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**Later Classical Period**

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# Classical Period

500 - 800  
AD

Early Classical

800 -1300 AD

Medieval

1300 - 1800 AD

Kerala school

# Brahmagupta on Aryabhata

## Triprashna Adhyaaya

Arybhatokta **yugam** khaNdanam

Arybhatokta **granthyor matha bedha** khaNdanam

Arybhatokta **sphuta yuga** khaNdanam

Arybhatokta **raahu** khaNdanam

Arybhatokta **matha** khaNdanam

Arybhatokta **kalpaadi vaarasaya** khaNdanam

Arybhatokta **vaaraadhi** khaNdanam

Arybhatokta **bhu vyaasa maana** khaNdanam

# BrahmaGupta on Aryabhata

Jaanaati ekam api yato na aaryabhato ganita-kAla-golAnAm  
Na mayaa proktaani tataH prtak prtag dushanAn yeshAm ||  
Aryabhata dushanAnam samkhyA vaktum na sakye yasmaat  
tasmAd ayam uddesho buddhimatAnyAni yojyAni ||  
- BraahmaSphutaSiddhantam XI 43-44

Aryabhata knows nothing of *Math, Time, Spherics*

Khandakaadhyakam

Vakshyami sphutam aacharya Aryabhata tulya phalam  
I give corrections equal to Aryabhata's results

# Jyotishas/Ganakas of Classical Era & their Siddhanta Books

- Mahavira – Ganita Saara Sangraha (Confluence of Mathematical Rivers)
- Lalla – ShishyaDhiVridddhi(“Arithmetic”)
- Sridhara – Trishatika (“Three hundred”)
- Bhaskara 2 – Siddhanta Sironmani (“Crown Jewel of Siddhanta”), Lilavati
- Narayana Pandita – Siddhanta Kaumudi

# Ganita Saara Sangraha - Terminology

Samgya adhikaara	Name section		
Kshetra paribhaashaa	Plane technical		
Kaala paribhaashaa	words		
Dhaanya paribhaashaa	Time technical		
Suvarna paribhaashaa	words		
Rajata paribhaashaa	Grain	"	"
Loha paribhaashaa	Gold	"	"
	Silver	"	"
	Iron	"	"

धनर्णशून्यसविषयकसामान्यनियमाः

Dhana rNa shoonya vishayaka saamaanya niyamaaH

# Ganita Sara Sangraha

## Parikarma – Arithmetic operations

PratyutpannaH  
Bhaagaa haaraH  
VargaH  
Varga-moolam  
GhanaH  
Ghana-moolam  
saMkalitam  
vyutkalitam

Multiplication  
Division  
Square  
Square root  
Cube  
Cube root  
Addition  
Subtraction

# Mahavira on Zero operations

ताडितः खेन राशिः खं सोऽविकारी हतो युतः ।  
हीनोऽपि खवधादिः खं योगे कं योज्यरूपकम् ॥

$kha * raashi = raashi * kha = kham$

$kha / raashi = raashi / kha = kham$

$roopakam - kham = roopakam$

$roopakam + kham = roopakam$



# Mahavira on +ves, -ves

ऋणयोर्धनयोर्घाते भजने च फलं धनम्  
ऋणं धनर्णयोस्तु स्यात् स्वर्णयोर्विवरं यतौ ॥ 50 ॥

Multitplied or Divided → result (phalam)

Two RNam give Dhanam

Two Dhanam give Dhanam

RNam and Dhanam give RNam

When added, phalam is their difference

# Mahavira on Multiplication

ऋणयोर्धनयोर्योगो यथासङ्ख्यानमृणं धनम् ।  
शौध्यं धनमृणं राशेः ऋणं शौध्यं धनं भवेत् ॥ 51 ॥  
धनं धनर्णयोर्वर्गो मूले स्वर्णे तयोः क्रमात् ।  
ऋणं स्वरूपतोऽवर्गो यतस्तस्मान्न तत्पदम् ॥ 52 ॥

Two rNam added give rNam  
Two dhanam give dhanam = Dhanam  
a rNam subtracted becomes dhanam  
a dhanam subtracted becomes rNam

Ahaaa!

