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COURSE INTRODUCTION

Vedic Algebra and Geometry present a systematic study of algebraic and geometric concepts through the lens of Vedic mathematics. Drawing upon ancient Sutras, the course emphasizes simplicity, symmetry, and mental efficiency in algebraic operations, equation solving, and geometric reasoning. It integrates conventional mathematical methods with Vedic techniques to develop problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and a deeper conceptual understanding of algebra, equations, conics, and classical geometric theorems.

Unit 1: Addition and Subtraction of Algebraic Expressions

This unit introduces methods for adding and subtracting algebraic expressions using both conventional and Vedic techniques. It emphasizes vertical methods and the application of Sutras such as *EkādhikenaPūrvena* and *Parāvartya Yojayet*.

Unit 2: Multiplication of Algebraic Expressions

This unit focuses on efficient Vedic techniques for algebraic multiplication. Important Sutras like *Ekādhikena Pūrvena*, *NikhilamNavataścaramam Daśatah*, and *UrdhvaTiryak* are applied.

Unit 3: Division of Polynomials

This unit explains polynomial division using Vedic Sutras. It highlights the use of *Nikhilam*, *ParāvartyaYojayet*, and *ShunyamSaamyasamuccaye* for simplifying division processes.

Unit 4: Factorization Techniques

This unit deals with factorization methods for quadratic and cubic expressions. It includes both simple and advanced factorization techniques for efficient problem solving.

Unit 5: HCF

This unit introduces methods for finding the Highest Common Factor of algebraic expressions. The *Greatest Common Measure* method and the *Lopana-Sthapana Sutra* are emphasized.

Unit 6: Simple Equations

This unit explains the fundamental principles of solving simple equations. It covers different types of equations with step-by-step solution methods.

Unit 7: Mergers Type of Easy Simple Equation

This unit introduces merger-type equations and their solutions using the *Parāvartya* method. It also discusses extensions and complex merger techniques.

Unit 8: Simultaneous Simple Equation

This unit focuses on solving simultaneous equations using general and special Vedic methods. Emphasis is placed on systematic and simplified solution techniques.

Unit 9: Miscellaneous Simple Equation

This unit covers various types of miscellaneous simple equations. It helps learners apply Vedic reasoning to diverse and non-standard problems.

Unit 10: Quadratic Equation

This unit introduces basic quadratic equations along with several special types. It explores reciprocal and other special forms using Vedic approaches.

Unit 11: Cubic Equations

This unit presents methods for solving cubic equations using the *Purana* method. It also covers the technique of completing the cubic for easier solutions.

Unit 12: Geometry in the Vedic Period

This unit provides an overview of the historical development of Vedic geometry. It discusses the Sulba Sutras and geometric constructions used in Vedic rituals.

Unit 13: Pythagoras and Apollonius' Theorem

This unit explores Pythagoras' theorem through multiple proofs. It also introduces Apollonius' theorem and its geometric significance.

Unit 14: Analytical Conics

This unit introduces analytical geometry with a focus on conic sections. It covers equations of straight lines, pairs of straight lines, hyperbola, and asymptotes.

Each unit includes some alongside boxes to help you know some of the difficult, unseen terms. Some "EXERCISES" have been included to help you apply your own thoughts. You may find some boxes marked with: "LET US KNOW". These boxes will provide you with some additional interesting and relevant information. Again, you will get "CHECK YOUR PROGRESS" questions. These have been designed to self-check your progress of study. It will be helpful for you if you solve the problems put in these boxes immediately after you go through the sections of the units and then match your answers with "ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS" given at the end of each unit.

UNIT 1: ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION OF ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSIONS

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1.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After studying this chapter, the learner will be able to:

- Understand the concept of algebraic expressions
- Perform addition and subtraction of algebraic expressions using conventional methods
- Apply Vedic Mathematics techniques for faster and error-free calculations
- Use **vertical addition and subtraction** effectively
- Understand and apply Vedic sutras such as **EkādhikenaPūrvena** and **ParāvartyaYojayet**
- Develop confidence and speed in algebraic operations

1.2 INTRODUCTION

Algebraic expressions are combinations of variables, constants, and mathematical operations. Adding and subtracting such expressions is a fundamental skill in algebra.While conventional methods focus on step-by-step grouping of like terms, **Vedic Mathematics** offers faster, systematic, and mentally efficient techniques. These methods reduce errors and improve conceptual clarity.

In this chapter, we explore both **conventional** and **Vedic** approaches to the addition and subtraction of algebraic expressions. Addition and subtraction of algebraic expressions form the basis for many advanced topics in mathematics such as equations, factorization, and algebraic identities. A strong understanding of these operations helps learners solve problems accurately and efficiently. Errors in algebra often occur due to improper handling of signs or incorrect grouping of terms, which makes the learning of correct methods essential.
Vedic Mathematics introduces simple and logical techniques that help students manage algebraic expressions with ease. By using methods like vertical alignment and systematic handling of terms, learners can perform calculations faster while maintaining accuracy. These techniques also strengthen mental calculation skills and improve concentration.
The integration of Vedic methods with conventional algebra enables students to approach problems flexibly. Instead of relying only on lengthy written steps, students learn to visualize expressions and work through them logically. This balanced approach not only improves speed but also builds confidence and interest in algebra.

1.3 CONVENTIONAL METHOD

In the conventional method, algebraic expressions are added or subtracted by:

1. Identifying **like terms**
2. Grouping like terms together
3. Adding or subtracting their coefficients

1.3.1 EXAMPLE 1: ADDITION

.Add:

$$(3x + 5y - 2) + (4x - 3y + 6)$$

Solution:

- Like terms of x: $3x + 4x = 7x$
- Like terms of y: $5y - 3y = 2y$
- Constants: $-2 + 6 = 4$

$$\Rightarrow 7x + 2y + 4$$

1.3.2 EXAMPLE 2: SUBTRACTION

Subtract:

$$(5a - 2b + 7) - (3a + b - 4)$$

Solution:

Change the sign of the second expression and add:

$$= 5a - 2b + 7 - 3a - b + 4$$
$$= (5a - 3a) + (-2b - b) + (7 + 4)$$
$$= 2a - 3b + 11$$

1.4 VERTICAL ADDITION METHOD (Vedic Style)

The **vertical method** aligns like terms in columns, similar to arithmetic addition. This method is especially useful for long expressions.

Example: Vertical Addition

Add:

$$(2x + 3y - 4) + (5x - y + 6)$$

Write vertically:

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  2x   +3y   -4
+ 5x   - y   +6
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  7x   +2y   +2
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Advantages

- Clear alignment of like terms
- Reduces chances of missing terms
- Faster and visually organized

1.5 EkādhikenaPūrvena

Sutra Meaning: *"By one more than the previous one"*

Though traditionally used in arithmetic, this sutra helps in **systematic progression and alignment** in algebraic operations.

1.5.1 APPLICATION IN ALGEBRA

When adding or subtracting expressions involving consecutive powers or terms arranged in order, EkādhikenaPūrvena encourages:

- Sequential handling of terms
- Maintaining order of variables (e.g., $x^2, x, 1$)
- Avoiding random grouping

Example

Add:

$$(x^2 + 2x + 1) + (2x^2 + 3x + 4)$$

Following order:

$$(1 + 2)x^2 + (2 + 3)x + (1 + 4)$$
$$= 3x^2 + 5x + 5$$

1.6 COLUMN/VERTICAL SUBTRACTION USING VEDIC STYLE

Subtraction becomes simpler when expressions are written vertically and signs are handled carefully.

Example
Subtract:

$$(4x + 6y - 8) - (x + 2y - 3)$$

Write vertically:

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  4x   +6y   -8
-  x   +2y   -3
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  3x   +4y   -5
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Key Points

- Ensure correct subtraction of coefficients
- Keep variable alignment consistent
- Handle signs carefully

1.7 APPLICATION OF ParāvartyaYojayet

Sutra Meaning: *"Transpose and apply"*

In algebraic subtraction, this sutra suggests:

- Changing the sign of each term of the expression being subtracted

- Then performing addition

Example

Subtract:

$$(7a - 5b + 2) - (3a + 4b - 6)$$

Using ParāvartyaYojayet:

Transpose the second expression:

$$\begin{aligned} &= 7a - 5b + 2 - 3a - 4b + 6 \\ &= (7a - 3a) + (-5b - 4b) + (2 + 6) \\ &= 4a - 9b + 8 \end{aligned}$$

This method reduces confusion and improves speed.

1.8 LET US KNOW MORE

Vedic Mathematics consists of **16 Sutras and 13 Sub-sutras**, rediscovered by **Jagadguru Swami Bharati Krishna Tirthaji**. These sutras apply not only to arithmetic but also to algebra, geometry, and calculus, making mathematics intuitive and enjoyable.

This system was rediscovered and systematically presented in modern times by **Jagadguru Swami Bharati Krishna Tirthaji Maharaj**. He demonstrated that even complicated mathematical operations could be simplified using logical and mental techniques derived from these sutras.

Although many Vedic sutras were originally applied to numbers, their **underlying logic** is equally useful in algebra. Sutras like **EkādhikenaPūrvena** guide learners to proceed step by step, while **ParāvartyaYojayet** makes subtraction easier by converting it into addition.These sutras encourage **logical thinking rather than rote memorization**, making algebra more meaningful and enjoyable.Vedic Mathematics does not replace conventional methods. Instead, it supports and strengthens them. Students can choose the method they find easier while gradually developing faster calculation skills.By learning both conventional and Vedic approaches, students gain a **broader understanding of algebra** and become flexible problem solvers.Algebraic addition and subtraction become simpler and more interesting when we understand the ideas behind the methods we use.

1.9 CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q1) Add:

$$(3x + 4y - 1) + (2x - y + 5)$$

Q2) Subtract:

$$(6a - 3b + 9) - (2a + b - 4)$$

Q3) Add using vertical method:

$$(x^2 + 2x + 3) + (2x^2 - x + 1)$$

Q4) Identify the Vedic sutra used when signs of an expression are changed before subtraction.

1.10 LET US SUM UP

- Algebraic expressions are added and subtracted by combining like terms
- Conventional methods are systematic but can be time-consuming
- Vedic methods such as **vertical alignment**, **Ekādhikena Pūrvena**, and **ParāvartyaYojayet** offer speed and clarity
- Vertical methods reduce errors and improve organization
- Vedic Mathematics enhances mental ability and confidence in algebra

1.11 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Answer to Q1: $(3x + 2x) + (4y - y) + (-1 + 5) = 5x + 3y + 4$

Answer to Q2: $6a - 3b + 9 - 2a - b + 4 = 4a - 4b + 13$

Answer to Q3: $(1 + 2)x^2 + (2 - 1)x + (3 + 1) = 3x^2 + x + 4$

Answer to Q4: ParāvartyaYojayet.

1.12 FURTHER READING

1. Vedic Mathematics, Jagadguru Swami Sri Bharati Krishna Tirthaji Maharaja.
2. The History of Ancient Indian Mathematics, C.N. Srinivasiengar, The World Press, Calcutta, 1967.
3. The History of Hindu Mathematics, Asia Publishers House, Bombay, 1962.

1.13 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Explain the vertical method of addition of algebraic expressions with an example.
Q2. What is the meaning of the sutra Parāvartya Yojayet? How is it applied in subtraction?
Q3. Add and subtract the following using Vedic methods:

$$(5x^2 + 3x - 7), (2x^2 - x + 4)$$

Q4. Write any two advantages of using Vedic Mathematics in algebra.

UNIT 2: MULTIPLICATION OF ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSIONS

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2.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- understand the meaning of the Vedic sutras Ekādhikena Pūrvena, NikhilamNavataścaramamDaśataḥ and UrdhvaTiryagbhyām in the context of algebraic expressions.
- use these sutras to multiply binomials and simple polynomials mentally and systematically.
- relate Vedic methods to the conventional distributive and vertical algorithms of algebraic multiplication.

2.2 INTRODUCTION

Multiplication of algebraic expressions is a central skill in algebra, needed for expanding brackets, simplifying expressions and factorising polynomials. In school mathematics this is usually done through the distributive law or by arranging the terms in a vertical array. Vedic Mathematics offers compact mental procedures based on sutras that can be adapted from numbers to algebraic expressions. Ekādhikena Pūrvena, NikhilamNavataścaramamDaśataḥ and UrdhvaTiryagbhyām are three such sutras that can make multiplication of polynomials faster and more pattern based, while still remaining fully consistent with ordinary algebra.

2.3 EKĀDHIKENA PŪRVENA AND ALGEBRAIC MULTIPLICATION

The literal meaning of EkādhikenaPūrvena is “by one more than the previous one”. In numerical work it is first introduced for finding squares of numbers ending in 5, and for certain recurring decimal patterns. The same idea can be transferred to algebra whenever a factor has the special “previous and one-more” structure.

For example, consider $(x+5)^2$. In ordinary algebra, $(x+5)^2 = x^2+10x+25$. Under Ekādhikena Pūrvena, one focuses on the “previous” part x and “one more” $x+1$, and notes that the left part of the square becomes $x(x+1)$ while the right part is 25. So $(x+5)^2$ is written mentally as $x(x+1)$ and then “25”, giving x^2+x+25 at the pattern level, and after collecting like terms this coincides with the usual expansion $x^2+10x+25$. The numerical analogue is the pattern used for $15^2, 25^2, 35^2$etc.

2.3.1 SQUARES OF EXPRESSIONS OF THE FORM $(ax+5)^2$

When the expression is $(ax+5)$,the same pattern extends: treat axas the “previous”, form $ax(ax+1)$ for the left part and attach “25” for the right part. Thus $(2x+5)^2$ is seen as $2x(2x+1)$ and 25, which gives $4x^2+2x+25$ at the pattern stage, consistent with the standard expansion $4x^2+20x+25$ after proper combination of like terms. The Vedic view highlights the structure that the non-constant part multiplies its own “one-more”, while the constant 5 always contributes 25 at the end.

Another useful case is when the algebraic expression is treated as analogous to a number ending in 5. For instance, $(y^2+5)^2$ can be organised as left part $y^2(y^2+1)$ and right part 25, emphasising the same “previous and one-more plus 25” pattern. Subsequent simplification then leads back to the standard algebraic result.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 1. Use the Ekādhikena pattern to write down, in one step, a structured form for $(3x+5)^2$, and then expand it fully in ordinary algebraic form.

Q 2. Treat $(x^2+5)^2$ as an analogue of a “number ending in 5”. Write the left part using “previous and one-more” and the right part as 25, then simplify to obtain the usual expansion.

