

Temporal Discontinuity Between Vedic Numerology and Astrology: A Quantitative Analysis of System Independence

Demonstrating Fundamental Differences in Temporal Dynamics Between Discrete and Continuous Predictive Systems

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Abstract

This study presents a rigorous quantitative investigation into the temporal relationship between two ancient Vedic predictive systems: Vedic Numerology (Anka Jyotish) and Vedic Astrology (Parashari Jyotish). Despite sharing a common mythological lineage where numbers are mapped to planetary deities, our computational analysis reveals a fundamental temporal discontinuity. Using the Swiss Ephemeris (DE440) for sub-arcsecond precision astronomical calculations, we demonstrate that Numerology operates on a discrete, low-frequency temporal grid (changing ~73 times annually), while Astrology functions as a high-frequency continuous system (Moon changes Nakshatra ~27 times monthly). Mathematical analysis reveals 99.48% orthogonality between the normalized time series, and Nakshatra-Day mapping shows synchronization rates (11.23%) statistically indistinguishable from random chance (11.11%). These findings establish that despite mythological connections, Vedic Numerology and Vedic Astrology should be treated as distinct, non-interchangeable predictive frameworks providing independent information dimensions.

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1 Introduction

1.1 The Convergence Question

The intersection of mathematics and mythology forms the backbone of ancient predictive sciences. In the Vedic tradition, the cosmos is viewed not as a random assembly of matter but as a conscious, interconnected system governed by **Grahas** (planets) which act as agents of karma. Two primary systems evolved to interpret these influences:

1. **Vedic Astrology (Jyotish)**: Relies on continuous astronomical position of celestial bodies
2. **Vedic Numerology (Anka Jyotish)**: Abstracts movements into discrete integer values based on calendar dates

A fundamental question persists: **Are these systems measuring the same underlying reality, or do they represent independent information dimensions?**

1.2 Research Problem

Practitioners often assume that if a person is in a “Sun period” in numerology (e.g., a date summing to 1), the astrological Sun must also be strong or prominent. **This study challenges that assumption.** We propose that the algorithms driving these systems are fundamentally mismatched in the time domain, leading to a “Temporal Discontinuity” where a planet can be numerologically “King” while astrologically “Debilitated.”

1.3 Objectives

1. Quantify the temporal resolution differences between systems
2. Measure mathematical independence using signal processing techniques
3. Test synchronization between Nakshatra Lords and Mulanka planets
4. Establish whether these systems provide redundant or independent information

2 Mythological and Archetypal Foundations

To understand why these systems are often conflated, one must examine their shared mythological roots. Each number in Vedic numerology represents a planetary deity’s energy pattern:

Table 1: Vedic Numerology Planetary Associations

Number	Planet	Sanskrit	Mythological Role
1	Sun	Surya	Soul (Atman), King, Ego
2	Moon	Chandra	Mind (Manas), Queen, Emotions
3	Jupiter	Brihaspati	Guru of Devas, Wisdom, Expansion
4	Rahu	-	North Node, Illusion (Maya)
5	Mercury	Budha	Prince, Intellect (Buddhi)
6	Venus	Shukra	Guru of Asuras, Desire (Kama)
7	Ketu	-	South Node, Liberation (Moksha)
8	Saturn	Shani	Judge (Karmakaraka), Discipline
9	Mars	Mangal	Commander, Energy (Shakti)

This shared planetary pantheon creates an apparent connection, but the **mathematical algorithms** generating planetary influences differ fundamentally.

3 Methodology

3.1 Data Sources and Tools

- **Astronomical Engine:** Swiss Ephemeris v2.10 (DE440/DE441 JPL ephemeris)
- **Ayanamsa:** Lahiri (Chitra Paksha) for sidereal correction
- **Study Period:** January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 (365 days)
- **Astrological Resolution:** 2-hour intervals (4,380 data points per planet)
- **Numerological Resolution:** Daily values (365 data points)

- **Reference Location:** New Delhi, India (28.6°N, 77.1°E)

3.2 Numerology Algorithm: Modulo-9 Arithmetic

Vedic numerology uses a base-9 system. The **Mulanka** (Root Number) is the most rapidly changing daily indicator, derived from the day of the month using digital root summation:

$$Mulanka = ((Day - 1) \bmod 9) + 1$$

This function is a **discrete step function** that holds a constant integer value for 24 hours.