How lucky we are to have symbols  
for

$+$   $-$   $/$   $*$   $=$

# Mahavira - Squares, Roots

धनं धनर्णयोर्वर्गो मूले स्वर्णे तयोः क्रमात् ।

ऋणं स्वरूपतोऽवर्गो यतस्तस्मान्न तत्पदम् ॥ 52 ॥

Varga of two dhanam or rNam is dhanam

Moolams (roots) are dhanam and rNam respectively

a rNam is never a square number

so it has no square roots

भागशेषो मूलकं शेषमूलं स्यातां जाती द्वे द्विरग्रांशमूले ।  
भागाभ्यासोऽवोऽशवर्गोऽथ मूलमिश्रं तस्माद्भिन्नदृश्यं  
दशामूः ॥ ३ ॥

Bhaaga shesho moolakam shesha-moolam  
Syaataam jaati dve dvir-agra-amsha-moole  
Bhaaga-abhyaasa amsha-varga atha  
Moola-mishram tasmaat bhinna drshyam  
dashaamooH

# Mahavira – Velocity Problems

दिवसैसत्रिभिस्सपादैरयोजनषट्कं चतुर्थभागोनम्  
गच्छति यः पुरुशोसौ दिनयुतवर्षेण किं कथय ॥ ३ ॥

divasais-tribhis-sa-paadair-yojana-shaTkam caturta-  
bhaaga-unam

Gacchati yaH purusho-asau dina-yuta-varsheNa kim  
kathaya

The man (purusha) who (asau) walks (gacchati)  
quarter (caturtha-bhaaga) less (unam) than six  
(shaTka) yojanaas in three (tribhi) and quarter  
(paadai) days (divasau), tell (kataya) how much (kim)  
he walks in a day (dina) and (yuta) a year (varsha).

# Mahavira - Geometry

## Triangles – tribhuja

Sama -  
equilateral  
Dvisama -  
isocetes  
Vishama -  
scalene

## Caturashra -quadrilaterals

Sama - square  
Dvidvisama - rectangle  
(two sets of two equal sides)  
Trisama – three sides equal  
Dvisama – two sides equal  
Vishama – random  
quadrilateral

# Mahavira - Geometry



dvidvisa  
ma

## Caturashra -quadrilaterals

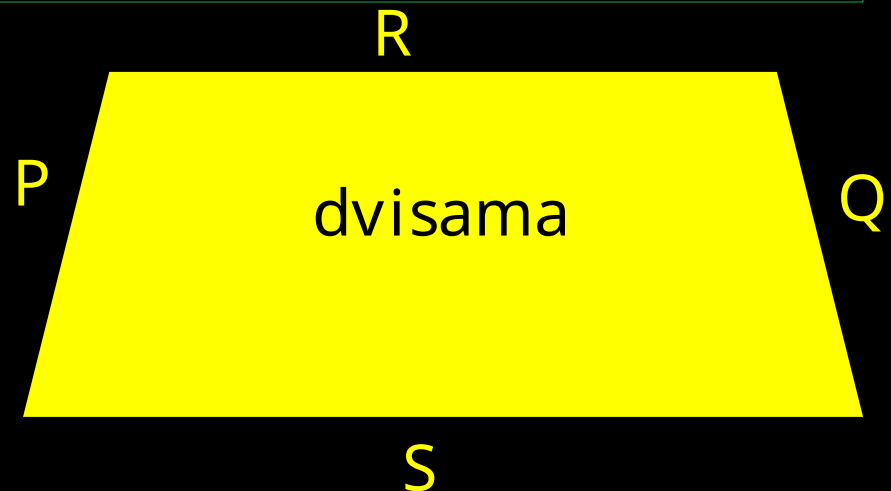
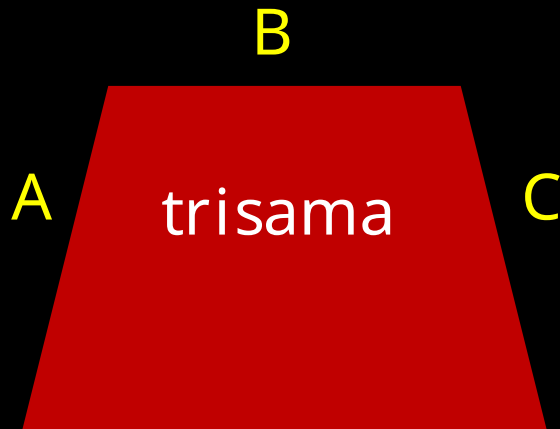
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# Mahavira - Geometry