2.4 NIKHILAM NAVATAŚCARAMAM DAŚATAH WITH ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSIONS

The sutra NikhilamNavataścaramamDaśataḥ means “all from 9 and the last from 10”. In arithmetic, it is used to multiply numbers near a convenient base like 10, 100 or 1000 using deviations from that base. The same idea can be used when an algebraic factor is “near” a chosen algebraic base, for example near x, near x^2 or near a convenient constant.

In numerical Nikhilam multiplication of two numbers close to a base, each number is written as base plus or minus a deviation, and the product consists of a left part obtained by cross-addition or

cross-subtraction, and a right part obtained by multiplying the deviations, adjusted for the number of zeros in the base. When working with algebraic expressions, the “base” can be another expression such as x or $x+1$, and deviations are then algebraic rather than purely numerical.

2.4.1 MULTIPLICATION OF BINOMIALS NEAR A BASE

Suppose we wish to multiply $(x+3)$ and $(x+5)$. One can regard x as the base, with deviations $+3$ and $+5$. Following the Nikhilam pattern, the left part is obtained by adding a deviation to the other factor, so we get either $(x+3)+5=x+8$ or $(x+5)+3=x+8$. The right part is the product of the deviations, $3\cdot 5=15$. Thus the product is organised as “$x+8$ and 15”, which corresponds to $x^2+8x+15$ after writing down the full polynomial. This agrees with the conventional expansion of $(x+3)(x+5)$.

A similar approach works for $(x-2)(x-7)$. Now both factors are below the base x, with deviations -2 and -7. The left part is obtained by cross-subtraction, $(x-2)-7=x-9$ or $(x-7)-2=x-9$. The right part is the product of the deviations, $(-2)\cdot(-7)=14$. So the structured result is “$x-9$ and 14”, that is $x^2-9x+14$after writing the polynomial, which again matches the ordinary distributive multiplication.

2.4.2 NIKHILAM WITH MIXED DEVIATIONS

When one factor is above and the other below the base, the right part becomes negative and needs adjustment, just as in the numerical case. For example, in $(x+4)(x-1)$, the base is x, deviations are $+4$ and -1. The left part is $(x+4)-1=x+3$ or $(x-1)+4=x+3$, while the deviation product is $(+4)\cdot(-1)=-4$. To reconcile a negative right part, one rewrites the structured product so that subtraction of 4 is absorbed into the left part, leading after simplification to the standard result x^2+3x-4. This mirrors the numerical Nikhilam rule that a negative right block is handled by reducing the left part and complementing the right block.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 3. Using a base of x, apply the Nikhilam idea to $(x+2)(x+9)$: identify the deviations, write the left and right parts, and then express the full product as a standard polynomial.

Q 4. Use the same method to multiply $(x-3)(x+6)$, taking x as base and explaining how the sign of the right part is managed.

2.5 URDHVA TIRYAGBHYĀM AND GENERAL POLYNOMIAL MULTIPLICATION

The sutra UrdhvaTiryagbhyām means “vertically and crosswise”. It is the most general of the three sutras considered here, and gives a systematic way of multiplying any two expressions, numerical or algebraic, by organising the partial products in vertical and diagonal patterns. In school algebra this matches the FOIL rule for binomials and extends naturally to trinomials and higher polynomials.
For two binomials $(ax + b)$ and $(cx + d)$, the vertical and crosswise pattern produces: vertical left acx^2, crosswise middle $(ad + bc)x$ and vertical right bd. Thus $(ax + b)(cx + d) = acx^2 + (ad + bc)x + bd$, exactly as obtained from the distributive law. The Vedic contribution lies in a compact mental ordering: first compute the right-most product bd, then the crosswise middle $ad + bc$, and finally the left-most product ac, moving from right to left.

2.5.1 MULTIPLICATION OF BINOMIALS

Consider $(2x + 3)(5x + 4)$. The vertical and crosswise pattern may be applied in three steps. First, multiply vertically on the right, giving $3 \cdot 4 = 12$ for the constant term. Second, multiply crosswise $2x \cdot 4$ and $3 \cdot 5x$, add them to get $(8x + 15x) = 23x$ as the coefficient of x. Third, multiply vertically on the left, $2x \cdot 5x = 10x^2$. Combining these gives $10x^2 + 23x + 12$, which is the same result as conventional expansion but obtained in an organised three-stage mental sequence.

As another example, $(x - 7)(3x + 2)$ can be processed similarly. The right-hand vertical product is $(-7) \cdot 2 = -14$. The crosswise combination is $x \cdot 2 + (-7) \cdot 3x = 2x - 21x = -19x$. The left-hand vertical product is $x \cdot 3x = 3x^2$. The product is therefore $3x^2 - 19x - 14$, again consistent with the usual distributive approach. Here attention is needed to keep track of signs during the crosswise step.

2.5.2 MULTIPLICATION OF TRINOMIALS

The same vertical and crosswise principle extends to trinomials such as $(x^2 + 2x + 3)(3x^2 + 2x + 4)$. Both expressions are laid out in descending powers of x, and groups of terms are formed according to the degree. First, the highest degree term $x^2 \cdot 3x^2 = 3x^4$ is obtained by a vertical multiplication of the leading terms. Next, the coefficient of x^3 arises from crosswise combinations of x^2 and $2x$, giving $x^2 \cdot 2x + 2x \cdot 3x^2 = 2x^3 + 6x^3 = 8x^3$. Lower degree terms are formed by continuing this pattern: each coefficient is the sum of all products of terms whose degrees add to the required total, organised in successive vertical and diagonal groups.

When the process is carried through step by step, the product becomes $3x^4 + 8x^3 + 17x^2 + 14x + 12$. This matches the standard method of polynomial multiplication but is obtained using a fixed visual pattern that can be practised for mental work. For mixed-length products, for example a trinomial by a binomial, missing coefficients are treated as zero so that the same vertical and crosswise pattern remains valid.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 5. Use the vertical and crosswise pattern of UrdhvaTiryagbhyām to multiply $(3x + 5)(2x - 7)$, showing clearly the right-hand, crosswise and left-hand steps.

Q 6. Multiply $(x^2 + 4x + 1)$ by $(2x^2 + x + 3)$ using the same method, writing down the contributions to each power of x in grouped form before simplification.

2.6 LET US SUM UP

- EkādhikenaPūrvena highlights a "previous and one-more" pattern that, when translated from numbers to expressions like $(ax + 5)$, offers a quick structured way to think about certain squares, while remaining compatible with ordinary algebra.
- NikhilamNavataścaramamDaśataḥ uses deviations from a convenient base, and with a base such as x allows binomials like $(x + a)(x + b)$ to be viewed as left and right parts built from cross-addition and deviation products, closely paralleling the well-known numerical Nikhilam rule.
- UrdhvaTiryagbhyām generalises to a full vertical-and-crosswise scheme for multiplying binomials, trinomials and higher polynomials, systematically generating each coefficient as a sum of appropriate products, and so serving as a direct algebraic analogue of the Vedic one-line multiplication method.

2.7 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to **Q 1.** Treat $(3x + 5)$ as "previous part $3x$" and "one-more $3x + 1$" with a right part 25. The structured form is $3x(3x + 1)$ and 25. Expanding in ordinary algebra gives $(3x + 5)^2 = 9x^2 + 30x + 25$.

Ans to **Q 2.** The "previous" part is x^2, so write $(x^2)(x^2 + 1)$ and attach 25 on the right. Expanding gives $x^4 + x^2 + 25$, which after combining terms in the full binomial expansion aligns with $(x^2 + 5)^2 = x^4 + 10x^2 + 25$.

Ans to **Q 3.** Deviations from base x are $+2$ and $+9$. The left part is $(x + 2) + 9 = x + 11$, the right part is $2 \cdot 9 = 18$. The product is therefore $x^2 + 11x + 18$.

Ans to **Q 4.** Deviations are -3 and $+6$. The left part is $(x - 3) + 6 = x + 3$, the right part is $(-3) \cdot 6 = -18$. Adjusting a negative right part yields $x^2 + 3x - 18$, which is the standard expansion of $(x - 3)(x + 6)$.

Ans to **Q 5.** Right-hand vertical: $5 \cdot (-7) = -35$. Crosswise: $3x \cdot (-7) + 5 \cdot 2x = -21x + 10x = -11x$. Left-hand vertical: $3x \cdot 2x = 6x^2$. Hence $(3x + 5)(2x - 7) = 6x^2 - 11x - 35$.
Ans to **Q 6.** Arrange in powers of x. The x^4 term comes from $x^2 \cdot 2x^2 = 2x^4$. The x^3 term comes from $x^2 \cdot x + 4x \cdot 2x^2 = x^3 + 8x^3 = 9x^3$. The x^2 term comes from $x^2 \cdot 3 + 4x \cdot x + 1 \cdot$

$2x^2 = 3x^2 + 4x^2 + 2x^2 = 9x^2$. The x term is $4x \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot x = 12x + x = 13x$. The constant term is $1 \cdot 3 = 3$. Hence the product is $2x^4 + 9x^3 + 9x^2 + 13x + 32x^4 + 9x^3 + 9x^2 + 13x + 3$.

Ans to **Q 7**. $x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24 = (x - 4)(x - 2)(x + 3)$.

Ans to **Q 8.** $x^3 + 4x^2 - x - 4 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 4)$.

Ans to **Q 9.** The factorized form is $(x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 4)$, and the expanded form is $x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8$.

2.8 FURTHER READING

1. Sri Bharati Krishna Tirthaji, Vedic Mathematics or Sixteen Simple Mathematical Formulae from the Vedas, chapters on quadratic and cubic factorization and related sutras
2. Vedic Mathematics – Methods (Sri Sathya Sai Veda Pratishtan), sections on factorization of quadratics and cubics using sutras such as Adyamadyena, Anurupyena and Lopana–Sthapanabhyam.
3. Rajesh Kumar Thakur, Advanced Vedic Mathematics, Rupa Publications, chapters on quadratic equations, factorization of cubic polynomials and harder factor problems.

2.9 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q 1. Use EkādhikenaPūrvena pattern to expand$(4x + 5)^2$ and $(x^2 + 5)^2$.

Q 2. Apply Nikhilam method with base x to multiply:

(a)$(x + 4)(x + 7)$
(b) $(x - 3)(x - 8)$
(c)$(x + 2)(x - 5)$

Q 3. Using UrdhvaTiryagbhyām (vertical and crosswise), find the products

(a) $(3x + 2)(4x - 5)$
(b)$(2x^2 + 3x + 1)(x^2 + 2x + 4)$

Q 4. Multiply $(5x - 7)(2x + 9)$ using both Nikhilam (base x) and Urdhva Tiryagbhyām methods, and verify both give the same result.

Q 5. Expand $(x + 3)(x + 5)(x + 7)$ by first multiplying two binomials using Nikhilam, then multiplying the result by the third factor using UrdhvaTiryagbhyām.

UNIT 3: DIVISION OF POLYNOMIALS

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3.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- carry out division of polynomials using *Parāvartya*method.
- solve some special types of algebraic equations by observation using *ShūnyamSāmyasamuccaye*sutra.

3.2 INTRODUCTION

The division of polynomials is a fundamental operation in algebra having wide range of applications, yet it often presents significant challenges to the students. Vedic mathematics offers simpler and less time-consuming methods through its sutras. In this unit we will discuss division of polynomial using the *ParāvartyaYojayet* sutra and learn to solve some special types of equations using*ShūnyamSāmyasamuccaye*sutra.The *Parāvartya* method offers an effective technique for algebraic division, and *ShūnyamSāmyasamuccaye* helps in quick equation solving merely by observation.

3.3 PARĀVARTYA METHOD

The Vedic sutra "*ParāvartyaYojayet*" means "Transpose and apply". This method provides a systematic and efficient alternative to the conventional long and time-consuming division process, particularly when dividing a polynomial by a linear divisor. Similar to the *Parāvartya*method in arithmetic division, here we change the signs of the coefficients (leaving the coefficient of highest power) and the constant term of the divisor and proceed like before. Let us understand the process further with the help of a few examples:

Example 1: Divide $x^3 + 3x^2 - x + 2$ by $x + 1$.

Solution: We put the divisor $x + 1$ on the left, just below it we put down -1, that is the constant term of the coefficient with its sign changed. The dividend should be arranged in descending

order, and if any term is missing, we will simply use 0 in place of the missing term. Now, we bring the first coefficient of the dividend down as shown.

$$\begin{array}{rl} x+1 & x^3+3x^2-x+2 \\ \hline -1 & \\ \hline & 1 \end{array}$$

Now, we multiply 1 with -1 and write down the result in the next column and then add the digits in the column.

$$\begin{array}{rl} x+1 & x^3+3x^2-x+2 \\ \hline -1 & \quad -1 \\ \hline & 1 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

Proceeding in a similar way we get the following.

$$\begin{array}{rl} x+1 & x^3+3x^2-x+2 \\ \hline -1 & \quad -1 \quad -2 \quad 3 \\ \hline & 1 \quad 2 \quad -3 \quad 5 \end{array}$$

The last value obtained is the remainder, and the remaining values give the coefficients of the quotient. Thus, the quotient: x^2+2x-3 and the remainder: 5.

Example 2: Divide $x^4-3x^3+7x^2+5x+7$ by $x-4$.

Solution: We put the divisor $x-4$ on the left, just below it put down the -4 with its sign changed and proceed exactly like before.

$$\begin{array}{rl} x-4 & x^4-3x^3+7x^2+5x+7 \\ \hline 4 & \quad 4 \quad 4 \quad 44 \quad 196 \\ \hline & 1 \quad 1 \quad 11 \quad 49 \quad 203 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $x^4-3x^3+7x^2+5x+7$ is divided by $x-4$, the quotient is $x^3+x^2+11x+49$ and the remainder is 203.

Example 3: Divide $12x^2-8x-32$ by $x-2$.

Solution: We put the divisor $x-2$ on the left, just below it put down the -2 with its sign changed.

$$\begin{array}{rl} x-2 & 12x^2-8x \quad -32 \\ \hline 2 & \quad 24 \quad +32 \\ \hline & 12 \quad +16 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $12x^2-8x-32$ is divided by $x-2$, the quotient is $12x+16$ and the remainder is 0.

Example 4: Divide $x^4-x^3+x^2+3x+5$ by x^2-x-1.

Solution: Here, the divisor is containing three terms. So, we have to reverse the signs of the coefficients in all the other terms except the first term of the divisor and proceed like before.

$$\begin{array}{rl} x^2-x-1 & x^4-x^3+x^2 \quad +3x+5 \\ \hline 1+1 & \quad 1 \quad +1 \\ & \quad\quad 0 \quad +0 \\ & \quad\quad\quad 2 \quad +2 \\ \hline & 1 \quad +0 \quad +2 \quad +5 \quad +7 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $x^4-x^3+x^2+3x+5$ is divided by x^2-x-1, the quotient is x^2+2 and the remainder is $5x+7$.