3.2.1 Example Calculations

- **January 1:** Day = 1 \rightarrow Mulanka = 1 (Sun)
- **January 9:** Day = 9 \rightarrow Mulanka = 9 (Mars)
- **January 18:** Day = 18 $\rightarrow 1+8 = 9 \rightarrow$ Mulanka = 9 (Mars)
- **January 27:** Day = 27 $\rightarrow 2+7 = 9 \rightarrow$ Mulanka = 9 (Mars)

3.3 Astrology Algorithm: Continuous Celestial Mechanics

3.3.1 Planetary Position Calculation

Planetary longitude $\lambda_p(t)$ at time t involves:

1. **Heliocentric Calculation:** Position vector from Sun to Planet
2. **Geocentric Conversion:** Adjustment for Earth's position
3. **Sidereal Adjustment:** Subtraction of Ayanamsa

$$\lambda_{sidereal}(t) = \lambda_{tropical}(t) - \alpha_{Lahiri}(t)$$

where $\alpha_{Lahiri} \approx 24^\circ$ in 2024.

3.3.2 Shadbala (Six-Fold Strength)

Planetary strength σ_p is computed as:

$$\sigma_p = \sum_{i=1}^6 w_i \cdot B_i$$

The six components are:

1. **Sthana Bala:** Positional strength (sign placement)
2. **Dig Bala:** Directional strength (house position)
3. **Kala Bala:** Temporal strength (day/night, hora)
4. **Chesta Bala:** Motional strength (speed, retrograde)
5. **Naisargika Bala:** Natural luminosity
6. **Drik Bala:** Aspectual strength (benefic/malefic glances)

3.3.3 Nakshatra Calculation

The Moon traverses the zodiac in ~27.3 days. The zodiac is divided into 27 **Nakshatras** (Lunar Mansions) of 13°20' each:

$$N = \lfloor \frac{\lambda_{Moon}}{13.333^\circ} \rfloor$$

Each Nakshatra has a ruling planet in the sequence: Ketu → Venus → Sun → Moon → Mars → Rahu → Jupiter → Saturn → Mercury (repeating).

3.4 Statistical Methods

3.4.1 Cosine Similarity for Independence

Vector independence is quantified using cosine similarity:

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{N}}{\|\vec{A}\| \|\vec{N}\|}$$

where \vec{A} is the normalized astrology time series and \vec{N} is the normalized numerology time series.

3.4.2 Cross-Correlation Analysis

Time-lagged relationships are tested via cross-correlation:

$$R(\tau) = \frac{\sum_t (A_t - \bar{A})(N_{t+\tau} - \bar{N})}{\sigma_A \sigma_N}$$

4 Results

4.1 Temporal Resolution Comparison

The fundamental observation is a **120:1 frequency mismatch**:

Table 2: Temporal Resolution Comparison

System	Resolution	Annual Changes	Data Points (2024)
Vedic Astrology	2-hour	4,380	52,560 (all planets)
Vedic Numerology	24-hour	73	365
Ratio	-	60:1	144:1

Astrology captures “Micro-Time” (hours/minutes), while Numerology captures “Macro-Time” (days). This creates an inherent barrier to synchronization.

4.2 Phase 1: Numerological Variation Analysis

Mapping the influence of Mars (Number 9) across January 2024 reveals the **step function** nature of numerology:

- **Strong (100%):** Days 9, 18, 27
- **Neutral:** Days with digital roots 1, 3, 5
- **Weak:** Other days

The signal state persists for exactly 24 hours, changing instantaneously at the date boundary.

4.3 Phase 2: Astrological Variation Analysis

In contrast, Mars's Shadbala score exhibits **continuous variation**:

- **High Frequency Ripples:** 24-hour rotation of Earth (Dig Bala changes every minute)
- **Low Frequency Waves:** Mars moving through zodiac signs (Sthana Bala)
- **Medium Frequency:** Lunar phase influences on Kala Bala

The signal never “holds” a value; it is always in flux.

4.4 Phase 3: Mathematical Orthogonality

4.4.1 Cosine Similarity Results

Table 3: Orthogonality Analysis

Metric	Value	Interpretation
Cosine Similarity	0.0052	Near-zero correlation
Independence	99.48%	Mathematically orthogonal

Changes in planetary dignity scores do not linearly predict changes in numerological Mulanka values.

4.4.2 Cross-Correlation Analysis

Table 4: Cross-Correlation Results

Metric	Value
Maximum Correlation	0.0406
Lag at Maximum	0 days
Significance	Not significant

No meaningful time-lagged relationship exists between the systems.

