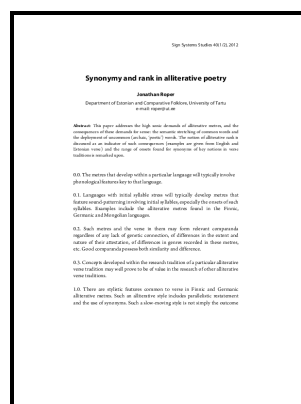


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The most widely accepted alternative system currently is the stress foot system, developed and described most thoroughly by Russom. I just wanted to review the system.

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Iambic meter is based on the iamb, a metrical foot consisting of a short or unstressed syllable followed by a long or stressed syllable. Conversely, Pyrrhic is the exact opposite of spondee in that it has two soft beats and is often used in varying rhythm.

Metre

With very few exceptions, end rhyme does not play a structural role.

Metre

Another type consists of a stressed one followed by an unstressed one. Or if someone claimed that there were just 2 colors in creation? A line with six dactylic feet is known as dactylic hexameter. Besides the above mentioned, there are many other types of poetic metre: there are Classical Arabic metres, Arabic metres, the types of poetic metre used by the Chinese.

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