Example 5: Divide $x^5 + x^3 - 7x^2 + 9$ by $x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 3$.
Solution: Since in the dividend the terms x^4 and x are missing, we will put 0 in those places.

$$\begin{array}{r|l} x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 3 & x^5 + 0 + x^3 - 7x^2 + 0 + 9 \\ \hline 1 - 2 + 3 & \quad 1 - 2 + 3 \\ & \quad\quad 1 - 2 + 3 \\ & \hline x^2 + x + 0 & \quad - 6x^2 + 3x + 9 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $x^5 + x^3 - 7x^2 + 9$ is divided by $x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 3$, the quotient is $x^2 + x$ and the remainder is $-6x^2 + 3x + 9$.

Example 6: Divide $2x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x - 2$ by $x^2 + 1$.
Solution: Here, in the divisor x term is missing, so we put 0 in place of the missing term.

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 0 - 1 & x^2 + 12x^4 - 3x^3 + 0 - 3x - 2 \\ \hline & \quad 0 - 2 \\ & \quad\quad 0 + 3 \\ & \hline 2 - 3 - 2 & \quad 0 + 2 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $2x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x - 2$ is divided by $x^2 + 1$, the quotient is $2x^2 - 3x - 2$ and the remainder is 0.

Example 7: Divide $x^4 + x^2 + 1$ by $x^2 - x + 1$.
Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 1 - 1 & x^2 - x + 1x^4 + 0 + x^2 \quad 0 + 1 \\ \hline & \quad 1 - 1 \\ & \quad\quad 1 - 1 \\ & \hline 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 & \quad 0 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $x^4 + x^2 + 1$ is divided by $x^2 - x + 1$, the quotient is $x^2 + x + 1$ and the remainder is 0.

Example 8: Divide $-2x^5 - 7x^4 + 2x^3 + 18x^2 - 3x - 8$ by $x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$.
Solution:

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 2 + 0 - 1 & x^3 - 2x^2 + 1 - 2x^5 - 7x^4 + 2x^3 + 18x^2 - 3x - 8 \\ \hline & \quad - 4 \quad 0 \quad 2 \\ & \quad\quad -22 \quad 0 \quad 11 \\ & \hline -2 \quad -11 \quad -20 & \quad -40 \quad 0 \quad 20 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $-2x^5 - 7x^4 + 2x^3 + 18x^2 - 3x - 8$ is divided by $x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$, the quotient is $-2x^2 - 11x - 20$ and the remainder is $-20x^2 + 8x + 12$.

In the above examples, notice that the first coefficient of the divisor is 1; so, there was no risk of fractional coefficients coming in. If the first coefficient of the divisor happens to be other than 1, we have to divide the divisor by its first coefficient at the very outset, complete the working as before and divide it all again by the first coefficient of the divisor, once for all at the end except the remainder. Let us discuss the process in the following examples:

Example 9: Divide $-4x^3 - 7x^2 + 9x - 12$ by $2x - 4$.
Solution: Unlike the above examples, here the first coefficient of the divisor is 2. So, we divide the divisor by 2 at the very outset making the first coefficient 1 and proceed like before. And at the end we divide it all once again by 2 except the remainder term.

$$\begin{array}{rrr} 2x-4 & -4x^3-7x^2+9x & -12 \\ \hline x-2 & -8 & \\ \hline 2 & -30 & \\ & -42 & \\ \hline & -4 \quad -15 \quad -21 & -54 \\ \hline & -2 \quad -\frac{15}{2} \quad -\frac{21}{2} & -54 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $-4x^3 - 7x^2 + 9x - 12$ is divided by $2x - 4$, the quotient is $-2x^2 - \frac{15}{2}x - \frac{21}{2}$ and the remainder is -54.

Example 10: Divide $3x^2 - x - 5$ by $3x - 7$.
Solution:

$$\begin{array}{rrr} 3x-7 & 3x^2-x-5 & \\ \hline x-7/3 & 7 & \\ \hline 7/3 & 14 & \\ & 3 \quad 6 & 9 \\ \hline & 1 \quad 2 & 9 \end{array}$$

Thus, when $3x^2 - x - 5$ is divided by $3x - 7$, the quotient is $x + 2x$ and the remainder is 9.

Example 11: Divide $2x^5 - 9x^4 + 5x^3 + 16x^2 - 16x + 36$ by $2x^2 - 3x + 1$.
Solution:

$$\begin{array}{rrrrrr} 2x^2-3x+1 & 2x^5-9x^4+5x^3+16x^2 & -16x+36 & & & \\ \hline x^2-\frac{3}{2}x+\frac{1}{2} & 3 \quad -1 & & & & \\ \hline \frac{3}{2} \quad -\frac{1}{2} & -9 \quad 3 & & & & \\ & -\frac{15}{2} \quad \frac{5}{2} & & & & \\ & \frac{69}{4} \quad -\frac{23}{4} & & & & \\ \hline & 2 \quad -6 \quad -5 & \frac{23}{2} \quad \frac{15}{4} \quad \frac{121}{4} & & & \\ \hline & 1 \quad -3 \quad -\frac{5}{2} & \frac{23}{2} \quad \frac{15}{4} \quad \frac{121}{4} & & & \end{array}$$

Thus, when $2x^5 - 9x^4 + 5x^3 + 16x^2 - 16x + 36$ is divided by$2x^2 - 3x + 1$, the quotient is $x^3 - 3x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{23}{2}$ and the remainder is $\frac{15}{4}x + \frac{121}{4}$.

In case of polynomial division there is another method which is one of simple argumentation based on the *ŪrdhvaTiryak Sutra.* The following example will explain it:

Example 12: Divide $x^3 + 7x^2 + 6x + 5$ by $x - 2$.
Solution:x^3 divided by x gives us x^2, which is therefore the first term of the quotient. Thus, $Q = x^2 + \cdots$.
Now, $x^2 \times (-2) = -2x^2$, but we have $7x^2$ in the dividend. That means we must get $9x^2$ more. This means we have to multiply the x of the divisor by $9x$. Thus, $Q = x^2 + 9x + \cdots$.
For the third term of the quotient, we already have $9x \times (-2) = -18x$, but we have $6x$ in the dividend. Thus, we have to multiply x of the divisor by 24. This is the third term of the quotient. Thus, $Q = x^2 + 9x + 24$.
Now, this last term of the quotient multiplied by -2 gives -48. But the absolute term in the dividend is 5. Thus, we have to get an additional 53. But there is no further term left in the dividend. This means that the 53 will remain as the remainder.
Thus, when $x^3 + 7x^2 + 6x + 5$ is divided by $x - 2$, the quotient is $x^2 + 9x + 24$ and the remainder is 53.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS:

Q. 1: Divide $6x^4 + 13x^3 + 39x^2 + 37x + 45$ by $x^2 - 2x - 9$.
Q. 2: Divide $2x^3 + 9x^2 + 18x + 20$ by $x^2 + 2x + 4$.

3.4 SHŪNYAM SĀMYASAMUCCAYE

The sutra *ShūnyamSāmyasamuccaye*says “when the *Samuccaye*is the same, that *Samuccaye*is zero”, i.e. it will be equal to zero. With the aid of this sutra, several special types of equations can be solved practically at sight. The term *Samuccaye*has several meanings in different contexts which we’ll be discussing one by one with the help of following examples.

Example 13: Solve $9(x + 1) = 7(x + 1)$.
Solution: Here, *Samuccaye*means a term which occurs as a common factor in all the terms concerned.
In this example, $(x + 1)$ is the *Samuccaye.* Thus, we can straightway write:

$$x + 1 = 0 \quad \therefore x = -1$$

Example 14: Solve $(x + 7)(x + 9) = (x + 3)(x + 21)$.
Solution: Here, *Samuccaye*means the product of the independent terms.
In this example, $7 \times 9 = 3 \times 21$. Thus, $x = 0$.

Example 15: Solve $\frac{1}{2x-1}+\frac{1}{3x-1}=0$.

Solution: Here, *Samuccaye*means the sum of the denominators of two fractions having the same numerator. Thus, in this example we have $(2x-1)+(3x-1)=5x-2=0$. So, $x=\frac{2}{5}$.

Example 16: Solve $\frac{2x+9}{2x+7}=\frac{2x+7}{2x+9}$.

Solution: Here, *Samuccaye*means combination or total. If the sum of the numerators and the sum of the denominators be the same, then that sum must be equal to zero.

In this example, $(2x+9)+(2x+7)=(2x+7)+(2x+9)=4x+16$. So, $4x+16=0$. Therefore, $x=-4$.

Example 17: Solve $\frac{2x+3}{4x+5}=\frac{x+1}{2x+3}$.

Solution: Here, $(2x+3)+(x+1)=3x+4$ and $(4x+5)+(2x+3)=6x+8=2(3x+4)$. Removing the numerical factor 2, we have $3x+4$ on both sides. Thus, $3x+4=0$. $\therefore x=-\frac{4}{3}$.

Example 18: Solve $\frac{3x+4}{6x+7}=\frac{5x+6}{2x+3}$.

Solution: This application of *Samuccaye*has to do with quadratic equations. Here, we not only consider the sum of the numerators and the sum of the denominators, in addition to that if the differences between the numerator and the denominator on each side are equal, we will equate the difference to zero. Thus, leading to two roots of the quadratic equation.

In this example, $(3x+4)+(5x+6)=8x+10=(6x+7)+(2x+3)$.

Thus, $8x+10=0\Longrightarrow x=-\frac{5}{4}$.

Also, $(3x+4)-(6x+7)=-(3x+3)$ and $(5x+6)-(2x+3)=3x+3$.

Thus, $3x+3=0\Rightarrow x=-1$.

Thus, two roots are $-\frac{5}{4}$ and -1.

Example 19: Solve $\frac{1}{x-4}+\frac{1}{x-6}=\frac{1}{x-2}+\frac{1}{x-8}$.

Solution: Here, if other elements being equal, the sum total of the denominators on the left-hand side and the total on the right-hand side be the same, then that total is zero.

Here, $(x-4)+(x-6)=2x-10=(x-2)+(x-8)$. Thus, $2x-10=0\Longrightarrow x=5$.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q. 3: Solve $\frac{3x+2}{2x+5}=\frac{2x+5}{3x+2}$

Q. 4: Solve $\frac{1}{x-7}+\frac{1}{x-9}=\frac{1}{x-6}+\frac{1}{x-10}$

3.5 LET US SUM UP

- The *Nikhilaṁ* method is generally unsuitable for polynomial division**.** In algebraic division, the *Parāvartya*method is almost invariably more effective.
- Apart from these two methods there is another argumentation method based on the *ŪrdhvaTiryak Sutra.*
- *ShūnyamSāmyasamuccaye*is used to solve some special types of equations which can be solved merely by observation.

3.6 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Answer to Q. 1: $Q = 6x^2 + 25x + 143, R = 548x + 1332.$

Answer to Q. 2: $Q = 2x + 5, R = 0.$

Answer to Q. 3: $x = -\frac{7}{3}, 3.$

Answer to Q. 4: $x = 8.$

3.7 FURTHER READING

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3.8 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q. 1: Find the quotient and the remainder of the following:

i. Divide $12x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x - 12$ by $x^2 + 1.$
ii. Divide $x^4 - x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 5$ by $x^2 - x - 1.$
iii. Divide $16x^4 + 36x^2 + 6x + 86$ by $4x^2 + 6x + 9.$
iv. Divide $2x^5 - 9x^4 + 5x^3 + 16x^2 - 16x + 36$ by $2x^2 - 3x + 1.$

Q. 2: Solve the following equations:

i. $7(x + 2) + 3(x + 2) = 6(x + 2) + 5(x + 2).$
ii. $\frac{1}{4x-3} + \frac{1}{x-2} = 0.$
iii. $\frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{1}{x-5} = \frac{1}{x-3} + \frac{1}{x-4}$
iv. $\frac{4x-3}{2x+3} = \frac{x+4}{3x-2}.$

UNIT 4: FACTORIZATION TECHNIQUES

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4.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- explain the idea of factorization and relate it to solving equations.
- factorize simple quadratic expressions, especially where the coefficient of x^2 is one, using patterns for sum and product of numbers.
- factorize harder quadratic expressions by using Vedic ideas like splitting the middle term and using simple ratios between coefficients.
- factorize certain cubic expressions using relationships between coefficients and roots instead of long division only.

4.2 INTRODUCTION

In algebra, factorization means writing a given expression as a product of simpler expressions which are called its factors. For example, the expression $x^2 - 5x + 6x2 - 5x + 6$ can be written as $(x - 2)(x - 3)$, so $x - 2$and $x - 3$ are factors of the quadratic. When we solve an equation like $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$, factorization helps us to find the values of x^2 quickly from each linear factor.

Vedic mathematics presents factorization not only as a routine algebraic skill but as an activity based on observation and pattern recognition. Sutras such as “Adyamadyenaantima–antyena”

(first by first and last by last), “Anurupyena” (proportionally), “Lopana–sthapana” (elimination and retention) and “Gunita Samuccayah–SamuccayaGunitah” (relation of sums of coefficients) give mental short cuts, checks and ways to organize work more efficiently. These ideas will be blended with standard school methods in this unit so that the learner gets both clarity and speed.

4.3 FACTORIZATION OF SIMPLE QUADRATICS

A simple quadratic is an expression of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$ with $a \neq 0$. In many introductory problems, the coefficient a is equal to 1, so the expression has the form $x^2 + bx + c$. In that case, the factorization problem can be seen as finding two numbers whose sum is $b$and whose product is c. If such numbers m and n can be found, then

$$x^2 + bx + c = x^2 + (m + n)x + mn = (x + m)(x + n)$$

For example, in $x^2 - 9x + 20$, we look for two numbers whose sum is -9 and whose product is 20. The pair -4 and −5 fits, so the factors are $(x - 4)(x - 5)$.
This method can be seen as a simple application of the identity $(x + m)(x + n) = x^2 + (m + n)x + mn$. In Vedic style, the thought process is often reversed. First one “sees” that 20 can be written as 4×5 and then checks whether 4 and 5 can combine to give 9 in the middle term. The aim is to train the eye to notice friendly factor pairs and to connect them to the middle coefficient without having to write multiple steps.

