbl@declare@ttribute{greek}{keep-semicolon}{%
53   \def\bbl@tempa{LGR}
54   \ifx\greekfontencoding\bbl@tempa
55     \ProvideTextCommandDefault{\textsemicolon}{;}
56     \ProvideTextCommand{\textsemicolon}{LGR}{\texterotimatiko}
57     \initiate@active@char{;}
58     \addto\extragreek{\bbl@activate{;}}
59     \addto\noextragreek{\bbl@deactivate{;}}
60     \declare@shorthand{greek}{;}{\TextOrMath{\textsemicolon}{;}}
61 \fi
62 }
```

3.3 Font setup

3.3.1 Greek font encoding

`\greekfontencoding` The macro `\greekfontencoding` holds the name of the font encoding¹¹ used to ensure support of the Greek script. The default is LGR for 8-bit TeX and TU for Xe/LuaTeX.¹² It can be overridden defining `\greekfontencoding` with a custom value before loading `babel`.

Also store the name of the *encoding definition file*¹³ with the extended Greek setup for the Greek font encoding.

```
63 \ifdefined\UnicodeEncodingName % set by XeTeX/LuaTeX
64   \providecommand*\greekfontencoding{\UnicodeEncodingName}
65   \providecommand*\bbl@greek@fontencdef{tuenc-greek}
66 \else
67   \providecommand*\greekfontencoding{LGR}
68   \providecommand*\bbl@greek@fontencdef{lgrenc}
69   % TODO the more generic version fails :(
70   % \edef\bbl@greek@fontencdef{\lowercase{\greekfontencoding}enc}
71 \fi
```

3.3.2 Ensure loading of Greek font encoding definitions.

If the *encoding definition file* for `\greekfontencoding` is not yet loaded, do this now:

¹¹cf. [encguide.pdf](#)

¹²Document authors must ensure that the selected font actually contains the required glyphs. LGR-encoded fonts can be used alongside Unicode fonts with XeTeX/LuaTeX to enable the input of Greek letters via the Latin transliteration (with some limitations, see `test-greek.tex`).

¹³see [fntguide.pdf](#)

```

72 \@ifl@aded{def}{\bbl@greek@fontencdef}{}
73 {% else
74   \InputIfFileExists{\bbl@greek@fontencdef .def}{}
75   {% else
76     \bbl@error{Font support for the Greek script missing.\\
77               babel-greek can't typeset Greek.\\
78               Install the "greek-fontenc" package\\
79               or use XeTeX/LuaTeX with polyglossia.}
80     {I can't find the \bbl@greek@fontencdef .def file
81     for the Greek fonts (encoding \greekfontencoding)}
82   \@@end
83   }
84 }

```

If the PU font encoding is defined (by [hyperref](#)), load extended Greek support for it. Do this in the `\AtBeginDocument` hook because documents may load `hyperref` after `babel`. We cannot rely on `@` being a letter when the hook is called and we must not use `\makeatother` in the hook ([explanation at stackexchange](#)). We use a temporary function to save and restore the previous catcode.

```

85 \AtBeginDocument{%
86   \@ifl@aded{def}{puenc}%
87   {\@ifl@aded{def}{puenc-greek}
88   {%
89     {\edef\RestoreAtCatcode{\catcode'@=\the\catcode'@\relax}%
90     \makeatletter
91     \InputIfFileExists{puenc-greek.def}%
92     {}%
93     {\bbl@warning{I cannot find the "puenc" Greek fixes
94                 from "greek-fontenc".}%
95     }%
96     \RestoreAtCatcode
97   }%
98   }% end "puenc.def loaded" branch
99   }% empty "puenc.def not loaded" branch
100 }

```

3.3.3 Font encoding switches

`\greekscript` The TextCommand¹⁴ `\greekscript` is a declaration that switches the font encoding to `\greekfontencoding`. The extended Greek font encoding definitions from [greek-fontenc](#) define empty local variants for TU, LGR, and PU, so that the declaration does nothing if the active font encoding supports the Greek script.

```

101 \ProvideTextCommandDefault{\greekscript}{%
102   \fontencoding{\greekfontencoding}\selectfont
103   \def\encodingdefault{\greekfontencoding}}

```

`\ensuregreek` The TextCommand `\ensuregreek` sets its argument in `\greekfontencoding` if the current font encoding does not provide a (typically empty) local variant.

¹⁴See [fntguide.pdf](#) for more info about *TextCommands*.

```

104 \ProvideTextCommandDefault{\ensuregreek}[1]{%
105   \leavevmode {\greekscript #1}}

```

`\BabelGreekRestoreFontEncoding` The declaration `\BabelGreekRestoreFontEncoding` changes the font encoding to the value it had before the switch to the Greek language. It does nothing, if the language switch did not trigger a font encoding switch.

```

106 \def\BabelGreekRestoreFontEncoding{%
107   \ifx\cf@encoding\BabelGreekPreviousFontEncoding
108   \else
109     \let\encodingdefault\BabelGreekPreviousFontEncoding
110     \fontencoding{\encodingdefault}\selectfont
111   \fi
112 }

```

Add font encoding switches to the language hooks (cf. section 2.3) to ensure a font encoding supporting the Greek script is used in Greek text parts:

```

113 \addto\extragreek{%
114   \let\BabelGreekPreviousFontEncoding\cf@encoding
115   \greekscript}
116 \addto\noextragreek{\BabelGreekRestoreFontEncoding}

```

3.3.4 Additional commands for the LGR font encoding

The actions in this section add “harmless” setup steps for the LGR font encoding that cannot be done in the `lgrenc.def` encoding definition file.

We do this only, if the LGR font encoding is defined (either by `fontenc` or `babel-greek`), but also if it is not the `\greekfontencoding`:

```

117 \@ifl@aded{def}{lgrenc}{%

```

`\greektext` The declaration `\greektext` switches to LGR. Use this if you explicitly require LGR (e.g. to use the Latin transliteration or special fonts). Use `\greekscript` instead, if you want to avoid a font encoding change if the current font encoding already supports the Greek script (e.g. TU). For shorter pieces of text, the `\lgrfont` (see below) or `\ensuregreek` commands should be used. Cf. section 3.3.3.

```

118   \DeclareRobustCommand{\greektext}{%
119     \fontencoding{LGR}\selectfont
120     \def\encodingdefault{LGR}}

```

`\lgrfont` This command takes an argument which is typeset using the LGR font encoding. The original name `\textgreek` is deprecated because of its ambiguity: The command does not change the text *language* but only the font encoding, which allows the use of the Greek *script* but does not activate Greek hyphenation and case-changing rules.