## Vrttas

Sama vrtta- circle

Aayatavrtta - ellipse

ardhavrtta – semicircle

Kambuka vrtta – conch  
shape

Nimnata vrtta – concave

Unnnata vrtta - convex

मनुज ग्रन्ताः

**LATER CLASSICAL - MEDIEVAL**

# Sanskrit Bhashyas on Aryabhateeyam

Prabhakara	unknown	?
Bhaskara I	Gujarat	7
Someshvara	unknown	10-12
Bhutivishnu	Tamilnadu	11
Suryadeva Yajvan	Tamilnadu	12
Parameshvara	Kerala	14
Nilakantha	Kerala	15
Raghunatha Raja	Andhra	16
Madhava	Andhra	?
Ghatigopa	Kerala	17-18
Kodandarama	Andhra	19

# Siddhantas – Classical era

Maha Bhaaskariya	Bhaskara I	630
Laghu Bhasakariya	Bhaskara I	630
Dhavalala	Virasena	816
PaaTi Ganita	Sridhara	850
Trishatika	Sridhara	850
Ganita Sara Sangraha	Mahavira	850
Laghumaanasa	Munjala	930
Siddhaanta Shekhara	Sripati	1040
Siddhanta Siromani	Bhaskara II	1150
Bijaganita	Bhaskara II	1150
Ganita Kaumudi	Narayana	1350