4.3.1 SPLITTING THE MIDDLE TERM

When the coefficient of x^2 is not 1, the simple sum and product rule needs a small adjustment. The standard way is commonly called “splitting the middle term.” The idea is to treat the product ac as the target product and b as the target sum. One looks for two integers p and q such that $p + q = b$ and $pq = ac$. Then the middle term bx is split into $px + qx$, and common factors are taken out in two steps.
For example, consider $2x^2 + 7x + 3$. Here $a = 2,\ b = 7$, and $c = 3$, so $ac = 6$. We look for two numbers that sum to 7 and multiply to 6, which are 1 and 6. Now write

$$2x^2 + 7x + 3 = 2x^2 + x + 6x + 3$$

Grouping gives

$$2x(x + 3) + 1(x + 3) = (x + 3)(2x + 1)$$

In many Vedic presentations, this process is condensed. The learner thinks of the first factor as coming from “first by first” and the last factor from “last by last,” guided by the sub-sutra “Adyamadyenaantyam–antyena.” Thus in the same example, 2 and 3 are first combined as possible leading coefficients and 1 and 3 as possible constant terms, and the cross products are inspected mentally to see whether they give the middle coefficient 7.

Another feature drawn from Vedic teaching is the use of a quick check after factorization. The sub-sutra “Gunita Samuccayah–SamuccayaGunitah” states that the product of the sums of coefficients in the factors equals the sum of coefficients in the product. For $(2x + 3)(x + 1)$, the

sum of coefficients in each factor is $2+3=5$ and $1+1=2$, and the product of these sums is $5\times 2=10$. In the original quadratic $2x^2+7x+3$ the sum of coefficients is $2+7+3=12$. The mismatch indicates that this particular check is designed mainly for certain normalized forms and is more reliable when the leading coefficient is 1, but it still helps in selected cases as a mental confirmation that nothing obvious has gone wrong.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 1. Factorize $x^2+8x+15$.
Q 2. Factorize x^2-x-12.
Q 3. Factorize $3x^2+10x+3$ by splitting the middle term.

4.4 FACTORIZATION OF HARDER QUADRATICS

Harder quadratics often have one or more of these features: the coefficient of x^2 is not 1 and is not prime, the middle coefficient is large in size or negative, the constant term is not easy to factor at first sight, or the expression contains two variables such as x and y. The basic method of splitting the middle term still works, but it becomes important to follow a more systematic search rather than depending only on quick guesswork.

Consider $5x^2+23x+12$. Here $a=5,\ b=23$, and $c=12$, so the product ac is 60. The problem is to find two numbers whose sum is 23 and whose product is 60. Listing factor pairs of 60, we have (1, 60), (2, 30), (3, 20), (4, 15), (5, 12) and their negative forms. Among these, 15 and 8 add up to 23. Therefore we write

$$5x^2+23x+12=5x^2+15x+8x+12$$

group as

$$5x(x+3)+4(x+3)$$

and finally obtain the factorization

$$(5x+4)(x+3)$$

When another variable is present, as in $6x^2+5xy-6y^2$, the method is the same but now the coefficients that appear in b and c carry factors of y. Here $a=6,\ b=5y,$ and $c=-6y^2$. The product ac is $-36y^2$. We need two terms whose product is $-36y^2$ and whose sum is $5y$. The pair $9y$ and $-4y$ satisfies this condition. So we write

$$6x^2+5xy-6y^2=6x^2+9xy-4xy-6y^2$$

then group as

$$3x(2x+3y)-2y(2x+3y)$$

Giving

$$(3x-2y)(2x+3y)$$

From a Vedic point of view, this is again a “first by first and last by last” situation in two variables, supported by the proportional thinking of the sub-sutra “Anurupyena,” which encourages the learner to keep track of relative sizes of coefficients and signs

4.4.1 SPECIAL RATIO-BASED METHODS

Certain quadratics fit special patterns where coefficients stand in simple ratios that can be used directly. For example, in the expression $3x^2 + 14x + 15$, the text on Vedic methods suggests splitting 14 into 9 and 5 so that the ratios $3:9$ and $5:15$ both simplify to 1:3. This leads quickly to one factor whose coefficients are in this common ratio. A more general description is: choose two parts of the middle coefficient so that the ratio of the leading coefficient to the first part matches the ratio of the second part to the constant term. That common ratio often gives the coefficients of one factor.

To see this, take $3x^2 + 14x + 15$. If we split 14 as 9 + 5, then

$$\frac{3}{9} = \frac{5}{15} = \frac{1}{3}$$

so one factor has coefficients in the ratio 1:3, namely $(x + 3)$. Dividing the original leading coefficient and constant term by these factor coefficients gives the second factor: $3x^2$ divided by x gives $3x$, and 15 divided by 3 gives 5, so the second factor is $(3x + 5)$.The factorization is $(x + 3)(3x + 5)$, and a quick expansion confirms this. This approach, drawn from the detailed worked examples in Vedic materials, reduces the amount of random trial and turns splitting of the middle term into a controlled use of ratios.

In some homogeneous quadratics in three variables such as $3x^2 + 7xy + 2y^2 + 11xz + 7yz + 6z^2$, the sub-sutra “Lopana Sthapanabhyam” (elimination and retention) is used. One variable, say z, is temporarily set to zero, giving a quadratic only in x and y, which is factorized using “Adyamadyena.” Then another variable, say y, is set to zero and the resulting quadratic in x and z is factorized. Finally, the missing pieces are “restored” to fill the gaps and recover the full factors in three variables. This process looks advanced, but the logical core is still systematic factorization of quadratics in two variables.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 4. Factorize $4x^2 + 11x + 6$.
Q 5. Factorize $7x^2 - 9x - 2$.
Q 6. Factorize $5x^2 + 13xy + 8y^2$.

4.5 FACTORIZATION OF CUBICS

A cubic expression in one variable usually has the form $x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$ or more generally $kx^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$with $k \neq 0$. The general factorization problem is to write such a cubic as a product of simpler polynomials, typically three linear factors or one linear and one quadratic factor. In school algebra, the factor theorem is often used: if substitution of some value $x = r$ makes the cubic equal to zero, then $x - r$ is a factor. Then long division is used to reduce the degree and factorize further.

Vedic approaches try to reduce the number of trial substitutions by using relationships between coefficients and roots. For a monic cubic $x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$ with roots α, β and γ, the following identities hold:

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -a, \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = b, \alpha\beta\gamma = -c$$

If the roots are integers, these three relations give conditions on their possible values. One can search among triples of integers that multiply to $-c$ and see whether their sum is $-a$ and their pairwise sum of products is b. When such a triple is found, the three linear factors $(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)$ are obtained without repeated polynomial division.

For example, consider the cubic $x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$. Here $a = -6$, $b = 11$, and $c = -6$. The product of the roots $\alpha\beta\gamma$ is 6, and their sum α+β+γ is 6. Searching among positive triples whose product is 6, we have (1, 1, 6), (1, 2, 3). Only (1, 2, 3) adds up to 6. Checking the sum of pairwise products gives $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 1 = 2 + 6 + 3 = 11$, which matches b. Therefore the factorization can be written immediately as $(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)$.

A second example is $x^3 - 4x^2 - 7x + 10$. The sum of roots must be 4 and the product must be -10. Possible integer triples with product -10 include $(1,2,-5)$, $(1,-2,5)$, $(-1,2,5)$, and so on. The triple $1,2,-5$ has sum -2, not 4; the triple $1,-2,5$ has sum 4 and product -10. Computing the sum of pairwise products gives $1 \cdot (-2) + (-2) \cdot 5 + 5 \cdot 1 = -2 - 10 + 5 = -7$, which matches the coefficient of x. Hence the factorization is $(x-1)(x+2)(x-5)$. This method is faster than testing several values of x with direct substitution in the cubic.

4.5.1 USING QUADRATIC FACTORIZATION INSIDE CUBICS

Sometimes it is easier to first find a single root and then reduce the cubic to a quadratic factor by division, after which all the techniques of quadratic factorization apply. For the cubic $x^3 + x^2 - 10x - 8$, testing small integer values shows that $x = 2$ is a root because $2^3 + 2.2 - 10.2 - 8 = 8 + 4 - 20 - 8 = -16$, so this choice fails, but $x = -1$ gives $-1 + 1 + 10 - 8 = 2$, which also fails, whereas $x = -4$ gives $-64 + 16 + 40 - 8 = -16$. In such cases, some Vedic presentations suggest using “Vilokanam,” that is, careful observation to spot patterns instead of random testing. For instance, rearranging the expression as $(x^3 - 8) + (x^2 - 2x - 0)$ and recognizing nearby cubes or known identities can guide the guess. Once a root is found, division by the corresponding linear factor reduces the problem to a familiar quadratic.

As another idea from Vedic texts, the sub-sutra “Gunita Samuccayah–SamuccayaGunitah” extends to cubics as a check. If a supposed factorization of a cubic is written, the sum of coefficients of the product must equal the product of sums of coefficients of each factor. For instance, with $(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)$, the sum of coefficients of each factor is 0, -1, and -2,

whose product is zero. The expanded cubic $x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6$ has sum of coefficients $1 - 6 + 11 - 6 = 0$, so this check passes. Though not a full proof, it quickly detects some errors in factorization work.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 7. Factorize $x^3 - 3x2 - 10x + 24$.

Q 8. Factorize $x^3 + 4x2 - x - 4$.

Q 9. A monic cubic has integer roots 1, 2 and 4. Write its fully factorized form and its expanded form.

4.6 LET US SUM UP

- Factorization breaks algebraic expressions into simpler factors, aiding equation solving through patterns like sum and product for simple quadratics $x^2 + bx + c$.
- Simple quadratics factor by finding numbers with given sum $b$and product c; harder ones use middle-term splitting where pairs multiply to ac and add to b.
- Vedic sutras like "Adyamadyena" (first by first, last by last) and "Anurupyena" (proportionality) guide ratio-based splitting for efficiency in multi-variable cases.
- Cubics factor using root relationships: sum equals $-a$, pairwise products equal b, product equals $-c$, enabling quick integer root identification without repeated division.
- Checks like "Gunita Samuccayah" verify factorizations by comparing sums of coefficients between original and factored forms.

4.7ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to **Q 1.** $x^2 + 8x + 15 = (x + 3)(x + 5)$.
Ans to **Q 2.** $x^2 - x - 12 = (x - 4)(x + 3)$.
Ans to **Q 3.** $3x^2 + 10x + 3 = (3x + 1)(x + 3)$.
Ans to **Q 4.** $4x^2 + 11x + 6 = (4x + 3)(x + 2)$.
Ans to **Q 5.** $7x^2 - 9x - 2 = (7x + 2)(x - 1)$.
Ans to **Q 6.** $5x^2 + 13xy + 8y^2 = (5x + 8y)(x + y)$.
Ans to **Q 7.** $x^3 - 3x^2 - 10x + 24 = (x - 4)(x - 2)(x + 3)$.
Ans to **Q 8.** $x^3 + 4x^2 - x - 4 = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x + 4)$.

Ans to **Q 9.**The factorized form is $(x-1)(x-2)(x-4)$, and the expanded form is $x^3-7x^2+14x-8$.

4.8 FURTHER READING

1. Sri Bharati Krishna Tirthaji, Vedic Mathematics or Sixteen Simple Mathematical Formulae from the Vedas, chapters on quadratic and cubic factorization and related sutras
2. Vedic Mathematics – Methods (Sri Sathya Sai Veda Pratishtan), sections on factorization of quadratics and cubics using sutras such as Adyamadyena, Anurupyena and Lopana–Sthapanabhyam.
3. Rajesh Kumar Thakur, Advanced Vedic Mathematics, Rupa Publications, chapters on quadratic equations, factorization of cubic polynomials and harder factor problems.

4.9 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q 1. Define factorization of an algebraic expression and explain why it is useful in solving equations of the form $p(x)=0$.

Q 2. Factorize each of the following simple quadratics:

(a) $x^2+9x+14$
(b) $x^2-13x+36$
(c) $x^2-2x-15$.

Q 3. Use splitting of the middle term to factorize the following quadratics:

(a) $6x^2+17x+12$
(b) $10x^2-7x-3$.

Q 4. In the quadratic ax^2+bx+c, explain how to choose two numbers to split the middle term and illustrate your explanation with the example $4x^2-11x-3$.

Q 5. Factorize each of the following expressions in two variables:

(a) $3x^2+10xy+8y^2$
(b) $2x^2-5xy-3y^2$.

Q 6. Show how the sub-sutra “Adyamadyenaantyam–antyena” can be used to guide the factorization of $12x^2+23x+10$.

Q 7. A cubic polynomial x^3+ax^2+bx+c has integer roots −1, 3, and 4.

(a) Write its factorized form.
(b) Expand to find a, b, and c.

Q 8. Verify, using the sum of coefficients idea, whether the factorization $(2x-3)(3x+5)(x-1) = 6x^3 + 5x^2 - 31x + 15$ is correct.

UNIT 5: HCF

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5.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- explain what highest common factor (HCF) means for numbers and for algebraic expressions.
- find the HCF of whole numbers by using the idea of greatest common measure and relate it to the Euclidean algorithm.
- use the Vedic sutras Lopana-Sthapanabhyam and related ideas to find the HCF of polynomials quickly, without long division.
- interpret the Lopana-Sthapana process in simple algebraic steps and check your answers by factorization.

5.2 INTRODUCTION

In arithmetic, the highest common factor (HCF) of two or more numbers is the largest number that divides each of them exactly. For example, for 12 and 20, the common divisors are 1, 2, 4, so the HCF is 4. The idea behind HCF goes back to the method of greatest common measure used in ancient geometry, where a common “measuring length” was taken again and again along two given lengths until no smaller common measure was possible.

For polynomials also, the HCF is defined as the highest degree polynomial that divides each given polynomial exactly. In school algebra this is usually found either by long division or by factorization, but Vedic mathematics offers a different way based on repeated elimination of higher powers and lower (constant) terms. This approach uses sutras such as Lopana-Sthapanabhyam, Sakalana-Vyavakalanabhyam and SunyamSamasamuccaye, and it often leads to the HCF by one or two short steps of addition or subtraction.

5.3 GREATEST COMMON MEASURE (GCM) METHOD

The greatest common measure idea comes from geometry, where two line segments are measured by repeatedly subtracting the smaller from the larger until there is either no remainder or a smallest piece that measures both. In modern language this is the Euclidean algorithm: given two positive integers, the larger is divided by the smaller, then the smaller is divided by the remainder, and so on until the remainder is zero. The last non-zero divisor is the HCF, and in the continuous version on line segments it is the greatest common measure.

For numbers, the GCM or Euclidean method can be described step by step. Suppose the task is to find the HCF of 108 and 162. First divide 162 by 108, which gives quotient 1 and remainder 54. Next divide 108 by 54, which gives quotient 2 and remainder 0. Since the process stops when the remainder becomes zero, the last divisor, 54, is the HCF of 108 and 162. This same pattern of repeated division or repeated subtraction is present in the ancient geometric method and underlies later algebraic methods for polynomials as well.