```

121   \DeclareTextFontCommand{\lgrfont}{\greektext}
122   \let\textgreek\lgrfont

```

`\textol` The [CB Greek fonts](#) contain an outline family. In order to make it available, we define the command `\textol`. (This font-specific macro does not fit in a language definition file and is only kept for backwards compatibility.)

```
123 \def\outlfamily{\usefont{LGR}{cmro}{m}{n}}
124 \DeclareTextFontCommand{\textol}{\outlfamily}
```

Add LGR-specific variants to some *TextCommands* that use Latin characters in their default definition. These definitions cannot be done in `lgrenc.def` because they rely on `\ensureascii` (defined by `babel`).

```
125 \ProvideTextCommand{\textcopyright}{LGR}{\ensureascii{\textcopyright}}
126 \ProvideTextCommand{\textregistered}{LGR}{\ensureascii{%
127 \textregistered}}
128 \ProvideTextCommand{\texttrademark}{LGR}{\ensureascii{\texttrademark}}
```

`\textampersand` LGR has a “middle dot” glyph at the place of the ampersand. Provide the *TextCommand* `\textampersand` and an LGR-specific version. It is used in the next section to define a version of `&` that also works in LGR.

```
129 \let\bbl@greek@original@amp&
130 \ProvideTextCommandDefault{\textampersand}{\bbl@greek@original@amp}
131 \ProvideTextCommand{\textampersand}{LGR}{%
132 \ensureascii{\bbl@greek@original@amp}}
```

`\EnsureStandardFontEncoding` The *TextCommand* `\EnsureStandardFontEncoding` can be used to make existing commands “LGR-proof”. It makes sure its argument is typeset using a [standard text font encoding](#). The default is an empty command: almost all commonly used font encodings are standard text encodings – LGR is the notable exception. The local LGR variant uses `\ensureascii` from the Babel core that comes with elaborate heuristics to select a suitable standard font encoding. A special clause for `hyperref` avoids warnings from this package.

```
133 \ProvideTextCommandDefault{\EnsureStandardFontEncoding}{\@firstofone}
134 \ProvideTextCommand{\EnsureStandardFontEncoding}{LGR}[1]{%
135 \ensureascii{#1}}
136 \AtBeginDocument{\@ifpackageloaded{hyperref}
137 {\pdfstringdefDisableCommands{%
138 \let\EnsureStandardFontEncoding\@firstofone}}
139 {}}
```

End the LGR additions block:

```
140 }{}
```

3.3.5 LGR workarounds

The following redefinitions work around problems with the non-standard LGR font encoding. As they may have serious side-effects, they are only done if LGR is the default Greek font encoding (cf. section [3.3.1](#)).

As an emergency measure, the `local-LGR-fixes` or `no-LGR-fixes` modifiers (cf. section [2.2](#)) can be used to restrict the “roman” redefinitions to text parts using the Greek language or skip them completely.

To prevent Roman numerals being typeset with Greek letters in text parts using the LGR font encoding, they must be wrapped in `\ensureascii`. However, Roman numerals are also auto generated by LaTeX and used in moving arguments.¹⁵ These “moving” Roman numbers must be LGR-proofed also if they originate from a text part using a standard font encoding. This can only be ensured by a global re-definition of the generating functions `\@roman` and `\@Roman`. On the other hand, the re-definition breaks the assumption by MakeIndex, that page numbers are plain character sequences. Hyperref assumes that `\thepage` is expandable and doesn't contain formatting instructions (cf. [Babel issue #170](#)).

The ampersand macro `\&` is used in both, text and math mode. Let it use the new defined *TextCommand* `\textampersand` in text mode.

```

141 \def\bbl@tempa{LGR}
142 \ifx\greekfontencoding\bbl@tempa
143   \def\bbl@greek@roman#1{\expandafter\EnsureStandardFontEncoding%
144     \expandafter{\romannumeral#1}}
145   \def\bbl@greek@Roman#1{\expandafter\EnsureStandardFontEncoding%
146     \expandafter{\expandafter\@slowromancap\romannumeral#1@}}
147   \DeclareRobustCommand{\bbl@greek@ampersand}{%
148     \ifmode\bbl@greek@original@amp\else\textampersand\fi}
149   \bbl@xin@{,no-LGR-fixes,}{,\BabelModifiers,}%
150   \ifin@
151     % skip re-definitions
152   \else
153     \bbl@xin@{,local-LGR-fixes,}{,\BabelModifiers,}%
154     \ifin@
155       \addto\extrasgreek{%
156         \babel@save\@roman
157         \babel@save\@Roman
158         \let\@roman\bbl@greek@roman
159         \let\@Roman\bbl@greek@Roman
160         \babel@save\&%
161         \let\&\bbl@greek@ampersand%
162       }
163     \else
164       \let\@roman\bbl@greek@roman
165       \let\@Roman\bbl@greek@Roman
166       \let\&\bbl@greek@ampersand
167     \fi
168   \fi
169 \fi

```

3.4 Definitions for the Greek language

The next step consists in defining macros for the requirements of Greek typesetting which will later be added to the language switch hooks.

¹⁵For example, Roman page numbers are generated at “unpredictable” positions and can move to the ToC, (hyper)references, or an index.

3.4.1 Auto-strings for Greek

`\captionsgreek` The macro `\captionsgreek` defines all strings used in the four standard document classes provided with L^AT_EX.