# Bhaskara and Infinity

Bhaskara Acharya (1150 AD) in *Siddhanta  
Sironmani*

explores the Arithmetic of **infinity**

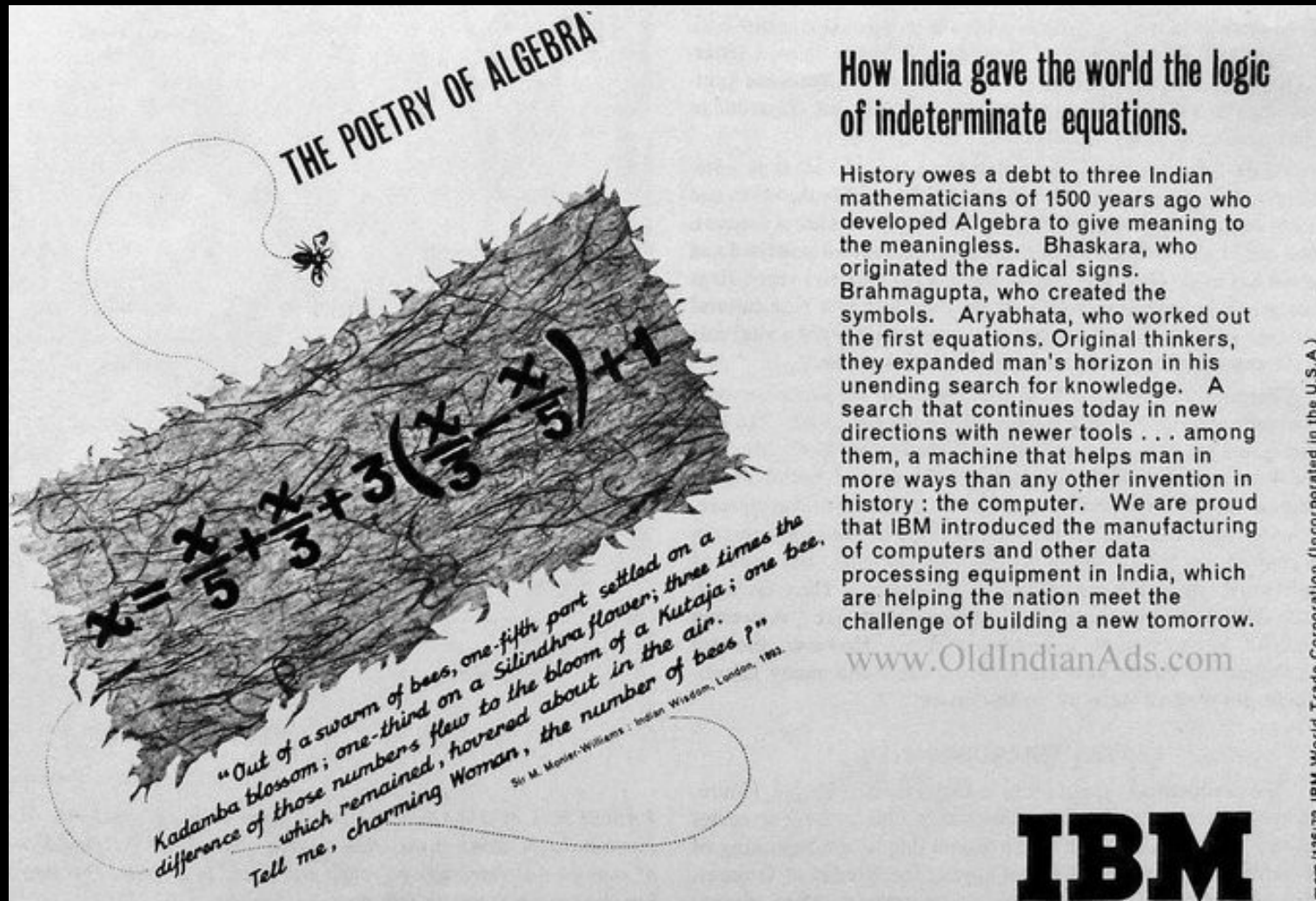
He calls it kha-hara

Kha – zero

hara – division

khahara - Number divided by zero

# IBM honours Aryabhata Brahmagupta Bhaskara



THE POETRY OF ALGEBRA

$$x = \frac{x}{5} + \frac{x}{3} + 3\left(\frac{x}{3} - \frac{x}{5}\right) + 1$$

"Out of a swarm of bees, one-fifth part settled on a Kadamba blossom; one-third on a Silindhra flower; three times the difference of those numbers flew to the bloom of a Kutaja; one bee, which remained, hovered about in the air. Tell me, charming Woman, the number of bees?"

Sir M. Monier-Williams: Indian Wisdom, London, 1893.

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# Corrections to Aryabhata

## Aryabhata stated

A. Area of triangle =  $\frac{1}{2} * \text{base} * \text{perpendicular}$

B. Volume of tetrahedron =  $\frac{1}{2} * \text{Area of triangle} * \text{height}$

C. Area of circle = Diameter \* Circumference

D. Volume of sphere = Area of circle \* sqrt (area of circle)

A and C are correct. B and D are wrong.

Yes, even Aryabhata made mistakes in mathematics!