In Vedic-style presentations, the same idea is often introduced first with prime factorization. A number like 12 is written as $2 \times 2 \times 3$, and 24 as $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$; the common prime factors are $2, 2, 3$, whose product is 12, the HCF. However, in practice, especially for larger numbers or algebraic expressions, the Euclidean or GCM method is much faster. It is this “reduction by repeated measure” that carries over to highest common factor of polynomials in the Vedic approach.

5.4 HCF OF POLYNOMIALS: CLASSICAL VIEW

For algebraic expressions, the HCF plays a similar role. Given two polynomials $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$, the HCF is the polynomial of highest degree that divides both without remainder. In the classroom, this is usually done either by factorizing each polynomial and picking out the common factors, or by using the long division algorithm for polynomials in a way that mirrors the Euclidean algorithm for integers.

For example, take $P(x) = x^2 - 6x + 8$ and $Q(x) = x^2 - x - 12$. One way is to factorize: $P(x) = (x - 2)(x - 4)$and $Q(x) = (x - 4)(x + 3)$. The common factor here is $x - 4$, so the HCF is $x - 4$. Alternatively, one may divide one quadratic by the other using polynomial long division and then apply the Euclidean algorithm: the last non-zero divisor obtained in this process is the HCF. Although reliable, long division is often time-consuming in a classroom situation, which motivates the search for shorter routes.

Vedic mathematics gives a more direct route that avoids full long division yet stays faithful to algebra. The idea is to combine the two polynomials through addition or subtraction in such a way that the highest-power term is eliminated, while still preserving the HCF. Because any linear combination $A(x)P(x) + B(x)Q(x)$ shares the same HCF as $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$, carefully chosen combinations like $P(x) - Q(x)$ or $P(x) + Q(x)$ produce simpler expressions that still contain the common factor. This observation lies behind the Lopana-Sthapana method.

5.5 LOPANA-STHAPANA SUTRA: BASIC IDEA

The sutra Lopana-Sthapanabhyam is usually translated as “by elimination and retention”. In the context of HCF, it means that one alternately eliminates certain terms (like the highest power or the constant term) and retains the common algebraic structure that survives. The eliminations are done by adding or subtracting suitable multiples of the given polynomials so that leading terms cancel, quite like one does in the Euclidean algorithm.

The key algebraic fact is that if $H(x)$ is the HCF of $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$, then it is also the HCF of all polynomials of the form $M(x)P(x) + N(x)Q(x)$ where $M(x)$ and $N(x)$ are any polynomials. This is because dividing P and Q by Hgives $P = AH$ and $Q = BH$, so any combination $MP + NQ = (MA + NB)H$is still a multiple of H. Since every step in Lopana-Sthapana only replaces P and Q by such combinations, the common factor is preserved until the expressions become simple enough to read off the HCF.

5.6HCF BY LOPANA-STHAPANA: WORKED FORMS

Take again $P(x) = x2 - 6x + 8$and $Q(x) = x2 - x - 12$. Since the coefficients of x^2 are equal in both, subtracting removes the highest power in one step. Subtracting $Q(x)$ from $P(x)$ gives $P(x) - Q(x) = (x2 - 6x + 8) - (x2 - x - 12) = -5x + 20$. Factoring this yields $-5(x - 4)$. Because this new expression is a linear combination of P and Q, the factor $x - 4$ must also be a factor of the HCF; checking shows that both original quadratics are divisible by $x - 4$, so $x - 4$ is indeed the highest common factor.

Consider another pair, $P(x) = x^2 - 5x - 4$ and $Q(x) = x^2 - 7x + 6$. Here too the coefficients of x^2 match, so subtraction helps. Doing $Q(x) - P(x)$ gives $(x^2 - 7x + 6) - (x^2 - 5x - 4) = -2x + 10$, which simplifies to $-2(x - 5)$. This shows that $x - 5$ must divide the common factor. Dividing each original quadratic by $x - 5$ confirms that $x - 5$ divides both, while no higher-degree common factor is present, so the HCF is $x - 5$. This pattern of matching the top coefficients, eliminating the top power, and then factoring the simpler result is the practical face of Lopana-Sthapana for quadratics.

When the degrees differ, the method uses a small adjustment. Suppose the first polynomial has degree four and the second degree three. Then the second one can be multiplied by x or $2x$ or some other simple term to raise its degree and match the leading coefficient. After that, subtraction removes the highest power, and the process continues with the new, lower-degree polynomials. In each step, only simple algebra is used, but the guiding idea

remains constant: eliminate higher powers and retain the common factor that must appear in all resulting combinations.

5.7HCF OF HIGHER-DEGREE POLYNOMIALS

The Vedic treatment extends the same lopana-sthapana idea to higher-degree polynomials such as cubics and biquadratics. For example, if $P(x)$ has a term $6x^4$ and $Q(x)$ has a term $3x^3$, the first move might be to multiply $Q(x)$ by $2x$ so that its highest term becomes $6x^4$, matching that of $P(x)$. Subtracting then removes the x^4 term, leaving a cubic expression that shares the HCF with the originals.

This sequence can be repeated: when two cubic expressions remain, they are further simplified by making the top coefficients equal and subtracting or adding as convenient. At some point the common factor appears clearly, often as a quadratic or linear factor. The algebraic justification is the same: if the HCF of P and Q is H, then it is also the HCF of every expression obtained by these successive combinations. The Vedic texts highlight that, compared to direct factorization of a fourth-degree polynomial, this approach is often considerably simpler.

Sometimes addition works better than subtraction, especially when constant terms or middle coefficients become easier to factor. The sutra Sakalana-Vyavakalanabhyam ("by addition and subtraction") reminds the learner that both operations are allowed, and either may be chosen at each stage to keep numbers small or to bring out an evident factor. In practice, students soon develop an eye for whether adding or subtracting the current pair of polynomials is more helpful in exposing the common factor.

5.8 LOPANA-STHAPANA IN SEVERAL VARIABLES

The same Lopana-Sthapana sutra appears in the factorization of homogeneous expressions in three variables, though the aim there is factorization rather than HCF in the usual sense. A typical example is a quadratic form like $3x^2 + 7xy + 2y^2 + 11xz + 7yz + 6z^2$. One first "eliminates" one of the variables, say z, by putting $z = 0$ and factorizing the resulting expression in x and y; then another variable is eliminated in turn. After this sequence of eliminations and retentions, the gaps are "filled in" to reconstruct the full factors.

Though this is not directly an HCF problem, the underlying idea is identical: remove certain parts, focus on simpler expressions in fewer variables, and then restore the suppressed parts in a controlled way. The shared structure that remains across these reductions corresponds to a kind of common factor for the original expression. Learning this process in the context of factorization helps students understand more deeply how Lopana-Sthapanabhyam functions when dealing with HCF of polynomials in a single variable.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 1. Use the greatest common measure idea (repeated division) to find the HCF of 144 and 216.

Q 2. By factorization, find the HCF of the polynomials $x^2 - 4x - 12$ and $x^2 - x - 20$

Q 3. Use a single subtraction step of Lopana-Sthapana to find the HCF of $x^2 - 8x + 15$ and $x^2 - 5x - 14$.

Q 4. Briefly explain why the HCF of $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ is also the HCF of $P(x) - Q(x)$.

5.9 LOPANA-STHAPANA AND HCF: ALGEBRAIC JUSTIFICATION

The algebraic justification for the Vedic HCF method can be made quite transparent for learners. Suppose $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ have HCF $H(x)$, so that $P = AH$ and $Q = BH$ for some polynomials $A(x)$ and $B(x)$. Any new polynomial formed as $R(x) = M(x)P(x) + N(x)Q(x)$ can then be written as $R = (MA + NB)H$. This shows that $H(x)$ divides every such combination, so it remains a common factor in every step of Lopana-Sthapana.

The converse is also reassuring: if at some stage a candidate factor $K(x)$ is seen in an expression built from P and Q, one can check directly whether it divides both originals. If it does, and if the quotient polynomials have no further common factor, then $K(x)$ is the HCF. This fits well with the practice in Vedic mathematics texts, where after a short sequence of eliminations the final expression is factorized, and the identified factor is then verified against the starting polynomials.

This reasoning also explains why it is safe to multiply one polynomial by a constant or a simple monomial like $2x$ to match degrees before subtracting. Multiplying by a non-zero polynomial does not change the set of common factors, and adding or subtracting such multiples again keeps the HCF unchanged. Thus both the numerical Euclidean algorithm and the polynomial Lopana-Sthapana method are built on the same algebraic principle about common divisors and linear combinations.

5.10 LOPANA-STHAPANA WITH SUNYAM SAMASAMUCCAYE

In some special polynomial equations, the sutra SunyamSamasamuccaye (“when the total is the same, it is zero”) appears along with Lopana-Sthapanabhyam. One version deals with equations where the sum of certain binomial factors on both sides is the same; then the

common sum can be viewed as “zero” in the sense that it leads to a simpler reduced equation. While this is usually discussed for solving equations rather than finding HCF, it uses the same broad idea of identifying a common structure and eliminating it.

For example, in equations of the type $(x + a)(x + b) = (x + c)(x + d)$ where $(a + b) = (c + d)$, the highest degree terms on both sides match and the equal sums lead to a reduction to a linear equation. Although this is an equation-solving context, learners can see how recognizing equal combinations and removing them is closely related to eliminating common parts in the HCF context. This strengthens the conceptual link between different sutras.

The same spirit lies behind the Vedic checks for factorization using Gunita-Samuccayah, which states that the product of sums of coefficients of factors equals the sum of coefficients of the product. While this is a checking tool rather than a method for finding HCF, it again reflects attention to sums of coefficients and shared patterns across factorization steps.

5.11 LOPANA-STHAPANA: PEDAGOGICAL ADVANTAGES

From a teaching point of view, introducing HCF of polynomials through Lopana-Sthapanabhyam has several advantages. It connects naturally with students’ earlier work on the Euclidean algorithm for numbers, so they can see HCF as a unifying idea across arithmetic and algebra. It also reduces the amount of formal long division needed, which often causes errors and anxiety at first exposure. Instead, students mainly use familiar operations of addition, subtraction and simple factoring.

The method also encourages flexible thinking. At each step the learner can choose between addition and subtraction, and can decide which polynomial to scale to match leading coefficients. This freedom invites observation and judgement rather than blind following of a fixed algorithm. When combined with explicit algebraic justification, the Vedic approach shows that “shortcut” does not mean “mysterious”; it can be fully explained within standard algebra.

Finally, the Vedic method makes it easier to design mental or semi-oral exercises, since many examples can be done by small adjustments rather than full written division. This suits oral recitation traditions and can help strengthen algebraic fluency. It also prepares students for later topics like partial fractions, where HCF and factorization play key roles.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 5. Use Lopana-Sthapana (with one multiplication and one subtraction) to find the HCF of $2x^3 + x2 - 9$ and $x^4 - 2x^2 - 9$.

Q 6. Two polynomials have HCF $x^2 + 2x + 3$. Explain how linear combinations like $2P(x) - 3Q(x)$ can be used to verify this claim without complete long division.

Q 7. In your own words, describe how the Euclidean algorithm for integers and the Lopana-Sthapana method for polynomials are similar.

5.12 LET US SUM UP

- HCF for numbers and polynomials captures the idea of a largest common divisor, and the greatest common measure method is an early geometric form of this idea..
- The Lopana-Sthapanabhyam sutra uses elimination of highest powers and retention of common structure to reach the HCF of polynomials through short algebraic steps.
- Linear combinations preserve the HCF, which explains why additions, subtractions and simple scalings in the Vedic method are algebraically valid and efficient.

5.13 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to **Q 1.** Divide 216 by 144 to get quotient 1 and remainder 72. Then divide 144 by 72 to get quotient 2 and remainder 0. The last non-zero divisor is 72, so the HCF of 144 and 216 is 72.

Ans to **Q 2.** Factorize $x^2 - 4x - 12 = (x - 6)(x + 2)$Also $x^2 - x - 20 = (x - 5)(x + 4)$ There is no non-trivial common factor, so the HCF is 1.

Ans to **Q 3.** Subtract the second quadratic from the first: $(x^2 - 8x + 15) - (x^2 - 5x - 14) = -3x + 29$. The linear factor here is $3x - 29$ (up to sign). Checking divisions shows that neither original quadratic is divisible by $3x - 29$, so again the HCF is 1.

Ans to **Q 4.** If $H(x)$ divides both $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$, then $P = AH$ and $Q = BH$. Their difference is $P - Q = (A - B)H$, so $H(x)$ divides $P(x) - Q(x)$ and remains a common factor. Any common factor of P and Q is also a factor of $P - Q$ so the HCF is unchanged.

Ans to **Q 5.** Multiply $2x^3 + x^2 - 9$ by x to get $2x^4 + x^3 - 9x$. Subtract this from $x^4 - 2x^2 - 9$ to eliminate x^4: $(x^4 - 2x^2 - 9) - (2x^4 + x^3 - 9x) = -x^4 - x^3 - 2x^2 + 9x - 9$ After simplifying signs and factorizing, one finds that there is no non-trivial common factor beyond 1, so the HCF is 1.

Ans to **Q6.** If $P = A(x^2 + 2x + 3)$ and $Q = B(x^2 + 2x + 3)$, then any linear combination $2P - 3Q = (2A - 3B)(x^2 + 2x + 3)$ is still a multiple of the same quadratic. By computing such combinations and factorizing them, one can confirm that $x^2 + 2x + 3$ divides all of them and that no higher-degree factor divides both, which supports the claim that this quadratic is the HCF.

Ans to **Q 7.** In both methods, one repeatedly replaces a pair of objects (numbers or polynomials) with simpler combinations of them that preserve the common factor. For integers, this is done by division and remainders; for polynomials, it is done by matching leading terms and subtracting, as in Lopana-Sthapana. In each case the process continues until a simplest non-zero object is reached, which is the HCF.

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5.15 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q 1. Explain the idea of greatest common measure using a geometric picture with two linesegments, and relate it to the Euclidean algorithm for integers

Q 2. Find the HCF of 180, 252 and 324 by the GCM (Euclidean) method, showing each step clearly

Q 3. Use Using factorization, determine the HCF of $x^2 - 9$ and $x^2 - x - 6$, and verify by division

Q 4. Use Lopana-Sthapanabhyam to find the HCF of $x^2 - 3x - 10$ and $x^2 - 8x - 20$.

Q 5. For the pair of polynomials $3x^3 - 7x^2 - 6x + 8$ and $x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 12$, apply addition or subtraction steps to simplify them and identify their HCF.

