Basic Letter Shape Variant Analysis

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**i** vs **ı** vs **ɩ** vs **ĺ**

Latin Small Letter I (0069) vs Latin Small Letter Dotless I (0131)



 The dot is readily perceptible . . . IF the user is sensitized by familiarity to the possibility of a dotless I (which only occurs in a couple of languages). Otherwise, the user sees what he expects to see. But based on the criteria for visual similarity, this would not be a variant.

Mats made the case, based on case folding, for these being treated as variants. I concur, for this and other reasons. But this is a perception argument, not a basic letter shape one.

Decision: Variant

Latin Small Letter Dotless I (0131) vs Latin Small Letter Iota (0269)

In the italic versions of any of the serif fonts (e.g. Times New Roman or Consolas) these are identical. For example:

*ı vs ɩ (Times New Roman) ı vs ɩ (Consolas)*



Decision: Variant

Latin Small Letter L with Acute (013A)

I’m not sure why this even got included here. Yes, in a san-serif font a small letter L with acute is indistinguishable from a **capital** letter I with acute:

ĺ vs Í

But compared to any of the Small Letter I variations? Not only not a variant, but probably not even confusable.

Decision: Not a Variant