Brahmagupta (625AD) corrected B

Volume of tetrahedron =  $\frac{1}{3} * * \text{Area of triangle} * \text{height}$

Bhaskara Acharya (1150 AD) corrected D

Volume of sphere = Circumference \* (diameter)<sup>2</sup> / 6

# Volume of Sphere – Case Study

- D = diameter of circle; C circumference; R = Radius; A = area
- Jyotishas ignored Aryabhata's  $\Pi=3.1416$ . They used  $\sqrt{10}$  instead
- Aryabhata's formula (500AD)
  - Area of circle  $A = C/2 * D/2 = \Pi * (r^2)$
  - Volume of Sphere  $V = A * \sqrt{A} = \Pi * \sqrt{\Pi} * (r^3)$
- Mahavira's formula (850 AD) – uses 3 instead of pi
  - $A = 3 * D$
  - Approximate  $V = (D^3)/2 + (9/2)$
  - Accurate  $V = (D^3)/2 + (9/2) * (9/10) = 81/40 * (D^3)$
- Sridhara's formula (850 AD)
  - $V = (D^3)/2 + (1/18)*(D^3 / 2) = 19/6 * 4/3 * (r^3)$
  - $19/6 = \sqrt{10}$  : so, quite close to correct value
- Bhaskara 2nd's formula (1150 AD)
  - $A = C*D/4$
  - Surface Area  $S = C*D = 4 \Pi * (r^2)$
  - $V = S*D/6 = 4\Pi/3 * (r^3)$
  - **Correct Formula**, but 650 years for correct value



# Narayana Pandita - Vaarasamkalita

Vaarasamkalita = Sum of powers of a series

एकादिकवारमिताः पदादिरूपोत्तर पृतक् तेंऽशाः ।

एकाद्येकचयहरास्तद्धातो वारसङ्कलितम् ॥

Eka-aadika-vaaramitaaH pada-aadi-roopa-uttaraa prthak te-amshaaH |

Ekaadi-ekacaya-haraas-tad-dhaato

vaarasamkalitam ||

Eka-aadika	One more than
vaaramitaa	Number of sums
Pada-aadi	From first term
Roopa uttara	
amshaa	numerators
haraa	denominators
Fkaadi eka	
caya	From one, increasing by one

# Narayana Pandita

## Bhadra Ganita – Magic Square

sarveshaam bhadraANAm shredirItya bhaved ganitam |  
yeshAm ganitamabhishTam saadhyau teshAm mukhapracayau |

Bhadra – magic square

shredirItya – arithmetic progression

Mukha – first term

praca - interval

A **Bhadra or magic square** is  
an arrangement of numbers, where  
The sum of each ROW  
The sum of each COLUMN  
The sum of DIAGONALS  
Are all the same

Sum =  
64

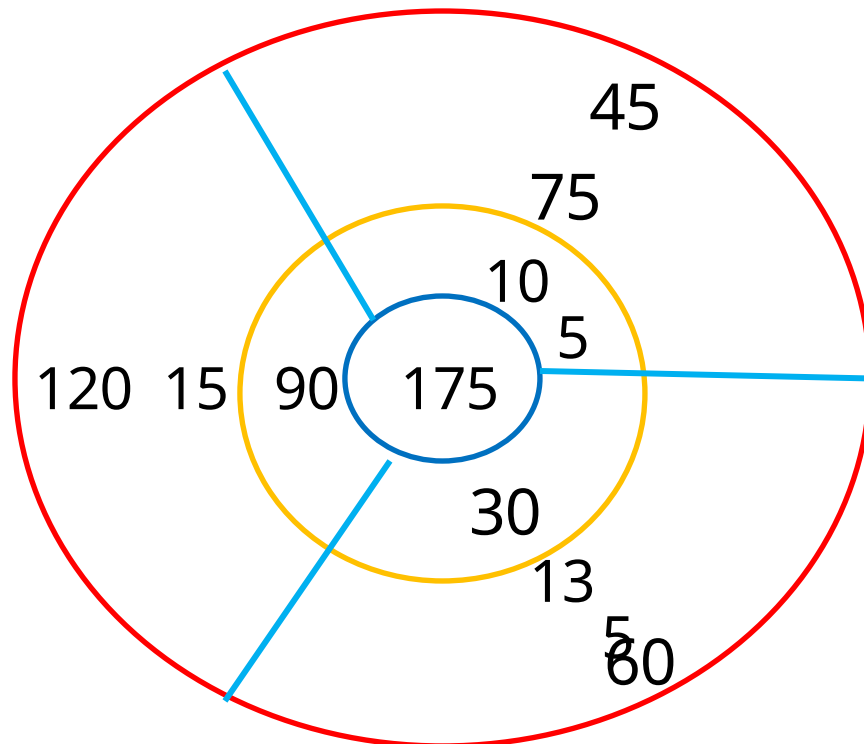
1	15	25	23
27	21	3	13
7	9	31	17
29	19	5	11