```

170 \addto\captionsgreek{%
171   \def\prefacename{\textPi\extrho\acctonos\textomicron\textlambda
172     \textomicron\textgamma\textomicron\textfinalsigma}%
173   \def\refname{\textAlpha\textnu\textalpha
174     \textphi\textomicron\extrho\acctonos\textepsilon\textfinalsigma}%
175   \def\abstractname{\textPi\textepsilon\extrho\acctonos\textiota
176     \textlambda\texteta\textpsi\texteta}%
177   \def\bibname{\textBeta\textiota\textbeta\textlambda\textiota
178     \textomicron\textgamma\extrho\textalpha\textphi\acctonos
179     \textiota\textalpha}%
180   \def\chaptername{\textKappa\textepsilon\textphi\acctonos\textalpha
181     \textlambda\textalpha\textiota\textomicron}%
182   \def\appendixname{\textPi\textalpha\extrho\acctonos\textalpha\extrho
183     \texttau\texteta\textmu\textalpha}%
184   \def\contentsname{\textPi\textepsilon\extrho\textiota
185     \textepsilon\textchi\acctonos\textomicron\textmu\textepsilon
186     \textnu\textalpha}%
187   \def\listfigurename{\textKappa\textalpha\texttau\acctonos\textalpha
188     \textlambda\textomicron\textgamma\textomicron\textfinalsigma}
189     \textSigma\textchi\texteta\textmu\acctonos\textalpha\texttau
190     \textomega\textnu}%
191   \def\listtablename{\textKappa\textalpha\texttau\acctonos\textalpha
192     \textlambda\textomicron\textgamma\textomicron\textfinalsigma}
193     \textPi\textiota\textnu\acctonos\textalpha\textkappa\textomega
194     \textnu}%
195   \def\indexname{\textEpsilon\textupsilon\extrho\textepsilon
196     \texttau\acctonos\texteta\extrho\textiota\textomicron}%
197   \def\figurename{\textSigma\textchi\acctonos\texteta\textmu\textalpha}%
198   \def\tablename{\textPi\acctonos\textiota\textnu\textalpha
199     \textkappa\textalpha\textfinalsigma}%
200   \def\partname{\textMu\acctonos\textepsilon\extrho\textomicron
201     \textfinalsigma}%
202   \def\enclname{\textSigma\textupsilon\textnu\texteta\textmu
203     \textmu\acctonos\textepsilon\textnu\textalpha}%
204   \def\ccname{\textKappa\textomicron\textiota\textnu\textomicron
205     \textpi\textomicron\acctonos\textiota\texteta\textsigma\texteta}%
206   \def\headtoname{\textPi\extrho\textomicron\textfinalsigma}%
207   \def\pagename{\textSigma\textepsilon\textlambda\acctonos\textiota
208     \textdelta\textalpha}%
209   \def\seename{\textbeta\textlambda\acctonos\textepsilon\textpi
210     \textepsilon}%
211   \def\alsoname{\textbeta\textlambda\acctonos\textepsilon\textpi
212     \textepsilon} \textepsilon\textpi\acctonos\textiota\textsigma
213     \texteta\textfinalsigma}%
214   \def\proofname{\textAlpha\textpi\acctonos\textomicron
215     \textdelta\textepsilon\textiota\textxi\texteta}%

```

```

216 \def\glossaryname{\textGamma\textlambda\textomega\textsigma
217 \textsigma\acconos\textalpha\textrho\textiota}%
218 }

```

3.4.2 Auto-strings for polytonic Greek

`\captionspolutonikogreek` For texts written in polytonic greek, the translations are the same as above, but some words are spelled differently. For now we just add extra definitions to `\captionsgreek` in order to override the earlier definitions.

```

219 \let\captionspolutonikogreek\captionsgreek
220 \addto\captionspolutonikogreek{%
221 \def\refname{\accpsili\textAlpha\textnu\textalpha
222 \textphi\textomicron\textrho\accvaria\textepsilon\textfinalsigma}%
223 \def\indexname{\textEpsilon\accdasia\textupsilon\textrho\textepsilon
224 \texttau\acconos\texteta\textrho\textiota\textomicron}%
225 \def\figurename{\textSigma\textchi\accperispomeni\texteta\textmu
226 \textalpha}%
227 \def\headtoname{\textPi\textrho\accvaria\textomicron\textfinalsigma}%
228 \def\alsoname{\textbeta\textlambda\acconos\textepsilon\textpi
229 \textepsilon} \accpsili\textepsilon\textpi\acconos\textiota
230 \textsigma\texteta\textfinalsigma}%
231 \def\proofname{\accpsili\textAlpha\textpi\acconos\textomicron
232 \textdelta\textepsilon\textiota\textxi\texteta}%
233 }

```

3.4.3 Auto-strings for ancient Greek

`\captionسانcientgreek` For texts written in ancient Greek, we took the translations from Apostolos Syropoulos' `xgreek` package. For now we just add extra definitions to `\captionsgreek` in order to override the earlier definitions.

```

234 \let\captionسانcientgreek\captionsgreek
235 \addto\captionسانcientgreek{%
236 \def\prefacename{\textPi\textrho\textomicron\textomicron
237 \acconos\textiota\textmu\textiota\textomicron\textnu}%
238 \def\refname{\accpsili\textAlpha\textnu\textalpha\textphi\textomicron
239 \textrho\textalpha\accvaria\textiota}%
240 \def\abstractname{\textPi\textepsilon\textrho\acconos\textiota
241 \textlambda\texteta\textpsi\textiota\textvarsigma}%
242 \def\bibname{\textBeta\textiota\textbeta\textlambda\textiota
243 \textomicron\textgamma\textrho\textalpha\textphi
244 \acconos\textiota\textalpha}%
245 \def\chaptername{\textKappa\textepsilon\textphi\acconos\textalpha
246 \textlambda\textalpha\textiota\textomicron\textnu}%
247 \def\appendixname{\textPi\textalpha\textrho\acconos\textalpha
248 \textrho\texttau\texteta\textmu\textalpha}%
249 \def\contentsname{\textPi\textepsilon\textrho\textiota\textepsilon
250 \textchi\acconos\textomicron\textmu\textepsilon\textnu\textalpha}%
251 \def\listfigurename{\textKappa\textalpha\texttau\acconos\textalpha
252 \textlambda\textomicron\textgamma\textomicron\textvarsigma}

```

```

253 \textsigma\textchi\texteta\textmu\acconos\textalpha\texttau
254 \textomega\textnu}%
255 \def\listtablename{\textKappa\textalpha\texttau\acconos\textalpha
256 \textlambda\textomicron\textgamma\textomicron\textvarsigma{}}
257 \textpi\textiota\textnu\acconos\textalpha\textkappa
258 \textomega\textnu}%
259 \def\indexname{\textEpsilon\accdasia\textupsilon\textrho\textepsilon
260 \texttau\acconos\texteta\textrho\textiota\textomicron\textnu}%
261 \def\figurename{\textSigma\textchi\accperispomeni\texteta\textmu
262 \textalpha}%
263 \def\tablename{\textPi\acconos\textiota\textnu\textalpha\textxi}%
264 \def\partname{\textMu\acconos\textepsilon\textrho\textomicron
265 \textvarsigma}%
266 \def\enclname{\textSigma\textupsilon\textnu\texteta\textmu\textmu
267 \acconos\textepsilon\textnu\textomega\textvarsigma}%
268 \def\ccname{\textKappa\textomicron\textiota\textnu\textomicron\textpi
269 \textomicron\acconos\textiota\texteta\textsigma\textiota
270 \textvarsigma}%
271 \def\headtoname{\textPi\textrho\accvaria\textomicron\textvarsigma}%
272 \def\pagename{\textSigma\textepsilon\textlambda\accvaria\textiota
273 \textvarsigma}%
274 \def\seenname{\accdasiaoxia\textomicron\textrho\textalpha}%
275 \def\alsoname{\accdasiaoxia\textomicron\textrho\textalpha{}}
276 \accdasia\textomega\textsigma\textalpha\acconos\textupsilon
277 \texttau\textomega\textvarsigma}%
278 \def\proofname{\accpsili\textAlpha\textpi\acconos\textomicron
279 \textdelta\textepsilon\textiota\textxi\textiota\textvarsigma}%
280 \def\glossaryname{\textGamma\textlambda\textomega\textsigma\textsigma
281 \acconos\textalpha\textrho\textiota\textomicron\textnu}%
282 }

```

3.4.4 Date specification

`\gr@month` The auxiliary macro `\gr@month` returns Greek month names in monotonic spelling.

