A small—or at least limited—number of CJK Unified Ideographs have representative glyphs that are the same as—or very similar to—the indexing radical to which they are assigned, but have one or more entire strokes obviously missing, which results in a reduction of their total number of strokes. The convention has been to use 0 (zero) as the number of residual strokes for such characters. Negative residual stroke values are now allowed, and the Unihan Database entries for existing characters will be adjusted to reflect this, at least for obvious cases, by modifying existing values.

Examples for demonstrating the benefits of this change are the following Extension B and E characters: U+225A9 (B), U+29C0A (B), U+29C0B (B), and U+2C09B (E). The relevant Unihan Database entries are shown below:

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<th>kRSKangXi</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>U+225A9</td>
<td>61.0</td>
<td>61.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U+29C0A</td>
<td>191.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>U+29C0B</td>
<td>191.0</td>
<td>191.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U+2C09B</td>
<td>75.0</td>
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The kRSUnicode and kRSKangXi values for these characters will be adjusted to become to the following:

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</tr>
<tr>
<td>U+2C09B</td>
<td>75.-2</td>
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</table>
Below are code chart excerpts for these four characters so that the obviously absent strokes can be seen:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{225A9} \\
\text{心} \\
\text{61.0} \\
\text{UCS2003} \\
\text{T5-2131} \\
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{29C0A} \\
\text{玉} \\
\text{191.0} \\
\text{UCS2003} \\
\text{GHZ-10014.02} \\
\text{T6-233D} \\
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{29C0B} \\
\text{玉} \\
\text{191.0} \\
\text{UCS2003} \\
\text{GHZ-10015.02} \\
\text{T6-233C} \\
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{2C09B} \\
\text{木} \\
\text{75.0} \\
\text{JK-58711} \\
\end{array}
\]

The greatest benefit of allowing negative residual strokes is that doing so explicitly acknowledges that strokes which would normally constitute the indexing radical are intentionally missing, and not a representative glyph error.

As a result of this change, the “Syntax” and “Description” fields of the following six UAX #38 properties will be adjusted to allow negative residual stroke values: \textit{kRSAdobe\_Japan1\_6}, \textit{kRSJapanese}, \textit{kRSKangXi}, \textit{kRSKanWa}, \textit{kRSKorean}, and \textit{kRSUnicode}.

When sorting, negative residual stroke values should be replaced with 0 (zero) to prevent characters with such values from sorting before the characters that represent the radical itself. This change will also be reflected in UAX #38.

That is all.