# Narayana Pandita – Magic squares

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27	21	3	13
7	9	31	17
29	19	5	11

Sum =  
64

-14	14	34	30
38	26	-10	10
-2	2	46	18
42	22	-6	6



Sum = 400

# Nagarjuna 100 BCE

kacchapuTha

Arka indunidhAnAri tena lagna vinAsanam ||

अर्क इन्दुनिधानारी तेन लग्ना विनासनम् ॥

In **kaTapayaadi** notation, this forms a magic square

अर्	क		
इन्	दु		
मै	धा	ना	
लगी	ना		

वि ना स

0	1	0	8
0	9	0	2
6	0	3	0
4	0	7	0

केरल परंपरा

**KERALA SCHOOL**

# Undisturbed development

- From Madhava 1350 to Rajaraja Varma 1850
- Madhava considered founder of Kerala school
- Some Achievements of Kerala School
  - Drk Ganitam (observational corrections)
  - Infinite series
  - Infinitesimals  $\rightarrow$  Calculus
  - Upapattis (Proofs)
  - Quasi Helio centric theory

## Kerala school - Guru Parampara

Govinda Bhattatiri (1237-96)

Grandson Parameshvara (1360-1430)

son Damodara

shishya Nilakantha Somayaaaji(1443-1555)

shishya Jyeshtadeva(1500-1600)

shishya Acytua PisaraaTi (1550-1621)

shishya Trippanikaara Poduvaal (15??)

shishya Naavaaykulaatu AaalaaDi (16??)

shishya Pulimugattu PoTTi (1686-1785)

shishya Raman aasaan(17??)

shishya Krishnadaasan (1756-1812)

shishya Mangalari Dakshinaamurthy Mussathu (17??-18??)

shishya NaalekaaTTil Balaraman Pillai (18??)

shishya Prince Rajaraja Varma(1812-1846)

# Madhava series for pi ( $\pi$ )

व्यासे वारिधिनिहते रूपहते व्याससागरभिहते।

Vyaase vaaridhi nihate rupa hrte vyAsa saagarabhihite

त्रिशरादिविषमसङ्ख्याभक्तमृणं स्वं पृथक् क्रमात् कुर्यात् ॥

Tri-sharAdi-vishama-sankhyaA-bhaktam-rNam svam prtak kramAt  
kuryAt

Tri-sharaa	Three five
aadi	beginning
Vishama sankhya	Uneven (odd) sum
bhaktam	dividing
rNam	Negative
Roopa hrte	Subtract from one (rupa)
Vyaasa saagara	Diameter - four
hatE	multiply

$$\text{Paridhi} = 4 * \text{vyaasa} * (1 - 1/3 + 1/5 - 1/7 + 1/9....)$$



# Madhava series for pi ( $\pi$ )

This was rediscovered by Gregory and Leibniz in 1674

And called Leibniz series or Gregory series for  $\pi$

$$\pi/4 = 1 - 1/3 + 1/5 - 1/7 + 1/9....$$

But this is the same as the Madhava series (1350-1425)

So, now it is called Madhava-Leibniz series

# Madhava and Infinite series

Madhava also discovered infinite series for sine, cosine and arctangent

The discovery of sums of infinite series began a new era in mathematics

Summation of infinitesimals is the basis for integral calculus as discovered by Newton and Leibniz

# Parameshvara

Author of Drk Ganitha द्रक् गणिता

When one's calculations disagree  
with planetary positions,  
one must revise calculations,  
since planets wont adjust paths & speeds!!