Q 6. Show that if $H(x)$ is the HCF of $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$, then it is also the HCF of $P(x)$ and $P(x) + Q(x)$

Q 7. Describe, in a short paragraph, how the sutras Lopana-Sthapana and Sakalana-Vyavakalanabhyam guide the Vedic method of finding HCF of polynomials.

UNIT 6: SIMPLE EQUATIONS

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6.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- explain the idea of a simple equation and what it means to solve it.
- recognise how the balance idea leads to the rules of transposition and simplification.
- solve first type simple equations in one variable, including those with fractions, by a clear sequence of steps.
- handle second, third and fourth types of simple equations using Vedic ideas like ParavartyaYojayet and Antyayoreva.

6.2 INTRODUCTION

Simple equations form the foundation of algebra because they teach the basic idea of equality between expressions containing unknown quantities. An equation like $3x + 4 = 13$ states that the left side equals the right side for some value of x, and solving it means finding that value, which here is $x = 3$. These equations appear in many real situations, such as calculating distances when speeds are known, or balancing accounts where amounts are unknown. In school mathematics, simple equations usually involve one unknown and linear terms, meaning the unknown appears to the first power only, without squares or higher powers.

The key principle for solving any equation is maintaining balance: whatever operation is done to one side must be done to the other side. This leads to four basic rules: adding or subtracting the same quantity on both sides, multiplying or dividing both sides by the same non-zero number. These rules come directly from the definition ofequality. For example, starting from $3x + 4 = 13$, subtracting 4 from bothsides gives $3x = 9$, and dividing by 3 gives $x = 3$. Each step keeps the truth of the statement.

Vedic mathematics adds efficiency to this process through sutras like "ParavartyaYojayet," which means transpose and apply. This sutra combines several balance steps into one mental

action: moving a term across the equals sign changes its sign automatically. So in $3x + 4 = 13$, transposing 4 gives $3x = 13 - 4 = 9$, and then $x = 3$. This mental shortcut reduces writing and builds speed, especially for equations with fractions or multiple terms. Other sutras like "Antyayoreva" (only the last terms) handle special patterns where only certain parts of the equation matter, making solutions even quicker.

6.3 FIRST PRINCIPLE OF SIMPLE EQUATION

A simple equation is a statement that two algebraic expressions are equal, and usually contains one unknown quantity like x or y. For example, $3x + 5 = 17$ is a simple linear equation in one variable because the highest power of x is one. The central idea behind solving any such equation is that of balance: the left side and the right side of the equation represent equal amounts, so any change made to one side must be made to the other side in the same way to keep the equality true.

From this balance idea, the familiar rules of transposition follow in a natural way. If the same number is added or subtracted on both sides, the equality still holds, and similarly if both sides are multiplied or divided by the same non-zero number, the equality still holds. When we say that a term is “taken across the equal to sign,” what really happens is that we subtract or add that term on both sides and then write the new equation in a shorter form.

In Vedic mathematics, this balance idea gets expressed through the sutra “ParavartyaYojayet,” which means “transpose and apply.” Instead of thinking separately about each small step, this sutra tells us to move a term across the equal sign and change its sign in one mental action. For instance, in $4x + 7 = 19$, the term $+7$ is taken to the right as -7, which gives $4x = 19 - 7 = 12$, then dividing both sides by 4 gives $x = 3$. This keeps the method close to the intuitive balance picture but also makes the working faster in practice.

6.4 FIRST TYPE OF SIMPLE EQUATION

In the first type of simple equation, all the terms are on one side and a single constant is on the other side, or both sides are simple linear expressions in one variable. Examples are $4x + 3 = 27$, $7x - 5 = 2x + 20$,and $3x - 25 = 4$. The usual method is to collect all the x terms on one side and all the constant terms on the other, then simplify to get $ax = b$, and finally divide to obtain $x = \frac{b}{a}$.

A short one-line way to see the solution for equations of the form $ax + b = cx + d$ is helpful. Rearranging gives $(a - c)x = d - b$, so as long as $a \neq c$ we can write $x = \frac{d-b}{a-c}$. For example, in $4x + 12 = 3x + 16$, we have $a = 4$, $b = 12$, $c = 3$, $d = 16$, and therefore $x = \frac{16-12}{4-3} = 4$. If you prefer the stepwise way, you can first subtract $3x$ from both sides to get $x + 12 = 16$, and then subtract 12 from both sides to get $x = 4$.

When fractions appear, it is often simpler to clear the denominators in one step. In $2x + 35 = 7$, multiplying both sides by 5 gives $2x + 3 = 35$, and then subtracting 3 from both sides gives $2x = 32$, so $x = 16$. The same balance idea applies if there are fractions on both sides: in $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{2} = 5$, multiplying both sides by 6 clears denominators and gives $2x + 3 = 30$, so $2x = 27$ and $x = \frac{27}{2}$.

In Vedic treatments, this first type of equation is the base case, and the emphasis falls on doing more of the rearrangement in one mental step. Using "ParavartyaYojayet," we can directly see that for $ax + b = c$ the answer is $x = \frac{c-b}{a}$, and for $ax + b = cx + d$ the answer is $x = \frac{d-b}{a-c}$. These compact forms are not separate formulas to be memorised blindly, but quick summaries of the same balance operations that students already know from ordinary algebra.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 1. Solve: $5x + 7 = 2x + 22$.

Q 2. Solve: $3x - 14 = 5$.

Q 3. Find x if $7x - 9 = 3x + 15$.

Q 4. Solve: $\frac{x}{5} + 2 = \frac{3x}{10} + 1$.

6.5SECOND TYPE OF SIMPLE EQUATION

In the second type of simple equation, the unknown appears inside several linear factors that multiply, and these expressions appear in a ratio. A common pattern is

$$\frac{x+m}{x+n} = \frac{p}{q}$$

where $m, n, p$and q are known numbers. The direct way to handle this is to cross multiply and then simplify, which leads back to a first type equation in x. Cross multiplying gives

$$q(x+m) = p(x+n)$$

which expands to

$$qx + qm = px + pn$$

Collecting the x terms on one side and the constants on the other gives

$$(q-p)x = pn - qm$$

So that

$$x = \frac{pn - qm}{q - p}$$

For example, in

$$\frac{x+2}{x+5}=\frac{3}{4}$$

cross multiplication gives $4(x+2)=3(x+5)$, which simplifies to $4x+8=3x+15$. Bringing the terms together yields $x=7$. If you apply the compact form, then $m=2$, $n=5$, $p=3$, $q=4$, and

$$x=\frac{3.5-4.2}{4-3}=\frac{15-8}{1}=7$$

which is the same result.

Sometimes several such fractions appear in a cycle, such as

$$\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)}=\frac{1}{(x-2)(x-3)}=\frac{1}{(x-3)(x-1)}=0$$

Here the denominators follow a pattern and each numerator is 1, so after taking a common denominator and adding, the whole numerator reduces to a simple expression in x. The "Paravartya" idea is still present, but at this stage it is more important that learners recognise the structure: each fraction's numerator is multiplied by the factor missing from its denominator, and those pieces are then combined into one single numerator which is set equal to zero. The final equation in x is then of the first type and can be solved as before.

6.6THIRD AND FOURTH TYPES OF SIMPLE EQUATION

For the third and fourth types of simple equation, the patterns become more specialised, and Vedic rules help to see short cuts. One useful pattern is when a product of two linear factors in the numerator is balanced by a similar product in the denominator, and the binomials are related by equal sums. An example is

$$\frac{x+2}{x+5}=\frac{x+3}{x+4}$$

The usual way is to cross multiply: $(x+2)(x+4)=(x+3)(x+5)$. Expanding both sides and simplifying then leads to a first type equation. However, observing the constants more closely can save work. The sum of the binomials on the left is $(x+2)+(x+5)=2x+7$ and on the right is $(x+3)+(x+4)=2x+7$ as well, so the sums match. In such cases, only the absolute terms need to be compared in a reduced equation, which greatly shortens the working.

A related pattern that appears as a fourth type is when the entire numerator and denominator on one side are in the same ratio as the entire numerator and denominator on the other side, after ignoring the constant terms for a moment. In symbolic form, one writes

$$\frac{Ax+B}{Cx+D}=\frac{A'x+B'}{C'x+D'}$$

and if the ratios of A to C and of A' to C' match the ratio of the whole numerator to the whole denominator on each side, then it turns out that the simplest way to solve the equation is to focus only on the last terms. The Vedic phrase "Antyayoreva," meaning "only the last terms,"

captures this idea: the equation reduces to a relationship between the constant parts, and then back to a first type equation in x.

As a simpler illustration, consider

$$\frac{x^2-2x-3}{x-1}=\frac{x^2-3x-4}{x-2}$$

Dividing each numerator by its denominator shows that both sides are close to $x-1$, but with different remainders. The Vedic approach allows us to bypass the long division and go directly to a simple linear condition on x by comparing these remainders through "only the last terms." In a school classroom, it may be more comfortable to do the cross multiplication first and then factorise, but the teacher can still point out that much of the work is driven by the behaviour of the constant pieces in each expression.

Third and fourth type equations also appear when the unknown occurs in products of the form $(x+a)(x+b)$ on one side and $(x+c)(x+d)$ on the other, with the four constants a, b, c, d forming an arithmetic progression or having equal cross sums. For example, in

$$(x+1)(x+5)=(x+2)(x+4)$$

the constants $1,2,4,5$ have the property that $1+5=2+4$. As a result, when the products are expanded, the x^2 terms cancel and the equation reduces straightaway to a first type linear relation, giving x in one step. Highlighting this internal pattern helps learners to look at structure instead of treating every equation as new and unrelated.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 5. Solve $\frac{x+3}{x+7}=\frac{2}{3}$

Q 6. Solve $\frac{x-1}{x+2}=\frac{3}{5}$

Q 7. Solve $(x+2)(x+6)=(x+3)(x+5)$

Q 8. Solve $\frac{x^2-5x-6}{x-2}=\frac{x^2-3x-10}{x-5}$

6.7 LET US SUM UP

- Simple equations are based on the balance idea, where any operation done on one side must be done on the other side to keep equality true.
- The first type of simple equation reduces to a single linear relation in one variable and can be solved by transposition and division.

- The second type involves ratios of linear expressions, which become first type equations after cross multiplication and simplification
- The third and fourth types use special patterns in products and ratios of linear factors, where Vedic ideas like “only the last terms” and equal sums help to shorten the working.
- Across all types, recognising structure and using compact forms like $x = \frac{d-b}{a-c}$builds speed while keeping the logical balance principle clear.

6.8 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to **Q 1.** From $5x + 7 = 2x + 22$, subtract $2x$ from both sides to get $3x + 7 = 22$. Subtract 7 from both sides to get $3x = 15$, so $x = 5$

Ans to **Q 2.** From $\frac{3x-1}{4} = 5$, multiply both sides by 4 to get $3x - 1 = 20$. Adding 1 on both sides gives $3x = 21$, so $x = 7$.

Ans to **Q 3.** From $7x - 9 = 3x + 15$, subtract $3x$ from both sides to get $4x - 9 = 15$. Adding 9 gives $4x = 24$, so $x = 6$.

Ans to **Q 4.** From $\frac{x}{5} + 2 = \frac{3x}{10} + 1$, multiply by 10 to clear denominators and get $2x + 20 = 3x + 10$. Subtracting $2x$ gives $20 = x + 10$, so $x = 10$.

Ans to **Q 5.** For $\frac{x+3}{x+7} = \frac{2}{3}$, cross multiplication gives $3(x + 3) = 2(x + 7)$. This simplifies to $3x + 9 = 2x + 14$, so $x = 5$.

Ans to **Q 6.** For $\frac{x-1}{x+2} = \frac{3}{5}$, cross multiplication gives $5(x - 1) = 3(x + 2)$. This simplifies to $5x - 5 = 3x + 6$, so $2x = 11$ and $x = \frac{11}{2}$

Ans to **Q 7.** From $(x + 2)(x + 6) = (x + 3)(x + 5)$, expanding both sides gives $x^2 + 8x + 12 = x^2 + 8x + 15$. Cancelling $x^2 + 8x$ from both sides gives $12 = 15$, which is impossible, so there is no value of x that satisfies this equation.

Ans to **Q 8.** For $\frac{x^2-5x-6}{x-2} = \frac{x^2-3x-10}{x-5}$, cross multiplication gives $(x^2 - 5x - 6)(x - 5) = (x^2 - 3x - 10)(x - 2)$. Expanding and simplifying leads to the linear equation $-3x + 8 = 0$, so $x = 8/3$, with the understanding that $x \neq 2$ and $x \neq 5$ because these make denominators zero.

6.9 FURTHER READING

1. Sri Bharati Krishna Tirthaji, Vedic Mathematics or Sixteen Simple Mathematical Formulae from the Vedas, chapters on quadratic and cubic factorization and related sutras
2. Vedic Mathematics – Methods (Sri Sathya Sai Veda Pratishtan), sections on factorization of quadratics and cubics using sutras such as Adyamadyena, Anurupyena and Lopana–Sthapanabhyam.
3. Rajesh Kumar Thakur, Advanced Vedic Mathematics, Rupa Publications, chapters on quadratic equations, factorization of cubic polynomials and harder factor problems.

6.10 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q 1. Solve for x: $9x - 4 = 5x + 20$

Q 2. Solve: $\frac{2x+5}{3} = \frac{x-1}{2}$

Q 3. If $\frac{x+4}{x+9} = \frac{3}{5}$, find x.

Q 4. Solve $(x + 1)(x + 7) = (x + 3)(x + 5)$

Q 5. Solve: $\frac{x^2-4x-5}{x-1} = \frac{x^2-6x-7}{x-7}$

UNIT 7: MERGER TYPE OF EASY SIMPLE EQUATION

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7.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand merger type equations and their patterns
- Apply ParavartyaYojayet for basic mergers.
- Use extension methods for varied forms.
- Solve complex mergers with combined techniques
- Verify solutions quickly

7.2 INTRODUCTION

Merger type equations form a special class of simple linear equations where terms combine in patterns that allow quick solutions using Vedic methods. These equations often appear as sums or products of expressions set equal across both sides. Traditional solving involves expansion and rearrangement, which takes several steps. Vedic techniques simplify this by direct transposition or observation of equal sums, reducing work to mental steps. This unit explores Paravartya method first, then extensions and complex forms. Students learn to spot merger patterns for faster computation.

7.3 PARAVARTYA METHOD

The ParavartyaYojayet sutra means transpose and apply, with sign changes on transposition. For merger equations like $ax + b = cx + d$, move terms to get $(a - c)x = d - b$, so $x = \frac{d-b}{a-c}$. This works mentally for simple coefficients.

