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Re: Using T1—0901–0905 with notation 004 in the 930–990 add table

One of the exercises for the 900s and Table 2 as part of the training workshop on "Dewey Decimal Classification - Vietnamese Edition 23" (DDC23) held at the National Library of Vietnam was:

8. Title: After the rescue: Jewish identity and community in contemporary Denmark

LCSH: Jews—Denmark—Identity

LCSH: Jews—Denmark—History—20th century

LCSH: Jews—Denmark—Politics and government—20th century

LCSH: Jews—Denmark—Social life and customs—20th century

LCSH: Judaism—Denmark—History—20th century

LCSH: Denmark—Ethnic relations

Answer: 948.9004924

(Base number 9 + T2—489 [following instructions at 930–990] + 004 [from modified standard subdivisions in add table under 930–990, following instructions at 948.9001–948.9009] + T5—924 [following instructions at 004 in add table under 930–990])

Julianne Beall, the instructor, was asked why T1—09045 “post World War II period” was not added for time period, to produce 948.9004924009045. She replied that she could not cite a rule forbidding adding T1—0901–0905 “Historical periods” but would ask her colleagues.

Upon looking in WorldCat for records built with notation 004 from the add table at 930–990, she found that 0092 is frequently added to the Table 5 notation, but rarely 00901–00905. For example:

165 records found searching for dd: 973.04924 AND su: century in WorldCat
120 records found searching for dd: 973.049240092* in WorldCat
3 records found searching for dd: 973.049240090* in WorldCat
All 3 records are for same work: <http://www.worldcat.org/title/jewish-socialists-in-the-united-states-the-cahan-debate-1925-1926/oclc/37981926>
which is classed in: >082 00 973/.04924/009042 \$2 21

62 records found searching for dd: 941.004924 AND su: century in WorldCat
17 records found searching for dd: 941.0049240092* in WorldCat
No records found searching for dd: 941.0049240090* in WorldCat

172 records found searching for dd: 943.004924 AND su: century in WorldCat
43 records found searching for dd: 943.0049240092* in WorldCat
3 records found searching for dd: 943.0049240090* in WorldCat

The two main facets in 930–990 “History of specific continents, countries, localities” are place and time period for that place. Other facets, such as event and biography, are normally provided for after place and time period. However, the add instructions in the add table at 930–990 gives preference to 004 “Ethnic and national groups” over 01–09 “Historical periods”. Thus, the time period can only be given after the ethnic or national group is given. Because there is no provision at 004 to give the specific time period associated with the place, it has been the Dewey Section’s policy not to add the general time period provided for in T1—0901–0905. After reexamining that policy, we have decided that the general time period provided for in T1—0901–0905 should be added for the following four reasons.

1) There is nothing in the instructions at 004 in the 930–990 table that forbids the addition of standard subdivisions 0901–0905 after adding the notation from Table 5.

> 930–990 History of specific areas

Add to base number 9 notation 3–9 from Table 2, e.g., general history of Europe 940, of England 942, of Norfolk, England 942.61; then add further as follows:

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004 Ethnic and national groups
(Option: Class in 909.04)

00405–00409 Specific ethnic and national groups with ethnic origins from more than one continent, of European descent

Add to 0040 the numbers following —0 in notation 05–09 from Table 5, e.g., history and civilization of people of European descent in New York 974.700409

Class relation of ethnic and national groups with ethnic origins from more than one continent, of European descent to a war with the war, plus notation 089 from Table 1, e.g., relation of Europeans to World War II 940.5308909

0041–0049 Specific ethnic and national groups

Add to 004 notation 1–9 from Table 5, e.g., history and civilization of North American native peoples in New York 974.700497

Class indigenous groups in the prehistoric period with the period, e.g., Inca empire before Spanish conquest 985.019; class relation of ethnic and national groups to a war with the war, plus notation 089 from Table 1, e.g., relation of Arabs to World War II 940.53089927

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2) There is nothing in the instructions in the introduction to Table 5 that forbids the addition of standard subdivisions 0901–0905 when using 004 in the 930–990 table.