Principle of observation based corrections

# Nilakanta Somayyaji

Nilakanta Somayyaji followed Madhava and Parameshvara

He was a polymath like Varahamihira

Authored **TantraSangraha, Arybhatiya bhasha**

Continued Drk Ganita

New insights and proofs on infinite series of sums

Developed Quasi-Helio-centric theory

# Nilakanta Somayajji

Virasena (circa 816 AD) in his commentary *Dhavalā* gave this sum of a infinite series

$$\frac{1}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n = \frac{1}{3}$$

Nilakantha in his bhashya on Aryabhateeya asks

“The entire series of powers of  $\frac{1}{4}$  adds up to  $\frac{1}{3}$ .  
How is it that the sum of a series only increases  
upto that **limiting** value?  
Does it increase until that value?”

# Nilakanta Somayaaji

$$\frac{1}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n = \frac{1}{3}$$

He reasoned and explained it by deriving the following sequence of results

$$\frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{(4*3)}$$

$$\frac{1}{(4*3)} = \frac{1}{(4*4)} + \frac{1}{(4*4*3)}$$

$$\frac{1}{(4*4*3)} = \frac{1}{(4*4*4)} + \frac{1}{(4*4*4*3)}$$

As we add more terms, argued Nilakantha, the difference between  $\frac{1}{3}$  and the powers of  $\frac{1}{4}$  become extremely small...

but never zero, until we add upto **infinity**.

# Nilakanta Somayaaji

What we see

- Approach to infinite series
  - Understanding of Limits
  - Intergration as a sum of an infinite series
- 
- These are the basic elements of Integral Calculus
  - No differential calculus is seen
  - In *GanitaYuktiBhaasha* Jyeshtadeva expanded this

