

Aspects

The aspects are the angles the planets make to each other in the horoscope, and also to the ascendant, midheaven, descendant and nadir. The aspects are measured by the angular distance along the [ecliptic](#) in degrees and minutes of celestial longitude between two points, as viewed from the earth.^[20] They indicate focal points in the horoscope where the energies involved are given extra emphasis. The more exact the angle, the more powerful the aspect, although an allowance of a few degrees each side of the aspect called an *orb* is allowed for interpretation. The following are the aspects in order of importance ^[21]

♌ - [Conjunction](#) 0° (orb ±8°). The conjunction is a major point in the chart, giving strong emphasis to the planets involved. The planets will act together to outside stimulus and act on each other.^[citation needed]

♐ - [Opposition](#) 180° (orb ±8°). The opposition is indicative of tension, conflict and confrontation, due to the polarity between the two elements involved. Stress arises when one is used over the other, causing an imbalance; but the opposition can work well if the two parts of the aspect are made to complement each other in a synthesis.^[citation needed]

♊ - [Trine](#) 120°(orb ±8°). The trine indicates harmony, and ease of expression, with the two elements reinforcing each other. The trine is a source of artistic and creative talent, but can be a 'line of least resistance' to a person of weak character.^[citation needed]

♋ - [Square](#) 90°(orb ±8°). The square indicates frustration, inhibitions, disruption and inner conflict, but can become a source of energy and activation to a person determined to overcome limitations.^[citation needed]

♎ - [Sextile](#) 60°(orb ±6°). The sextile is similar to the trine, but of less significance. It indicates ease of communication between the two elements involved, with compatibility and harmony between them.^[citation needed]

♏ - [Quincunx](#) 150°(orb ±3°). The quincunx indicates difficulty and stress, due to incompatible elements being forced together. It can mean an area of self neglect in a person's life (especially health), or obligations being forced on a person. The quincunx can vary from minor to quite major in impact.^[citation needed]

♌ - [Semisextile](#) 30° (orb ±2°). Slight in effect. Indicates an area of life where a conscious effort to be positive will have to be made.^[citation needed]

♋ - [Semisquare](#) 45°(orb ±2°). Indicates somewhat difficult circumstance. Similar in effect to semisextile.^[citation needed]

♐ - **Sesquiquadrate** 135°(orb $\pm 2^\circ$). Indicates somewhat stressful conditions. Similar to semisextile.^[citation needed]

♒ - **Quintile** 72° (orb $\pm 2^\circ$). Slight in effect. Indicates talent and vaguely fortunate circumstances.

♓ - **Biquintile** 144° (orb $\pm 2^\circ$). Slight in effect. Indicates talent and vaguely fortunate circumstances.^[citation needed]

♎ - **Retrograde**: A planet is retrograde when it appears to move backwards across the sky when seen from the earth, due to one planet moving more quickly relative to the other. Although it is not an aspect, some astrologers believe that it should be included for consideration in the chart. Planets which are retrograde in the natal chart are considered by them to be potential weak points.[[]