

Iambo-Trochaic Verse = ... x - x - x - x - x - x - x - ...

- x = anceps (syllable can be ∪ or -); resolution (- > ∪∪)
- iambic measures begin x - and must end ∪ -

possible iambs (in addition to “pure” ∪ -):

-- ∪∪ - ∪∪∪ -∪∪ ∪∪∪∪

- trochaic measures begin - x and must end - ∪
- possible trochaics (in addition to “pure” - ∪):

-- ∪∪ - ∪∪∪ -∪∪ ∪∪∪∪

- metron = two iambs or two trochees
- ABCD notation: A, C = anceps B, D = long

iambic trimeter (“iambic senarius”), $ia^3 = A B C D A / B C D A B c D$

Ps. 3-4

- - ∪ - | ∪ ∪ - - | - - ∪ -
si ex te tacente fieri possem certior,
[A B c D a / bb C D A B c D]

∪∪ - - ∪∪∪ | - - - ∪ ∪ | - - ∪ -
ere, quae miseriae te tam misere macerent,
[aa B c dd A / B C dd A B c D]

trochaic tetrameter, $tr^4 = B C D A B C D A / B C D A B C D a$

Ps. 243

∪ ∪ - - - - | ∪ ∪ - - ∪ | ∪ ∪ ∪ - - - | ∪ ∪ - - ∪
hodie nate, heus, hodie nate, tibi ego dico, heus, hodie nate,
[bb C D A bb C D a bb c D A bb C D a]

trochaic tetrameter catalectic (“trochaic septenarius”), $tr^4^{\wedge} = B C D A B C D A / B C D A B c D$

Ps. 265-6

- ∪ ∪ - - - | ∪ ∪ - - - | ∪ ∪ ∪ - - - | - ∪ -
respiciam istoc pretio; nam si sacrificem summo Ioui
[B cc D A bb C D A / bb c D A B c D]

- ∪ ∪ ∪ ∪ | - ∪ ∪ ∪ - - | ∪ ∪ ∪ - - ∪ ∪ | ∪ -
atque in manibus exta teneam, ut poriciam, interea loci
[B c dd a B c dd A / bb c D aa B c D]