```

283 \def\gr@month{%
284 \ifcase\month\or
285 \textIota\textalpha\textnu\textomicron\textupsilon\textalpha
286 \textrho\acconos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
287 \textPhi\textepsilon\textbeta\textrho\textomicron\textupsilon
288 \textalpha\textrho\acconos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
289 \textMu\textalpha\textrho\texttau\acconos\textiota\textomicron
290 \textupsilon \or
291 \textAlpha\textpi\textrho\textiota\textlambda\acconos\textiota
292 \textomicron\textupsilon \or
293 \textMu\textalpha'\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
294 \textIota\textomicron\textupsilon\textnu\acconos\textiota
295 \textomicron\textupsilon \or
296 \textIota\textomicron\textupsilon\textlambda\acconos\textiota

```



```

297     \textomicron\textupsilon \or
298     \textAlpha\textupsilon\textgamma\textomicron\acctonos\textupsilon
299     \textsigma\texttau\textomicron\textupsilon \or
300     \textSigma\textepsilon\textpi\texttau\textepsilon\textmu
301     \textbeta\textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
302     \textOmicron\textkappa\texttau\textomega\textbeta
303     \textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
304     \textNu\textomicron\textepsilon\textmu\textbeta
305     \textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
306     \textDelta\textepsilon\textkappa\textepsilon\textmu\textbeta
307     \textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon
308 \fi
309 }

```

`\gr@polutoniko@month` The auxiliary macro `\gr@polutoniko@month` returns Greek month names in polytonic spelling. It is activated by the `polutoniko` language option.

```

310 \def\gr@polutoniko@month{%
311   \ifcase\month\or
312     \accpsili\textIota\textalpha\textnu\textomicron\textupsilon
313     \textalpha\textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
314     \textPhi\textepsilon\textbeta\textrho\textomicron\textupsilon
315     \textalpha\textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
316     \textMu\textalpha\textrho\texttau\acctonos\textiota\textomicron
317     \textupsilon \or
318     \accpsili\textAlpha\textpi\textrho\textiota\textlambda
319     \acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
320     \textMu\textalpha\accdialytikatonos\textiota\textomicron
321     \textupsilon \or
322     \accpsili\textIota\textomicron\textupsilon\textnu
323     \acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
324     \accpsili\textIota\textomicron\textupsilon\textlambda
325     \acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
326     \textAlpha\accpsili\textupsilon\textgamma\textomicron\acctonos
327     \textupsilon\textsigma\texttau\textomicron\textupsilon \or
328     \textSigma\textepsilon\textpi\texttau\textepsilon\textmu\textbeta
329     \textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
330     \accpsili\textOmicron\textkappa\texttau\textomega\textbeta
331     \textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
332     \textNu\textomicron\textepsilon\textmu\textbeta
333     \textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon \or
334     \textDelta\textepsilon\textkappa\textepsilon\textmu
335     \textbeta\textrho\acctonos\textiota\textomicron\textupsilon
336 \fi
337 }

```

`\dategreek` The macro `\dategreek` redefines the command `\today` to produce greek dates. The name of the month is produced by the macro `\gr@month` since it is also needed in the definition of the macro `\Grtoday`.

```

338 \def\dategreek{%
339   \def\today{\number\day \space \gr@month\space \number\year}}

```

`\Grtoday` The macro `\Grtoday` produces the current date, only that the month and the day are shown as greek numerals instead of arabic as it is usually the case.

```
340 \def\Grtoday{%
341   \expandafter\Greeknatural\expandafter{\the\day}\space
342   \gr@polutoniko@month \space
343   \expandafter\Greeknatural\expandafter{\the\year}}
```

3.4.5 Greek numerals

`\greeknumeralsix` The shape of the obsolete characters used for number 6 (digamma/stigma) and
`\greeknumeralSix` 90 (koppa) evolved over time and different characters are in use for them today.
`\greeknumeraln ninety` We define placeholders that allow configuration by the user or a package.

```
\greeknumeralN ninety 344 \providecommand*\greeknumeralsix{\textstigma}
345 \providecommand*\greeknumeralSix{\textStigma}
346 \providecommand*\greeknumeraln ninety{\textkoppa}
347 \providecommand*\greeknumeralN ninety{\textKoppa}
```

`\greeknumeral` The commands `\greeknumeral` and `\Greeknatural` produce the lowercase and uppercase [Greek numerals](#) respectively.

The command `\greeknumeral` needs to be *fully* expandable in order to get the right information in auxiliary files. It should also be usable in PDF-strings. Therefore we use the implementation from the `\HyPsd@GreekPatch` in [hyperref](#) (version 7.00e 2020-05-15).

```
348 \def\greeknumeral#1{%
349   {\greekscript
350    \bbl@greek@GreekNum\@firstoftwo{#1}}%
351 }
```

`\Greeknatural` The command `\Greeknatural` prints uppercase greek numerals.

```
352 \def\Greeknatural#1{%
353   {\greekscript
354    \bbl@greek@GreekNum\@secondoftwo{#1}}%
355 }
```

`\bbl@greek@ill@value` When the argument of `\greeknumeral` has a value outside of the acceptable bounds ($0 < x < 999999$) a warning will be issued (and the argument be printed).

```
356 \def\bbl@greek@ill@value#1{%
357   \PackageWarningNoLine{babel}{Illegal value (#1) for greeknumeral}%
358   \@arabic{#1}%
359 }
```

`\bbl@greek@GreekNum` The auxiliary macros provide the actual conversion. They are taken from [hyperref](#)
`\bbl@greek@@GreekNum` as well.