4.5 Nakshatra-Day Synchronization Test

We tested whether the Mulanka (Root Number) planet of the day matches the Nakshatra Lord (ruler of Moon's constellation):

Table 5: Nakshatra-Day Synchronization Test

Statistic	Value
Total Days Analyzed	365
Exact Matches	41
Match Rate	11.23%
Expected by Chance	11.11% (1/9)
Chi-Square p-value	0.89

Result: The synchronization rate is statistically indistinguishable from random chance, confirming no inherent causal link between the Gregorian date number and actual lunar position.

4.6 Frequency Domain Analysis (FFT)

Fast Fourier Transform analysis reveals distinct frequency signatures:

- **Astrology (Blue):** Smooth orbital variations with peaks at synodic periods
- **Numerology (Orange):** Harmonic signatures characteristic of discrete step functions

The spectral profiles occupy different frequency bands, confirming temporal incompatibility.

5 Discussion

5.1 Logic of Contrast

Comparing the two systems reveals fundamental differences:

5.1.1 Independence of Origin

- **Astrology:** Driven by *Gravity and Geometry*. Peaks when Mars is high in the sky or retrograde.
- **Numerology:** Driven by *Symbolism*. Peaks simply because the calendar shows a “9”.

5.1.2 Temporal Mismatch

- **Astrology:** Captures “Micro-Time” (hours/minutes). Mars is physically stronger at midnight than noon for a specific observer.
- **Numerology:** Captures “Macro-Time” (Days). The entire 24-hour block is treated as uniform.

5.1.3 Orthogonal Systems

They are **Orthogonal Systems** characterizing different dimensions of time:

- Use **Numerology** for broad, daily archetypal alignment (“Today is a Mars Day”)
- Use **Astrology** for precise, event-based timing (“Mars is strongest at 14:00 hours”)

They do not contradict because they do not measure the same thing. One measures the *Container of Time* (Date), the other measures the *Content of Space* (Planetary Position).

5.2 The Illusion of Synchronization

When practitioners observe apparent correlations, they are likely experiencing **apophenia**—the tendency to perceive meaningful patterns in random data. Our Monte Carlo-equivalent analysis (comparing observed match rates to chance) demonstrates that any perceived synchronization falls within the null distribution.

5.3 Implications for Practice

1. **No Mutual Reinforcement:** A “Strong” astrological Jupiter does not automatically enhance a “3-day” in numerology
2. **Complementary Information:** The systems provide independent data layers
3. **Responsible Interpretation:** Practitioners should not conflate numerological and astrological strength

6 Conclusions

This study establishes definitive evidence for the temporal discontinuity between Vedic Numerology and Vedic Astrology:

1. **Frequency Mismatch:** 120:1 ratio in temporal resolution creates inherent incompatibility
2. **Mathematical Orthogonality:** 99.48% independence between normalized time series
3. **Random Synchronization:** Nakshatra-Day matching (11.23%) equals random chance (11.11%)
4. **Distinct Spectral Signatures:** FFT analysis confirms different frequency domains
5. **No Cross-Correlation:** Maximum lag correlation of 0.0406 is not significant

Final Conclusion: Despite shared planetary archetypes, Vedic Numerology and Vedic Astrology should be treated as **distinct, non-interchangeable predictive frameworks** providing independent information about temporal quality.

7 References

8 Appendix A: Detailed Algorithm Specifications

8.1 Mulanka Calculation (Python)

```
def calculate_mulanka(day: int) -> int:
    """
    Calculate Vedic Mulanka from day of month.

    Args:
        day: Day of month (1-31)
    Returns:
        Mulanka number (1-9)
    """
    return ((day - 1) % 9) + 1
```


8.2 Nakshatra Lord Lookup

```
NAKSHATRA_LORDS = [  
    "Ketu", "Venus", "Sun", "Moon", "Mars",  
    "Rahu", "Jupiter", "Saturn", "Mercury"  
]  
  
def get_nakshatra_lord(nakshatra_index: int) -> str:  
    """Get ruling planet of a Nakshatra (0-26 index)."""  
    return NAKSHATRA_LORDS[nakshatra_index % 9]
```

9 Appendix B: Data Availability

All analysis data and code are available at: https://github.com/astro-fusion/astro_research-white-paper

Specific files: -use_cases/numerology/research_paper/numerology_astrology_correlation
-src/vedic_astrology_core/time_series.py-docs/research/track_1_numerology_vs_