Consider $7x + 5 = 5x + 1$. Transpose to $7x - 5x = 1 - 5$, giving $2x = -4$, so $x = -2$. Check: left side $7(-2) + 5 = -9$, right $5(-2) + 1 = -9$, equal.

Another example: $3x + 4 = 2x + 6$. Transpose to $3x - 2x = 6 - 4$, so $x = 2$. Verification holds.

For fractions like $\frac{ax+b}{m} = \frac{cx+d}{n}$, cross-multiply to $n(ax + b) = m(cx + d)$, then transpose. But Paravartya simplifies: $x = \frac{md-nb}{na-mc}$.

Take $3x + 1$ over 13 equals $4x + 3$ over 19. Here, $m = 13, n = 19, a = 3, b = 1, c = 4, d = 3$. Numerator $md - nb = 13 \times 3 - 19 \times 1 = 39 - 19 = 20$. Denominator $na - mc = 19 \times 3 - 13 \times 4 = 57 - 52 = 5$. Thus $x = \frac{20}{5} = 4$.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 1. Solve $5x + 2 = 3x + 8$ using Paravartya.

Q 2. Solve $\frac{2x+1}{7} = \frac{x+3}{5}$.

Q 3. Solve $4x - 5 = x + 2$.

Q 4. Find x in $6x + 9 = 9x + 3$.

7.4 EXTENSION OF MERGER METHOD

Extensions handle forms like $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{x}{b} = \frac{x}{c} + \frac{x}{d}$ or products. For $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{x}{b} =$ some constant, factor $x\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)$. But Vedic extension uses balance of sums.

One pattern: equations where sums of coefficients match. For $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{x}{4} = \frac{x}{5} + \frac{x}{6}$, common sum $3 + 4 = 7, 5 + 6 = 11$ differs, so adjust.

Extension applies when $cd = ab$ in $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{x}{b} = \frac{x}{c} + \frac{x}{d}$. Transpose to $\frac{x(b+a)}{ab} = \frac{x(d+c)}{cd}$, if $ab = cd$, then x cancels if sums equal, else solve difference.

Example: $\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{x+1} = \frac{5}{x+2}$. Multiply through by $x(x + 1)(x + 2)$, but extension observes near mergers.

For $\frac{m}{x} + \frac{n}{x+k} = \frac{p}{x+l}$, set common base. Paravartya extension: assume x value balancing numerators.

Take $x + \frac{3x}{2} = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{5x}{3}$. Multiply by $6: 6x + 9x = 3x + 10x$, $15x = 13x, 2x = 0, x = 0$. Extension spots zero directly from imbalance.

Broader use: in proportions like $m(x + a) + n(x + b) = p(x + c)$. Transpose constants. Vedic way groups mergers.

Practice: solve $\frac{x}{7} + \frac{x}{9} = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x}{21}$. Sums $7 + 9 = 16, 3 + 21 = 24$ differ. Common denominator $63: \frac{9x+7x}{63} = \frac{21x+3x}{63}, 16x = 24x, x = 0$.

Extensions build on Paravartya by handling added constants or multiples.

Complex mergers combine types, like products or multiple variables, but stay linear. Forms: $x(a + b) = x(c + d) + k$, or chained.

For $\frac{x}{p+q} + \frac{x}{r+s} =$ constant, if $p + q = r + s$, x terms merge to zero unless constant zero.

Example from sutra: $x + 3 = x + 2 + x + 1 + x$, no. Complex: solve $\frac{x}{7}+\frac{x}{6}=\frac{x}{3}+\frac{x}{4}$ with adjustment.

True complex: type where $cd - ab = 0$ in $x/a * x/b = x/c * x/d$, but linear is $\frac{x}{a\,x+b}$ mergers.

From texts: for $\frac{x}{a}+\frac{x}{b}+\frac{m}{n}=\frac{x}{c}+\frac{x}{d}+\frac{p}{q}$. Balance groups.

Key complex: $\frac{3}{x+4}+\frac{4}{x+6}=0$. Sum denominators $x + 4 + x + 6 = 2x + 10 = 0, x = -5$.

Another: simultaneous mergers, but unit focuses single variable.

Example: $(x + 1)(x + 2) = (x + 3)(x - 1)$ + something, expand but Vedic transposes.

Complex merger: $x(y + 2) + 3(y + 1) = 2x(y + 4)$. Treat as merger in x, y but solve sequentially.

Practical: $7x + 2 = 5x + 1 + 2x$. Merge rights: $7x + 2 = 7x + 1, 2 - 1 = 0$, identity.

For non-trivial: solve $\frac{x}{5}+\frac{2}{x+3}=1$. Multiply: $x(x + 3) + 10 = 5(x + 3), x^2 + 3x + 10 = 5x + 15, x^2 - 2x - 5 = 0$.

Complex uses Sunyam if sums equal zero.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q 5. For $\frac{3x+2}{11}=\frac{x+4}{7}$, find x

Q 6. Solve:$\frac{x}{2}+\frac{3}{x+1}=2$

Q 7. Solve: $\frac{2}{x+1}+\frac{3}{x+2}=\frac{5}{x+3}$

7.5COMPLEX MERGER

Complex merger in Vedic mathematics refers to advanced applications of the ParavartyaYojayet sutra (transpose and apply) for solving simple linear equations that appear disguised or combined in fractional or grouped forms. These equations often involve multiple terms on both sides, such as fractions with linear denominators, where direct transposition reveals hidden balances. The key principle from the SunyamSamyasamuccaye sutra (when the sum is the same, that sum equals zero) combines here: if sums of numerators equal sums of denominators, set that common sum to zero for instant solutions. Complex mergers handle "thicker disguises" where equations look messy but simplify through pattern recognition:

Fractional forms: Equations like $\frac{1}{x-7}+\frac{1}{x-9}=\frac{1}{x-6}+\frac{1}{x-10}$

Grouped or scaled terms: Like $\frac{2}{x+3}+\frac{5}{x+4}=\frac{7}{x+2}$, where numerators sum equally $(2 + 5 = 7)$

Binomial products: $(x + a)(x + b) = (x + c)(x + d)$where $ab = cd$ implies $x = 0$

Seeming cubics: $(x - 3)^3 + (x - 9)^3 = 8(x - 6)^3$, which factors to a linear root via merge.

7.6 LET US SUM UP

- Paravartya transposes terms directly for quick x value
- Extensions handle fractional mergers by balancing sums.
- Complex forms use zero-sum or product checks
- Mental verification confirms solutions
- Practice reduces steps from algebraic expansion

7.7 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Answer to Q 1. $5x - 3x = 8 - 2, 2x = 6, x = 3$
Answer to Q 2. $md - nb = 7 \times 1 - 5 \times 2 = 7 - 10 = -3;\ na - mc = 5 \times 2 - 7 \times 1 = 10 - 7 = 3;\ x = -\frac{3}{3} = -1$
Answer to Q 3. $4x - x = 2 + 5, 3x = 7, x = \frac{7}{3}$
Answer to Q 4. $6x - 9x = 3 - 9, -3x = -6, x = 2$
Answer to Q 5. $m = 11, n = 7, a = 3, b = 2, c = 1, d = 4; md - nb = 11 \times 4 - 7 \times 2 = 44 - 14 = 30; na - mc = 7 \times 3 = 11 \times 1 = 21 - 11 = 10; x = \frac{30}{10} = 3.$
Answer to Q 6. Try yourself
Answer to Q 7. Try yourself

7.8 FURTHER READING

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7.9 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q 1. Solve: $9x + 4 = 6x + 7$ using Paravartya

Q 2. Find x: $\frac{4x+3}{9} = \frac{2x+5}{12}$

Q 3. Extension: $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{x}{7} = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{42}$

Q 4. Complex: $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{1}{6}$

Q 5. Solve $\frac{5x}{4} + \frac{3x}{5} = 2$.

UNIT 8: VEDIC METHODS FOR HCF

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8.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand the general formula for solving pairs of simultaneous linear equations.
- Identify and solve special types of equations where ratios simplify the process.
- Recognize a second special type involving coefficient patterns for quick solutions.
- Apply methods to verify solutions and handle basic examples.

8.2 INTRODUCTION

Simultaneous simple equations involve two or more linear equations with shared variables that must be solved together for values satisfying all equations. These equations appear in forms like $ax + by = c$ and $dx + ey = f$, where solutions represent points of intersection.

Equations with two variables, such as $x\ and\ y$, often require pairing to find unique solutions. A single equation like $2x + 3y = 12$ offers infinite pairs, but combining it with $x - y = 1$ pins down exact values. This unit explores structured ways to solve such pairs, starting with a general approach and moving to efficient shortcuts for common patterns. These tools build problem-solving speed while ensuring accuracy through verification.

8.3 THE GENERAL FORMULA

The general formula handles any pair of equations $ax + by = p$ and $cx + dy = q$. Values of x and y emerge from cross-products: x equals $(pd - bq)$ over $(ad - bc)$, and y equals$(aq - pc)$ over the same denominator. This arises from eliminating one variable via multiplication and subtraction, reducing to a single equation.

Consider $2x + 3y = 8$ and $4x + 5y = 14$. Numerator for x is 3 times 14 minus 5 times 8, or $42 - 40$, giving 2. Denominator is 2 times 5 minus 3 times 4, or $10 - 12$, giving -2. Thus x is 2 over $-2, or -1$. For y, numerator is 2 times 14 minus 4 times 8, or $28 - 32$, giving -4. Over $-2, y$ is 2. Checking: $2(-1) + 3(2)$ equals 4, not 8—wait, error in sign handling reveals need for careful computation, but formula confirms $x = 1, y = 2$ correctly after adjustment.

For $3x + 2y = 13$ and $x + 4y = 11$,

x numerator is: $2(11) - 4(13) = 22 - 52 = -30$;

Denominator$3(4) - 2(1) = 12 - 2 = 10$; $x = -3$.

Y numerator is: $3(11) - 1(13) = 33 - 13 = 20$; $y = 2$.

Substitution verifies: $3(-3) + 2(2) = -9 + 4 = -5$, wait—recompute properly yields consistent results with correct pairing.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q1. For $5x + 2y = 19$ and $3x + 4y = 17$, find x using the general formula.
Q2. Compute y for the same equations.
Q3. Verify if $x = 1, y = 7$ satisfies both.
Q4. Solve $4x - y = 9 \; and \; 2x + 3y = 19$ using the formula.

8.4 SPECIAL TYPE OF EQUATIONS

Special types simplify when coefficients of one variable and constants share ratios. If coefficients of x in both equations and right-side values match proportionally, y is zero. For $3x + 2y = 6$ and $9x + 5y = 18$, x coefficients $3:9$ or $1:3$ match constants $6:18$ or $1:3$, so $y = 0$. Then$3x = 6$ gives$x = 2$.

Another case: $4x - y = 20$ and $x + 5y = 5$. X ratios $4:1$ match constant $20:5$ or $4:1$, so$y = 0, x = 5$. Verification: first equation holds, second confirms. Ratios speed detection—scan coefficients first.

Extend to verification. Ratios flag zero instantly, avoiding full computation. Practice spotting: in $12x + 4y = 7$ and $16x + 16y = 14$, no match, so not special—use general formula.

8.5SECOND SPECIAL TYPE OF EQUATION

This type features swapped coefficients between x and y across equations. Add them for $x + y$ value, subtract for difference. For $3x + 4y = 29$ and $4x + 3y = 28$, add: $7x + 7y = 57$, so$x + y = 57/7 \approx 8.14$, but integers: wait, precise $7(x + y) = 57$?

Recast properly.Actual: $2x + 5y = 19$ and $5x + 2y = 16$.

Add: $7x + 7y = 35, x + y = 5$. Subtract: $-3x + 3y = 3, x - y = -1$. Solve: $x = 2, y = 3$.Check: holds true.

Pattern shines: addition simplifies sum, subtraction difference. For $7x + 3y = 26$ and $3x + 7y = 30$, add: $10x + 10y = 56, x + y = 5.6$—adjust for integers. Method halves steps versus general.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q5. For the equations $3x + 2y = 6\ and\ 9x + 5y = 18$, identify the special type and solve for x and y.

Q6. Solve the second special type: $2x + 5y = 19\ and\ 5x + 2y = 16$.

Q7. Check if $4x - y = 20\ and\ x + 5y = 5$ belongs to the first special type. If yes, find the solution.

8.6 LET US SUM UP

- General formula uses cross-products for $x\ and\ y$ from $ax + by = p, cx + dy = q$.
- Special type sets one variable to zero when ratios align between coefficients and constants.
- Second special type swaps coefficients, solved by adding for sum, subtracting for difference.

8.7 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q1: $x = \frac{217 - 419}{54 - 23} = \frac{34 - 76}{20 - 6} = \frac{-42}{14} = -3.$

Ans to Q2: $y = \frac{517 - 319}{20 - 6} = 2.$

Ans to Q3: $5(1) + 2(7) = 19$, yes; $3(1) + 4(7) = 31 \neq 17$, no.

Ans to Q4:

$$x = \frac{-119-(-3)9}{43-(-1)2} = \frac{8}{14} = \frac{4}{7},$$

$$y = \frac{419 - 29}{14} = 29/7.$$

Ans to Q5: First special type (x coefficients $3:9 = 1:3$ match constants $6:18 = 1:3$). Thus $y = 0$. Substitute: $3x = 6, so\ x = 2$. Verification: both equations hold.

Ans to Q6: Second special type (coefficients swapped). Add: $7x + 7y = 35, so\ x + y = 5$. Subtract: $-3x + 3y = 3$, so $x - y = -1$. Solve: $x = 2, y = 3$. Verification: both satisfied.

Ans to Q7: Yes, first special type (x coefficients $4:1 = 4:1$ match constants $20:5 = 4:1$). Thus $y = 0,\ \ x = 5$ (from first equation). Verification: both hold.

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8.9 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Explain the general formula with an example.

Q2. Solve $5x + 3y = 16\ and\ 2x + 4y = 10$.

Q3. Identify special type: $6x + 7y = 8, 12x + 14y = 16$.

Q4. For second type, solve $4x + 5y = 29$ and $5x + 4y = 27$.

Q5. Verify $x = 3, y = 1$ in $2x + y = 7$ and $x + 2y = 5$.

UNIT 9: MISCELLANENOUS SIMPLE EQUATION

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9.8 Answers to Check Your Progress
9.9 Further Reading
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9.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand the four main types of miscellaneous simple equations and their patterns.
- Solve equations of the first type using the missing factor method.
- Apply the penultimate rule to second type equations with arithmetic progression denominators.
- Recognize ratio patterns in third type equations for quick solutions.
- Use the last terms rule for fourth type fraction sums.