```
\bbl@greek@GreekNumI 360 \def\bbl@greek@GreekNum#1#2{%
\bbl@greek@GreekNumII 361   \ifnum#2<\@ne
\bbl@greek@GreekNumIII 362   \bbl@greek@ill@value{#2}%
\bbl@greek@GreekNumIV 363   \else
\bbl@greek@GreekNumV 364   \ifnum#2<1000000 %
\bbl@greek@GreekNumVI
```

```

365     \bbl@greek@@GreekNum#1{#2}%
366     \else
367     \bbl@greek@iill@value{#2}%
368     \fi
369 \fi
370 }
371 \def\bbl@greek@@GreekNum#1#2{%
372 \ifnum#2<\@m
373 \ifnum#2<10 %
374 \expandafter\bbl@greek@GreekNumI
375 \expandafter\@gobble\expandafter#1\number#2%
376 \else
377 \ifnum#2<100 %
378 \expandafter\bbl@greek@GreekNumII
379 \expandafter\@gobble\expandafter#1\number#2%
380 \else
381 \expandafter\bbl@greek@GreekNumIII
382 \expandafter\@gobble\expandafter#1\number#2%
383 \fi
384 \fi
385 \ifnum#2>\z@
386 \textnumeralsigngreek
387 \fi
388 \else
389 \ifnum#2<\@M
390 \expandafter\bbl@greek@GreekNumIV\expandafter#1\number#2%
391 \else
392 \ifnum#2<100000 %
393 \expandafter\bbl@greek@GreekNumV\expandafter#1\number#2%
394 \else
395 \expandafter\bbl@greek@GreekNumVI\expandafter#1\number#2%
396 \fi
397 \fi
398 \fi
399 }
400 \def\bbl@greek@GreekNumI#1#2#3{%
401 #1{%
402 \ifnum#3>\z@
403 \textnumeralsignlowergreek
404 \fi
405 }%
406 \expandafter#2%
407 \ifcase#3 %
408 {}{}%
409 \or\textalpha\textAlpha
410 \or\textbeta\textBeta
411 \or\textgamma\textGamma
412 \or\textdelta\textDelta
413 \or\textepsilon\textEpsilon
414 \or\greeknumeralsix\greeknumeralSix % stigma or digamma

```

```

415 \or\textzeta\textZeta
416 \or\texteta\textEta
417 \or\texttheta\textTheta
418 \else
419   {}{}%
420 \fi
421 }
422 \def\bbl@greek@GreekNumII#1#2#3#4{%
423   #1{%
424     \ifnum#3>\z@
425       \textnumeralsignlowergreek
426       \fi
427   }%
428   \expandafter#2%
429   \ifcase#3 %
430     {}{}%
431   \or\textiota\textIota
432   \or\textkappa\textKappa
433   \or\textlambda\textLambda
434   \or\textmugreek\textMu
435   \or\textnu\textNu
436   \or\textxi\textXi
437   \or\textomicron\textOmicron
438   \or\textpi\textPi
439   \or\greeknumeraln ninety\greeknumeralNinety % koppa or qoppa
440   \else
441     {}{}%
442   \fi
443   \bbl@greek@GreekNumI#1#2#4%
444 }
445 \def\bbl@greek@GreekNumIII#1#2#3#4#5{%
446   #1{%
447     \ifnum#3>\z@
448       \textnumeralsignlowergreek
449       \fi
450   }%
451   \expandafter#2%
452   \ifcase#3 %
453     {}{}%
454   \or\textrho\textRho
455   \or\textsigma\textSigma
456   \or\texttau\textTau
457   \or\textupsilon\textUpsilon
458   \or\textphi\textPhi
459   \or\textchi\textChi
460   \or\textpsi\textPsi
461   \or\textomega\textOmega
462   \or\textsampigreek\textSampigreek
463   \else
464     {}{}%

```

```

465 \fi
466 \bbl@greek@GreekNumII#1#2#4#5%
467 }
468 \def\bbl@greek@GreekNumIV#1#2#3#4#5{%
469 \bbl@greek@GreekNumI\@firstofone#1#2%
470 \bbl@greek@@GreekNum#1{#3#4#5}%
471 }
472 \def\bbl@greek@GreekNumV#1#2#3#4#5#6{%
473 \bbl@greek@GreekNumII\@firstofone#1#2#3%
474 \bbl@greek@@GreekNum#1{#4#5#6}%
475 }
476 \def\bbl@greek@GreekNumVI#1#2#3#4#5#6#7{%
477 \bbl@greek@GreekNumIII\@firstofone#1#2#3#4%
478 \bbl@greek@@GreekNum#1{#5#6#7}%
479 }

```

`\greek@alph` and `\greek@Alph` In the previous release of this language definition file the commands `\greek@aplh` and `\greek@Alph` were kept just for reasons of compatibility. Here again they become meaningful macros. They are defined in a way that even page numbering with greek numerals is possible.

We define the Greek versions; the additional `\expandafters` are needed in order to make sure the table of contents will be correct, e.g., when we have appendixes.

```

480 \def\greek@alph#1{\expandafter\greeknumeral\expandafter{\the#1}}
481 \def\greek@Alph#1{\expandafter\Greeknatural\expandafter{\the#1}}

```

Redefine the internal macros `\@alph` and `\@Alph` in the language hook, so that we use Greek numerals¹⁶ instead of the Latin alphabet¹⁷ in Greek text parts.

```

482 \addto\extrasgreek{%
483 \babel@save\@alph
484 \babel@save\@Alph
485 \let\@alph\greek@alph
486 \let\@Alph\greek@Alph
487 }

```

3.5 Character codes

Greek letters drop diacritics (except dilytika and sub-iota) in UPPERCASE. This is not cared for by the Unicode standard. The file `greek-euenc.def` from `greek-fontenc` contains the required `\lccode` and `\uccode` corrections from the `xgreek` package by Apostolos Syropoulos. It is loaded if the Greek font encoding is TU (i.e. with XeTeX/LuaTeX), see section 3.3.2.

If the Greek font encoding is LGR, character code changes are done here because they must be restricted to text parts using the LGR encoding.

```

488 \def\bbl@tempa{LGR}

```

¹⁶cf. section 3.4.5

¹⁷Eventually interpreted as Latin transliteration and converted to Greek letters in a “strange” order.