Table 5. Ethnic and National Groups

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Standard subdivisions may be added to Table 5 notation when that notation is added directly to the base number, e.g., periodicals about sociology of Irish Americans 305.8916207305. However, standard subdivisions are not added to Table 5 notation when that notation is used through interposition of notation 089 from Table 1, e.g., an exhibition of ceramic arts of Russian Jews 738.089924047 (not 738.089924047074)

When Table 5 notation is not followed by 0 plus notation from Table 2, use 00 for standard subdivisions, e.g., periodicals about sociology of Japanese 305.8956005, collected biography of Irish Americans in New York City 974.71004916200922. When Table 5 notation is followed by 0 plus notation from Table 2, however, use 0 for standard subdivisions, e.g., periodicals about sociology of Japanese Americans 305.895607305. (For the purpose of this rule, notation 96073 African Americans is treated as Table 5 notation, e.g., periodicals on sociology of African Americans 305.896073005, periodicals on sociology of African Americans in Ohio 305.896073077105)

Note: The only provision about not adding standard subdivisions in the above two paragraphs concerns T1—089.

3) The “Flow chart for history” in the 930–990 Manual entry has the following set of instructions:

Add 004 from table under 930–990

Add notation from Table 5

Standard subdivisions?

Yes

Add —01–09 from Table 1

The number is complete

The “Add —01–09 from Table 1” does not forbid the use of T1—0901–0905. (The complete flow chart is given at the end of the exhibit.)

4) The three main facets in 800 “Literature (Belles-lettres) and rhetoric” are language, specific literary form, and time period of the specific literature. Thus, the general time period provided for at T1—0901–0905 is usually not used. However, that provision is sometimes used.

The last example in the add instruction at T3B—091–099 uses T1—09041:

—091–099 Literature displaying specific features or emphasizing subjects,
or for and by groups of people

Add to base number —09 notation 1–9 from Table 3C, e.g.,
history and description of literature on Faust —09351, history
of literature in Spanish by Chilean authors 860.9983, history of
literature in Spanish by Chilean authors of early 20th century
860.998309041

The Table 3B Manual entry has the following:

Sometimes aspects low in the literary preference order lists can be expressed only by means of standard subdivision notation from Table 1. In the example above of a critical appraisal of later-20th-century American fiction about ocean travel by women, use notation 082 from Table 1 to express the aspect of women: 813.540932162082. Here is another example, also from the preference order list for fiction, but this time for fiction from more than two literatures. Use 808.83935820973209034 for a collection of 19th-century fiction of several literatures about urban life: 808.839 (collection of fiction from more than two literatures displaying specific features) + 358209732 (theme: urban life) + 09034 (standard subdivision for the historical period of the 19th century). In the literary preference order list, theme comes before period; and once the theme has been expressed, there is no way to express the period except by use of the standard subdivision.

In the second example, 09034 (standard subdivision for the historical period of the 19th century) is used.

The use of the general time period provided at T1—0901–0905 in certain situations in the 800s suggests that it should also be used in the 900s.

Proposal

In order to indicate that T1—0901–0905 is used to indicate time periods, we propose to add a time-period example at notation 00405–00409 and 0041–0049 in the add table at 930–990. The proposed examples are shown by underlining in the following:

> 930–990 History of specific areas

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004 Ethnic and national groups

(Option: Class in 909.04)

00405–00409 Specific ethnic and national groups with ethnic origins from more than one continent, of European descent

Add to 0040 the numbers following —0 in notation 05–09 from Table 5, e.g., history and civilization of people of European descent in New York 974.700409, history and civilization of people of European descent in New York during 1980–1989 974.700409009048

Class relation of ethnic and national groups with ethnic origins from more than one continent, of European descent to a war with the war, plus notation 089 from Table 1, e.g., relation of Europeans to World War II 940.5308909

0041–0049 Specific ethnic and national groups

Add to 004 notation 1–9 from Table 5, e.g., history and civilization of North American native peoples in New York 974.700497, history and civilization of North American native peoples in New York during 1980–1989 974.700497009048

Class indigenous groups in the prehistoric period with the period, e.g., Inca empire before Spanish conquest 985.019; class relation of ethnic and national groups to a war with the war, plus notation 089 from Table 1, e.g., relation of Arabs to World War II 940.53089927

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Implementation

If the above proposal is accepted, the answer to question 8 in the exercises for the 900s and Table 2 will be changed as shown in the underlining in the following:

8. Title: After the rescue: Jewish identity and community in contemporary Denmark

LCSH: Jews—Denmark—Identity

LCSH: Jews—Denmark—History—20th century

LCSH: Jews—Denmark—Politics and government—20th century

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LCSH: Denmark—Ethnic relations

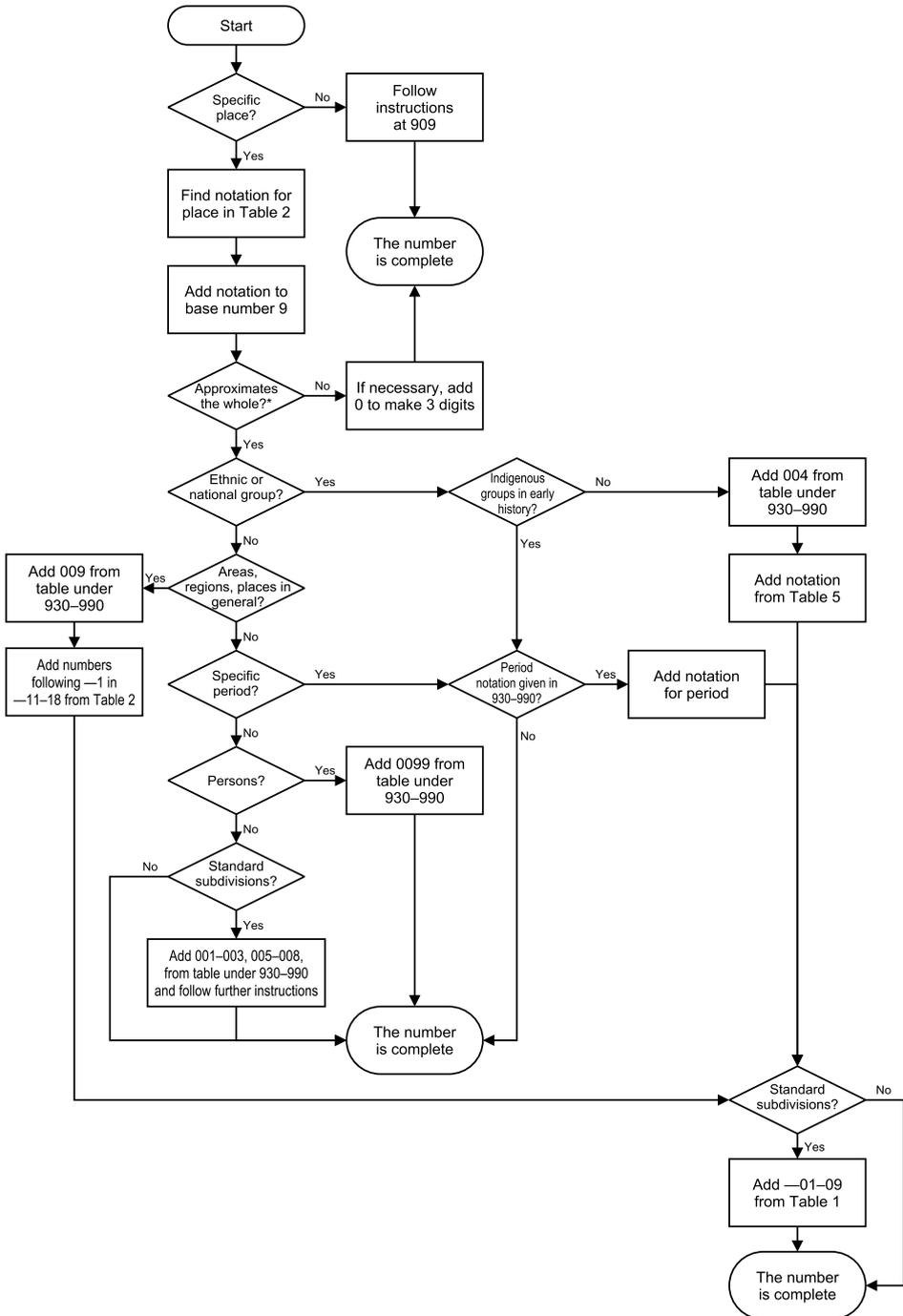
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Implication

Caroline Saccucci, head of the Dewey Section, will change the policy so that the general time period provided at T1—0901–0905 is added.

Flow chart for history



*See also Introduction and Glossary for information about “Approximates the whole”