Nilakanta Somayyaji  
Quasi helio centric model

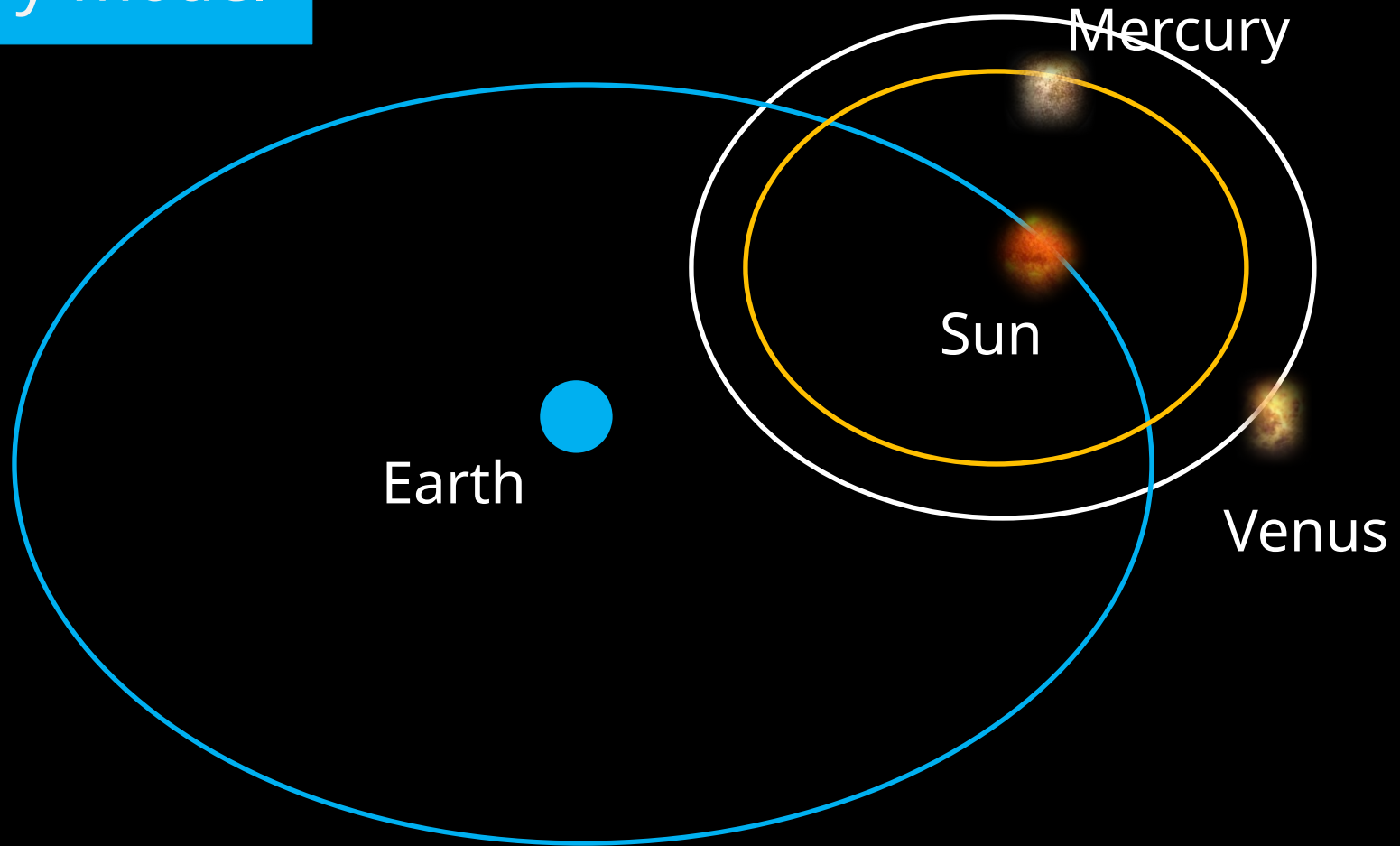
Five planets revolve around the sun

And sun revolves around the Earth

Proposed model in Tantra Sangraha  
Explained details in Aryabhatiya bhashya



# Nilakantha's Planetary model



# Tantra Sangraha

हे विष्णो निहितं कृत्स्नं जगत् त्वय्येव कारणे ।  
ज्योतिषां ज्योतिषे तस्मै नमो नारायणाय ते ॥

Hey vishnO nihitam krtsnam

क त ह न ण व ह  
1 6 8 0 5 4 8

No of days from Kali = March 22, 1500

Date of composition!!

# Jyeshtadeva

Jyeshtadeva, a contemporary of Nilakantha Somayaji, composed YuktiBhasha, a Malayalam book on mathematics

Jyesthadeva provides several proofs (upapatti) for many of the infinite series derived by Madhava and Nilakantha

Some historians consider this the first book of Calculus

# What did these INDIANS discover?

Pythagoras

Aryabhata

Copernicus

Varahamihira

Isaac Newton

Brahmagupta

Charles Darwin

Madhava

Mendeleev

Nilakanta Somayaji

Ignorance is

Scientific Illiteracy

Normal

Aryabhata

Square root, Cube root  
citi, varga-citi-ghana, ghana-citi-ghana  
Area of triangle, circle, trapezium  
Vipareetam (inversion)  
Fractions – addition, division  
Sine table

Brahmagupta

kuTTaka  
Arithmetic of Integers  
Arithmetic of Zero  
Many methods of Multiplication  
Cyclic Quadrilateral  
Equations : *sama*, *samikaraNa*  
Roots of Quadratic Equation  
Varga Prakriti (Quadratic indeterminate equations)  
Bhavana (composition of functions)

VarahaMihira

Eclipse proof

Comparative astronomy

Combinatorics (gandha yukti)

Fractions – bhinna

Mahavira

Areas of plane geometric figures

Distance-Velocity problems

Bhaskara

Geometry, Infinity (khahara)

Volume of Sphere

Madhava

Infinite series

Infinitesimals

Narayana Pandita

Magic squares, Sums of Series

Parameshvara

Drk Ganitam

Nilakantha

Quasi Helio centric theory

Sums of infinite series

# திருமண இழைப்பிதழ்

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