```
489 \ifx\greekfontencoding\bbl@tempa
```

In order to get correct hyphenation we need to set the lower case code of a number of characters.

In LGR encoded fonts, diacritics can be obtained using Knuth's ligature mechanism (see usage.pdf). This means that the characters <, >, ~, ' , ' , " , and | may be part of a word. Therefore, their \lccode is changed when polytonic Greek is in effect. For monotonic Greek, we only need ' and " .

The 'v' character has a special usage in LGR-encoded fonts: The LGR ligature mechanism detects the end of a word and assures that a final sigma (ς) is used. The 'v' after an 's' overrides this ligature mechanism so that it is possible to typeset an isolated σ without it becoming a ς . Because of this we make sure its lowercase code is not changed.

```
490 \addto\extrasgreek{%
491   \babel@savevariable{\lccode'v}\lccode'v='v%
492   \babel@savevariable{\lccode'\'}\lccode'\}'='\'%
493   \babel@savevariable{\lccode'\"}\lccode'\}"='\"%
494 }
495 \addto\extraspolutonikogreek{%
496   % \l@greek=\bbl@polygreek
497   \babel@savevariable{\lccode'\<}\lccode'\<='\<%
498   \babel@savevariable{\lccode'\>}\lccode'\>='\>%
499   \babel@savevariable{\lccode'\~}\lccode'\~='\~%
500   \babel@savevariable{\lccode'\|}\lccode'\|='\||%
501   \babel@savevariable{\lccode'\'}\lccode'\}'='\'%
502 }
```

In order to process the suitable characters and in such a way that hyphenation patterns work also with precomposed characters, it is necessary to declare the lc code for all characters that can be part of a word. We do this in \extrasgreek because this is a feature of the LGR font encoding (used in all language variants). This means that multi-accented characters are regarded parts of a word (and not non-word characters) also in monotonic spelling.

```
503 \addto\extrasgreek{%
504   % 'high bit characters': set in a loop and correct exceptions
505   \@tempcnta=128%
506   \@whilenum\@tempcnta<253\do{%
507     \expandafter\babel@savevariable\expandafter{%
508       \expandafter\lccode\the\@tempcnta}%
509     \lccode\@tempcnta=\@tempcnta
510     \advance\@tempcnta\@ne
511   }%
512   % Fix non-word characters:
513   \lccode151=0%
514   \lccode155=0%
515   \lccode159=0%
516   \lccode199=0%
517   % Fix capital letters:
518   \lccode195=147% GREEK LETTER DIGAMMA
```

```

519 \lccode219=240% GREEK CAPITAL LETTER IOTA WITH DIALYTIKA
520 \lccode223=244% GREEK CAPITAL LETTER UPSILON WITH DIALYTIKA
521 }

```

In order to drop diacritics (except dialytika and sub-iota) in UPPERCASE also with the “input ligatures” the `\uccode` of the relevant characters is set to a dummy character. This is only done, if LaTeX is older than 2022/06/01 because the `\MakeUppercase` implementation introduced in this version ignores `uccodes` and fails with the “dummy” character `0x9f`.

```

522 % fallback for for LaTeX versions older than 2020-10-01
523 \providecommand\IfFormatAtLeastTF{\@ifl@t@r\fmtversion}
524 \IfFormatAtLeastTF{2022/06/01}%
525 {}
526 {% else
527 \addto\extragreek{%
528 \babel@savevariable{\uccode'\'}\uccode\'"=\'"%
529 \babel@savevariable{\uccode'\'}\uccode\''=159% 159 == ^~9f
530 }
531 \addto\extrapolutonikogreek{%
532 \babel@savevariable{\uccode'\~}\uccode\'~=159%
533 \babel@savevariable{\uccode'\>}\uccode\'>=159%
534 \babel@savevariable{\uccode'\<}\uccode\'<=159%
535 \babel@savevariable{\uccode'\|}\uccode\'|=\'|%
536 \babel@savevariable{\uccode'\'}\uccode\''=159%
537 }

```

To avoid `inputenc` errors if the tilde is used as perispomeni (in polytonic or ancient Greek), we need to declare an expansion for the “dummy” character `0x9f` = 159.¹⁸ To be independent of `inputenc`, we do not use `\DeclareInputText` but code modelled after its definition to declare an empty expansion.

```

538 \bgroup
539 \uccode'\~159%
540 \uppercase{%
541 \egroup
542 \def~{}%
543 }

```

Add composite commands, so that the dialytika is kept or put on the following character of a diphthong with `\MakeUppercase` (see `lgrdef.enc` from the `greek-fontenc` package for details).

```

544 \DeclareTextCompositeCommand{\"}{LGR}{^~9f}{\accdialytika}
545 \DeclareTextCompositeCommand{\'}{LGR}{^~9f}{\LGR@hiatus}
546 \DeclareTextCompositeCommand{\'}{LGR}{^~9f}{\LGR@accdropped}

```

If Unicode fonts are loaded together with LGR, we must also care for `\''` and `\''` in TU, because the `is` kept when upcasing.

```

547 \ifdefined\UnicodeEncodingName % set by XeTeX/LuaTeX
548 \DeclareTextCompositeCommand{\"}{TU}{^~9f}{\accdialytika}

```

¹⁸Since UTF-8 became the default encoding (cf. [LaTeX News 28](#)), an “`inputenc`” error is also thrown if the `inputenc` package is not loaded.

```

549     \fi
550     }% end of the \IfFormatAtLeastTF else block

```

`\bbl@greek@tilde` By default, the tilde produces an unbreakable space in text mode. In polytonic and ancient Greek, we change its meaning to allow using ~ in the Latin transliteration of characters with perispomeni. As the perispomeni is not required with monotonic Greek, this is only done for the variants “polutoniko” and “ancient” (in `\extraspolutonikogreek`).

Let the tilde character expand to a tilde with category code 12.

```

551 \DeclareTextSymbol{\bbl@greek@tilde}{LGR}{126}

552 \fi % End of LGR-specific code.

```

3.6 Symbol name aliases

For backwards compatibility, we keep aliases for a few symbols.

