Diplê (διπλῆ) A critical sign invented by the ALEXANDRIAN philologists, which is often present in PAPYRI and medieval MANUSCRIPTS (especially the VENETUS A). Two types are attested: the "simple" *diplê* (*diplê kathara* or *aperistikos*, "non-dotted" *diplê*), which has an arrow-like shape (>), and the "dotted" *diplê* (*diplê periestigmenê*), where two dots are added on the right (>:). The former had a very ample meaning and was used by ARISTARCHUS to signal any passage because of textual, linguistic, or content-based issues. The latter was used by Aristarchus to mark those lines where he wanted to argue against ZENODOTUS (and perhaps also those where he argued against CRATES of Mallos).

See also SIGLA, CRITICAL.

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