Suffixes -ion and -ian with No Spelling Change

The suffix -ion means “action or process” or “result of an action or process.”

The suffix -ian means “a person who does something” or “relating to, belonging to, or resembling.”

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Adding Suffixes Can Change the Accented Syllable

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a/\text{do}pt + \text{ion} = a/\text{do}p/tion
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\text{mu}/\text{sic} + \text{ian} = \text{mu}/\text{si}/\text{cian}
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