```

553 \providecommand{\anwtonos}{\textdexiakeraia}
554 \providecommand{\katwtonos}{\textaristerikeraia}
555 \providecommand{\qoppa}{\textkoppa}
556 \providecommand{\varqoppa}{\textqoppa}
557 \providecommand{\stigma}{\textstigma}
558 \providecommand{\sampi}{\textsampi}
559 \providecommand{\Digamma}{\textDigamma}
560 \providecommand{\ddigamma}{\textdigamma}
561 \providecommand{\vardigamma}{\textvardigamma}
562 \providecommand{\euro}{\texteuro}
563 \providecommand{\permill}{\textperthousand}
564 \ProvideTextCommand{\textmugreek}{\greekfontencoding}{\textmu}

```

The macro `\ldf@finish` takes care of looking for a configuration file, setting the main language to be switched on at `\begin{document}` and resetting the category code of `@` to its original value.

```

565 \ldf@finish{\CurrentOption}
566 \</code>

```

Change History

babel-greek-1.08	font encoding is detected.	9
<code>\greekscript</code> : New	Restore compatibility with	
TextCommands “ <code>greekscript</code> ”	Xe/LuaTeX in 8-bit and	
and “ <code>ensuregreek</code> ”.	Unicode mode.	1
General: <code>greek.dtx</code> renamed to	Use EU1 or EU2 for Latin script	
<code>babel-greek.dtx</code> (but still	if available	11
generates <code>greek.ldf</code>).	Use font-encoding specific	
Check for EU1/EU2 font	TextCommands.	12
encoding instead of engine	Remove redefinition of	
Load <code>euenc.def</code> if EU1 or EU2	<code>\fnum@figure</code> and	

<code>\fnum@table</code>	24	<code>textalpha</code>	23
babel-greek-1.08a		babel-greek-1.09i	
<code>\greekscript</code> : Set		<code>\captionsgreek</code> : Fix accent in	
‘encodingdefault’ to fix Greek		seename and alsiname.	14
in footnotes etc. with		General: Fix accent in <code>\seename</code>	
document language Greek.	10	and <code>\alsiname</code>	1
babel-greek-1.09		Update check for Unicode fonts.	9
General: Load correct hyphenation		babel-greek-1.09j	
patterns (patch by Claudio		<code>\textampersand</code> : Fix ampersand	
Beccari).	6	in math.	12
Add support for ancient Greek.	8	babel-greek-1.10	
Added caption names for		<code>\greeknumeral</code> : PDF-string secure	
<code>\ancientgreek</code>	15	implementation taken from	
Added lc codes for chars 128 to		“hyperref” (thanks to Ulrike	
255	22	Fischer).	18
The $\hat{}$ -notation seems to require		<code>\greeknumeralNinety</code> : Use	
lower case letters.	23	zig-zagy <code>\textkoppa</code> . This is	
babel-greek-1.09b		what it looks in current Greek	
<code>\captionspolutonikogreek</code> : Use		typography.	18
named macros instead of		General: Load <code>puenc-greek.def</code>	
non-standard short accent		from <code>greek-fontenc</code> if used with	
macros for <code>psili</code> and <code>dasia</code>	15	<code>hyperref</code>	10
General: Remove spurious		Use TU with Xe/LuaTeX.	9
whitespace from ‘extrasgreek’		babel-greek-1.11	
definition (report Eike		<code>\greeknumeral</code> : Configurable	
Schmidt).	22	shapes for 6 and 90. 90	
babel-greek-1.09c		defaults to <code>\textqoppa</code> for	
General: Fix dummy hyphenation		ancient Greek.	18
language names (patch Ulrike		General: Save/restore previous	
Fischer).	6	font encoding instead of	
babel-greek-1.09d		switching to <code>\latinencoding</code>	
General: <code>uc-/lccode</code> corrections		when leaving Greek.	11
from <code>xgreek</code> are now in		babel-greek-1.12	
<code>greek-euenc.def</code> (the		<code>\BabelGreekRestoreFontEncoding</code> :	
<code>polyglossia</code> version has bugs).	21	New macro.	11
babel-greek-1.09e		<code>\EnsureStandardFontEncoding</code> :	
General: Fix bug in <code>lccode</code> -setting		New <code>TextCommand</code>	12
loop (patch by Enrico		<code>\greek@Alph</code> : Save/restore	
Gregorio).	22	expansion of <code>\alph</code> and <code>\Alph</code>	
babel-greek-1.09f		with every switch to/from	
General: Check also for standard		Greek.	21
Unicode text encoding “TU”		General: Declare char 159	
(new in <code>fontspec v2.5a</code>).	9	expansion similar to <code>inputenc</code>	
babel-greek-1.09g		to avoid “inputenc error”.	23
General: Babel 3.9i deprecated		Don’t use <code>\makeatother</code> in	
<code>\textlatin</code> and fixed		<code>\AtBeginDocument</code>	10
<code>\latinencoding</code>	1	New language attribute	
babel-greek-1.09h		<code>polytonic</code> (alias for <code>polutoniko</code>).	8
General: Move breathing		New modifiers <code>local-LGR-fixes</code>	
composite commands to		and <code>no-LGR-fixes</code>	3

Only change uc/lccodes if			
<code>\greekfontencoding</code> is LGR.	21		
Only change uccodes if LaTeX is older than 2022/06/01.	23		
Update and restructure documentation.	1		
Drop definition for <code>\SS</code> .	12		
Remove <code>\textKoppa</code> and <code>\textmu</code> (in greek-fontenc since version 1.0).	24		
Save previous font encoding in <code>\BabelGreekPreviousFontEncoding</code> .	11		
babel-greek-1.13			
<code>\bbl@greek@tilde</code> : Renamed from <code>\greek@tilde</code> . Simplify definition.	24		
General: Don't use text command in math mode.	9		
New language attribute <code>keep-semicolon</code> .	9		
Setup <code>\languageshorthands</code> for all language variants.	6		
greek-1.0b			
<code>\lgrfont</code> : Added a level of braces to keep encoding change local	11		
General: Use <code>\LdfInit</code> to perform initial checks.	6		
Moved the definition of <code>\atcatcode</code> right to the beginning	1		
Now use <code>\ldf@finish</code> to wrap up	24		
Replaced <code>\undefined</code> with <code>\@undefined</code> and <code>\empty</code> with <code>\@empty</code> for consistency with L ^A T _E X	1		
greek-1.0c			
<code>\bbl@greek@tilde</code> : Added command	24		
greek-1.1			
<code>\Grtoday</code> : Added macro <code>\Grtoday</code>	18		
greek-1.1a			
<code>\dategreek</code> : Fixed typo, <code>\Oktwbr'iou</code> instead of <code>\Oktobr'iou</code>	17		
<code>\greek@Alph</code> : removed two superfluous <code>@</code> 's which made <code>\@alph</code> undefined	21		
