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**ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF /i/ AND /j/ ALLOPHONES IN KARTVELIAN
LANGUAGES**

Both in the pre-historic and historic period of the Georgian language /i/ and /j/ are regarded as allophones. In modern Georgian *i* (**IIJ**) phoneme can be considered as sonant. Parallel to syllabic non-syllabic variant is traced in Megrelian and Svan texts. Thus, the question of *i/j* relationship can be commonly posed to the three Kartvelian languages.