Subtraction using all from 9 and last from 10 or Nikhilam sutra.

Q1. 1000 - 573 =?

Solution: One could subtract each figure in 573 from 9 and then subtract the last figure from 10.

Step 1.
$$3 - 0 = 3 & 10 - 3 = 7$$

Step 2.
$$7 - 0 = 7 & 9 - 7 = 2$$

Step 3.
$$5 - 0 = 5 & 9 - 5 = 4$$

Thus, the answer is: (1000 - 573) = 427

Q2. 1000 – 476 =?

Solution: We simply subtract each figure in 473 from 9 and the last figure from 10.

Step 1.
$$6 - 0 = 6 \& 10 - 6 = 4$$

Step 2.
$$7 - 0 = 7 & 9 - 7 = 2$$

Step 3.
$$4 - 0 = 4 & 9 - 4 = 5$$

So, the answer is 1000 - 473 = 524

Q3. 5872 – 2987 =?

Solution: We simply subtract each figure in from 9 and the last figure from 10.

Step 1.
$$7 - 2 = 5 \& 10 - 5 = 5$$

Step 2.
$$8 - 7 = 1 & 9 - 1 = 8$$

Step 3.
$$9 - 8 = 1 & 9 - 1 = 8$$

Step 4. 5-2=3 & here we can subtract easily from the normal method so, again subtract 1 from the 3 so 3-1=2.

So, the answer is 5872 - 2987 = 2885.

Q4. 67843 - 49387 =?

Solution: We simply subtract each figure in from 9 and the last figure from 10.

Step 1:
$$7 - 3 = 4 \& 10 - 4 = 6$$

Step 2:
$$8 - 4 = 4 & 9 - 4 = 5$$

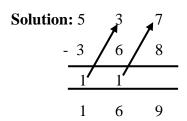
Step 3: 8-3=5 & here we can subtract easily from the normal method so, again subtract 1 from the 5 so 5-1=4.

Step 4: Here one step has been terminated now start subtraction from the 10 and the remaining from the 9.

Step 5:
$$9 - 7 = 2 \& 10 - 2 = 7$$

Step 6: 6-4=2 and here we can subtract easily from the normal method so, again subtract 1 from the 5 so 2-1=3.

Subtraction using Base Method



In the base case method, we cannot perform direct subtraction.

Step 1: Start from the right to the left. Here we cannot subtract 8 from 7 so firstly check what should be added to 8 to get 7. It is not possible because 7 < 8.

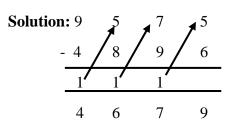
Step 2: What should be added to 8 to get 17, add the 9.

Step 3: Firstly add 6 + 1 = 7, now what should be added to 7 to get 3? It is not possible because 3 < 7.

Step 4: What should be added to 7 to get 13, add the 6.

Step 5: Firstly add 3 + 1 = 4, now what should be added to 4 to get 5? Add the 1.

Thus, the answer is: (537 - 368) = 169.



In the base case method, we cannot perform direct subtraction.

Step 1: Start from the right to the left. Here we cannot subtract 6 from 5 so firstly check what should be added to 6 to get 5. It is not possible because 5 < 6.

Step 2: What should be added to 6 to get 15, add the 9.

Step 3: Firstly add 9 + 1 = 10, now what should be added to 10 to get 7? It is not possible because 7 < 9.

Step 4: What should be added to 10 to get 17, add the 7.

Step 5: Firstly add 8 + 1 = 9, now what should be added to 9 to get 5? It is not possible because 5 < 9.

Step 6: What should be added to 9 to get 15, add the 6.

Step 7: : Firstly add 4 + 1 = 5, now what should be added to 5 to get 9? Add the 4.

Thus, the answer is: (9575 - 4896) = 4679.