greek-1.1b			
<code>\bbl@greek@tilde</code> : Made tilde expand to a tilde with <code>\catcode 12</code>	24		
General: Added shorthand for <code>\char255</code>	23		
Added setting of <code>\uccodes</code> (after <code>kdgreek.sty</code>)	23		
greek-1.1c			
General: Added a couple of symbols, needed for <code>\greeknumeral</code>	24		
fixed two typos	22		
greek-1.1d			
<code>\dategreek</code> : Macro <code>\gr@month</code> now produces the name of the month	17		
greek-1.1e			
<code>\gr@month</code> : Macro added	16		
General: Shorthand is changed. Active character is now <code>\char159</code>	23		
Added caption name for proof	14		
Added lowercase code for <code>v</code>	22		
Added uppercase code for special letter "v". Uppercase code for accents is now <code>9f</code> , instead of <code>ff</code>	23		
Most symbols are removed and are now defined in package <code>grsymb</code>	24		
greek-1.2			
<code>\gr@polutoniko@month</code> : Added macro <code>\datepolutonikogreek</code>	17		
Added macro <code>\gr@cl@month</code>	17		
General: Added caption names for <code>\polutonikogreek</code>	15		
Added lowercase codes for "modern" greek	22		
Added uppercase codes for "modern" Greek. The old codes are now for "Polutoniko" Greek	23		
Classical Greek is now a dialect	1		
Definitions for "modern" Greek are now the definitions of "polutoniko" Greek	22		
greek-1.2a			
<code>\dategreek</code> : Use <code>\edef</code> to define <code>\today</code>	17		

General: Need shorthand to exist for monotonic Greek, not polytonik Greek	23	greek-1.3f	General: Added some code to make older documents work.	8
filename <code>lgrenc.def</code> now lowercase	9	greek-1.3g	General:	
greek-1.2b		<code>\noextrapolutonikogreek</code>	was missing.	8
<code>\dategreek</code> : use <code>\def</code> instead of <code>\edef</code>	17	greek-1.3h	<code>\captionsgreek</code> : Added	
General: Classical Greek is now called “Polutoniko” Greek. The previous name was at least misleading	1	<code>\glossaryname</code>	14	
greek-1.2c		<code>\providehyphenmins</code> : Now use <code>\providehyphenmins</code> to provide a default value	7	
General: Package <code>grsymb</code> has been eliminated because the CB fonts v2.0 do not include certain symbols and so the remaining symbol definitions have been moved here	24	greek-1.3i	<code>\captionsgreek</code> : The final sigma in all names appears as ‘s’ instead of ‘c’.	14
This version conforms to version 2.0 of the CB fonts and consequently we added a few new symbol-producing commands	1	General: uc code of ‘v’ is switched to V so that mixed text appears correctly in headers.	23	
greek-1.2e		greek-1.3j	General: Use the tilde as an alias for character 159	23
General: Moved redefinition of <code>\@roman</code> back to the language specific file	13	Don’t use the double caret notation here, because other languages might make the caret active.	23	
greek-1.3a		greek-1.3k	<code>\bbl@greek@tilde</code> : Make sure the character “ is not active during the definition of <code>\greek@tilde</code>	24
<code>\gr@polutoniko@month</code> : removed macro <code>\datepolutonikogreek</code>	17	<code>\lgrfont</code> : Added <code>\leavevmode</code> as was done with <code>\latintext</code>	11	
General: <code>polutoniko</code> is now an attribute to Greek, no longer a ‘dialect’	1	greek-1.4	<code>\bbl@greek@tilde</code> : Do not re-define the tilde accent macro: it works as expected with <code>lgrenc.def</code> from <code>greek-fontenc</code>	24
greek-1.3d		General: <code>lgrenc.def</code> moved to the separate package ‘greek-fontenc’	9	
General: <code>\@roman</code> and <code>\@Roman</code> need to be added to <code>\extrapolutonikogreek</code>	13	Add <code>TextCompositeCommands</code> for “uppercase diacritics”.	23	
Fixed typo, <code>bl’epe ep’ishc</code> instead of <code>bl’pe ep’ishc</code>	14	moved here from <code>lgrenc.def</code> because the definitions require the <code>\latintext</code> macro defined by Babel.	12	
greek-1.3e		new maintainer	1	
General: <code>\@roman</code> and <code>\@Roman</code> need <i>not</i> be in <code>\extrapolutonikogreek</code> when they are already in <code>\extragreek</code>	13			
<code>\extragreek</code> and <code>\extrapolutonikogreek</code> should be complementary	22, 23			

greek-1.5		greek-1.6	
\textampersand : Make <code>\&</code> a		General: Apply a patch by Enrico	
TextCommand	12	Gregorio. Thanks to Claudio	
General: <code>\@roman</code> and <code>\@Roman</code> as		Beccari for testing and	
TextCommands (BUG: this		reporting.	13
extended the expansion		fix <code>\@roman</code> and <code>\@Roman</code>	
problem to all languages) . . .	13	redefinition (thanks to Enrico	
bugfixes, change some symbol		Gregorio and Claudio Beccari),	
macros to aliases, LGR fixes		load LICR macro definitions	
via <code>\DeclareTextCommand</code>		for Xe/LuaTeX.	1
instead of		greek-1.7	
extrasgreek/noextrasgreek		General: Do not load euenc.def	
definitions, LICR macros in		with XeTeX/LuaTeX (too	
string definitions, LGR font		complicated to get it right). . . .	9
encoding not used with		Do not load euenc.def with	
XeTeX/LuaTeX.	1	XeTeX/LuaTeX. Prevent	
change symbol macros to aliases	24	re-loading lgrenc.def.	1
enable use of "textcomp"		greek-1.7a	
characters for "textcopyright"		General: Remove spurious "fi". . . .	1
and "textregistered" macros .	12	greek-1.7b	
LGR not used with		General: Correct upcasing of babel	
XeTeX/LuaTeX.	11	strings with Xe/LuaTeX.	1
LGR setup skipped with		greek-1.8	
XeTeX/LuaTeX	9	General: Renamed to 'babel-greek'. 1	
Support XeTeX/LuaTeX.	21	greekfdd-2.2c	
greek-1.5a		General: Fixed typos,	
General: provide		\textrademark misses a 't',	
\extrapolutonikogreek also		\copyright should be	
for Xe/LuaTeX.	7	\textcopyright	12
Replaced non-printable literal		greekfdd-2.2d	
character with ^-notation (tip		General: removed redefinition of <code>\&</code>	12
by Heiko Oberdiek).	23		