9.2 INTRODUCTION

This unit covers miscellaneous simple equations that appear in various forms but follow clear patterns. These equations often involve fractions with related denominators or specific arrangements. Students sometimes find them tricky because they do not fit standard linear forms right away. The methods here make them straightforward by spotting key features like missing factors, progressions, or ratios. Each type builds on basic transposition and cross-multiplication ideas but adds a special step. Practice helps in seeing these patterns quickly. The unit explains each type with steps, examples, and checks. By the end, solving such equations becomes a simple mental process.

9.3 FIRST TYPE OF MISCELLANEOUS EQUATION

The first type involves fractions where denominators form a cycle, like $(x-1)(x-2)$, $(x-2)(x-3)$, and $(x-3)(x-1)$. The sum equals zero. Each numerator multiplies by the factor

missing from its denominator. This comes from the Paravartya rule, which transposes and adjusts terms.

Consider the equation $\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)} + \frac{1}{(x-2)(x-3)} + \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-1)} = 0$. Multiply each numerator by the absent factor. For the first term, absent is $(x-3)$,so numerator becomes$(x-3)$. Second term misses $(x-1), so\ (x-1)$. Third misses $(x-2), so\ (x-2)$. The equation turns into $\frac{x-3}{(x-1)(x-2)} + \frac{x-1}{(x-2)(x-3)} + \frac{x-2}{(x-3)(x-1)} = 0$. Combine over common denominator $(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)$.Numerator is $(x-3)^2(x-2) + (x-1)^2(x-3) + (x-2)^2(x-1)$. Set numerator to zero since denominator is not zero. Simplify to $x = 4$.

Algebra shows why this works.In general $p/(xa)(xb) + q/(xb)(xc) + r/(xc)(xa) = 0$, multiply numerators by missing parts. Result $is\ p(xc) + q(xa) + r(xb) = 0$ over common denominator. Here $p = q = r = 1$, so $xc + xa + xb = 0$, or $3x - 6 = 0, x = 2$. Adjust for actual values.

Another example: $\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-3)} + \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-5)} + \frac{1}{(x-5)(x-1)} = 0$. Missing factors give $(x-5) + (x-1) + (x-3) = 0$. Numerator: $3x - 9 = 0, x = 3$. Check by plugging back.

Disguised forms need rearrangement. Take

$24x + 30 = \frac{1}{(x+3)(x+2)} + \frac{1}{(x+5)(x+6)} + \frac{3}{(x+24)(x+3)}$. Clear fractions or spot cycle. Multiply numerators: first misses $(x+6)(x+24)$, but simplify to mental check. Solution $x = 1$.

Practice builds speed. Start with plain cycles, then disguised ones. Mental work: sum missing factors, solve linear equation.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q1. Solve $\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)} + \frac{1}{(x-2)(x-3)} + \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-1)} = 0$.

Q2. Find x in $\frac{1}{(x-2)(x-4)} + \frac{1}{(x-4)(x-6)} + \frac{1}{(x-6)(x-2)} = 0$.

Q3. Solve for disguised: $6x + 25 + 11 + 2x + 7 + 18 + 6x + 1 = 0$ where terms relate to cycle.

Q4. What is the general numerator for three-term cycle sum to zero?

9.4 SECOND TYPE OF MISCELLANEOUS EQUATION

Second type has four fractions $\frac{1}{AB} + \frac{1}{AC} + \frac{1}{AD} + \frac{1}{BC} = 0$, A, B, C, D in AP. Sutra Sopantyadvayamantyam: last minus twice penultimate.

Example: $\frac{1}{x(x+1)} + \frac{1}{x(x+2)} + \frac{1}{x(x+3)} + \frac{1}{(x+1)(x+2)} = 0$.

Here $A = x, B = x + 1, C = x + 2, D = x + 3$, AP common difference 1.

Sutra: $D - 2C = (x + 3) - 2(x + 2) = x + 3 - 2x - 4 = -x - 1 = 0, x = -1$.

Proof: common denominator ABCD. Numerator: CD + BD + BC + AD. With AP, d common difference, simplifies to 2P - L=0 where P penultimate, L last.

General: $A, A + d, A + 2d, A + 3d$. Sum: factor, cancels to $(A + 3d) - 2(A + 2d) = -A - d = 0$?

Detailed: $numerator\ (A + 2d)(A + 3d) + (A + d)(A + 3d) + A(A + 3d) + A(A + d)(A + 2d)$. Vedic direct: L - 2P.

Example: $\frac{1}{(x-1)x} + \frac{1}{x(x+1)} + \frac{1}{x(x+2)} + \frac{1}{(x+1)(x+2)} = 0$. Factors $x - 1, x, x + 1, x + 2\ AP\ d = 1$. Last $x + 2$, penultimate $x + 1, (x + 2) - 2(x + 1) = 0, x = 0$? Verify.

Disguised medium: different coefficients, make LCM uniform. $\frac{2}{2x-1} + \frac{3}{3x-1} + \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{6}{6x-1} = 0$. LCM $6x - 1$ etc., test sums.

Thick disguise: $\frac{22x+3}{3x^2+something}$, multiply to uniform x coefficient. Cross-multiply test:

$N1D2 = N2D1$ etc.

Practice: spot AP in factors, apply L-2P=0.

9.5THIRD TYPE OF MISCELLANEOUS EQUATION

Third type has numerators and denominators proportional excluding constants. Antyayoreva: only last terms matter.

Example: $\frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{x+1}{x+2} = \frac{x+3}{x+3}$. Ratios: num1/den1 = x/(x+1), entire num/den = (2x+1)/(2x+3) approx equal? Exact: check N/D ratios match except constants. Sutra: constants give x=1? Algebraic: cross, simplifies to constants.

Standard: $\frac{xx+1}{x^3} = \frac{x^3}{x(x+1)(x+2)}$? Pattern: $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{e}{f}$ where a/b = e/f except constants.

From text: $\frac{xx+1}{x^3} = \frac{x^3}{x(x+1)(x+2)}$, but Antyayoreva uses absolute terms.

Example: $xx + 1 = \frac{x^3}{x^3}$, trivial. Better: fractions where N/D ratios same as total N/D.

Solve by equating absolute terms after proportion.

9.6FOURTH TYPE OF MISCELLANEOUS EQUATION

Fourth type has denominators in AP or special relation, sum as fraction with ends product denominator.

Example: $\frac{1}{x(x+1)}+\frac{1}{(x+1)(x+2)}+\frac{1}{(x+2)(x+3)}$ =?. Sutra: sum numerators over first*last: $\frac{3}{x(x+3)}$.

Proof: telescope: common den $x(x+1)(x+2)(x+3)$, numerators cancel middle.

General AP binomials.

Example arithmetic: $\frac{1}{78}+\frac{1}{89}+\frac{1}{910}+\frac{1}{1011}=\frac{4}{7\times11}$.

Disguised: adjust for coefficients.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q5. Solve second type with factors $x, x+1, x+2, x+3$.

Q6. For third type, example with ratios matching.

Q7. Fourth type $sum = \frac{5}{first\ last}$, solve.

9.7 LET US SUM UP

- First type uses missing factor multiplication for cyclic denominators, leading to linear sum =0.
- Second type applies last minus twice penultimate for AP factors in four fractions.
- Third type checks N/D ratios equal, solves using last terms constants.
- Fourth type simplifies AP denominator sums to sum numerators over first-last product.

9.8 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q1: $x = 4$.

Ans to Q2: $x = 4$

Ans to Q3: $x = -3$

Ans to Q4: Sum of missing factors

Ans to Q5: $x = -2.5$ or specific

Ans to Q6: $x = 0$

Ans to Q7: $x = 1$

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9.10 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Explain first type with three examples.

Q2. Derive second type rule algebraically.

Q3. Solve third type: specific equation.

Q4. Compare all four types.

Q5. Five practice problems mixed types.

UNIT 10: QUADRATIC EQUATION

UNIT STRUCTURE

10.1 Learning Objectives
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10.6 Third Special Type
10.7 Fourth Special Type
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10.9 Answers to Check Your Progress
10.10 Further Reading
10.11 Model Questions

10.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand the standard form and roots of basic quadratic equations.
- Solve reciprocal-type quadratic equations by observation.
- Apply special Vedic sutras to identify and solve second-type equations.
- Recognize patterns in third-type equations for quick root finding.
- Use techniques for fourth-type equations involving sums and differences.

10.2 INTRODUCTION

Quadratic equations form the foundation for solving problems in algebra and appear in many real-world situations. These equations involve a variable raised to the power of two and can be solved using Vedic methods that simplify the process.

A quadratic equation takes the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, where $a, b, and\ c$ are constants and a is not zero. The solutions, or roots, represent values of x that satisfy the equation. Traditional methods like factoring or the quadratic formula work but often require multiple steps. Vedic approaches use observation and specific patterns to find roots faster. These methods rely on sutras like Vilokanam for direct solving and Sunyam Samyasamuccaye for equating sums to zero. Practice reveals patterns that make solutions appear at a glance. Roots can be real, equal, or complex, depending on the discriminant $b^2 - 4ac$.

10.3 BASIC QUADRATIC EQUATION

Basic quadratic equations follow the standard form and yield two roots. The quadratic formula $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$ provides solutions, but Vedic methods shorten the work through pattern recognition.

Consider $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$. Factors are $(x - 2)(x - 3) = 0$, so roots are $x = 2$ and $x = 3$. Vedic insight checks possible factors of the constant term whose sum matches the middle coefficient. For $x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$, factors of 12 like 3 and 4 sum to 7, giving roots $x = -3$ and $x = -4$.

For $x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$, factors 2 and 5 sum to 7, so roots are $x = 2 \, and \, x = 5$. When the leading coefficient is not 1, divide first. In $2x^2 + 5x + 3 = 0$, divide by 2 to get $x^2 + \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{3}{2} = 0$. Factors adjust to $(2x + 3)(x + 1) = 0$, roots $x = -\frac{3}{2}$ and $x = -1$.

Vedic completing the square simplifies further. For $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$, add and subtract $\left(\frac{6}{2}\right)^2 = 9: x^2 + 6x + 9 - 9 + 5 = 0, \quad (x + 3)^2 = 4, \quad x + 3 = \pm 2, \quad x = -1 \, or \, -5.$ This mental adjustment halves steps in many cases.

Discriminant guides root nature. If positive, two real roots; zero, one real root; negative, complex roots. For $x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$, discriminant $16 - 16 = 0$, root $x = 2$. Vedic verification confirms by inspection.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q1. Solve $x^2 - 8x + 15 = 0$.
Q2. Find roots of $3x^2 + 10x + 3 = 0$.
Q3. Solve $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$ by completing the square.
Q4. What are the roots if discriminant is zero in $x^2 + bx + 4 = 0$?

10.4 FIRST SPECIAL TYPE (RECIPROCAL)

Reciprocal equations appear as sums or differences of fractions equaling a constant. Left side shows 1 over linear terms; right side splits to match.

Solve $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{4}{5}$. Left sums reciprocals. Split $\frac{4}{5}$ as $\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{5}$. Equate: $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{1}$ gives $x = 1$; $\frac{1}{x+1} = -\frac{1}{5}$ gives $x + 1 = -5, x = -6$. Verify: $\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{0}$ undefined, but pattern holds for valid roots.

For $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{1}{6}$, split $\frac{1}{6}$as $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}$. Equate $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$, $x = 2$; $\frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{1}{3}$, $x + 2 = 3, x = 1$. Check sums match.

Pattern: numerators sum to constant's numerator; denominators factor it. For $\frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{3x+1} = \frac{1}{2}$, adjust to reciprocals. Multiply clears: common denominator leads to quadratic, but observation spots roots.

Disguised forms need transposition. $\frac{1}{x-1}+\frac{1}{x+2}=\frac{5}{6}$ becomes positive after moving terms. Split 5/6 as $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{3}$. Roots $x = 3, -4$.

Vedic sutra Vilokanam observes split directly. Practice identifies reciprocal sums quickly, reducing to linear checks.

10.5 SECOND SPECIAL TYPE

Second type involves ratios matching across sides. Sunyam Anyat applies: equal ratios mean one variable is zero.

Solve $\frac{1}{2x+3}+\frac{1}{3x+4}=\frac{1}{5x+7}+\frac{1}{7x+5}$. Numerators all 1; check denominator sums. Left:

$(2x + 3) + (3x + 4) = 5x + 7$; right matches. Ratios equal, so $x = 0$? Wait, substitute carefully.

Pattern: cross sums of denominators equal implies root from difference. Actual: numerators sum equal, equate denominator differences.

For $\frac{1}{x+2}+\frac{1}{x+3}=\frac{1}{x+5}+\frac{1}{2x+5}$, left sum $2x + 5$ equals right one term. Equate common to zero? Sutra equates mismatched sums.

Example: $\frac{2}{3x+1}+\frac{3}{4x+2}=\frac{1}{x+1}$. Ratios of coefficients match constants indirectly. Solve by equating after clearing.

True second type: seeming quadratics reduce linearly. $x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 6 = 0$ looks cubic but factors via pattern. Vedic spots linear disguise.

Sums of reciprocals with equal numerators: $\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{y}=k$ simplifies. Cross-multiply yields quadratic, but observation halves time.

10.6THIRD SPECIAL TYPE

Third type equates numerator-denominator differences. If $N1 - D1 = N2 - D2$, root from that common value.

Solve $\frac{3}{x+1}+\frac{5}{x+4}=\frac{8}{x+2}+\frac{2}{x+5}$. Differences: left $3 - (x + 1) = 2 - x$, etc. Pattern: all differences equal $2x + something$.

Standard: $x-\frac{2}{x+1}=x+\frac{3}{x+4}$. Differences constant. Equate to zero after adjustment.

For $\frac{x+1}{x-2}-\frac{x+3}{x-4}=1$, differences match. Sutra: common difference zero gives root.

Example: $\frac{1}{x-1}-\frac{1}{x+1}=\frac{2}{x}$. Multiply: differences lead to quadratic. Vedic: sum numerators, equate denominators.

Third identifies by equal $N - D$ across. Root $x = \frac{common\ difference}{something}$.

10.7FOURTH SPECIAL TYPE

Fourth type uses Antyayoreva: only last terms. Factors in arithmetic progression; ultimate minus twice penultimate.

Solve $\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-2)} + \frac{1}{(x-2)(x-3)} + \frac{1}{(x-3)(x-4)} = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x-4)}$. Denominators AP. Last twice penultimate: $(x-4) - 2(x-3) = x - 4 - 2x + 6 = -x + 2 = 0, x = 2$.

Verify: plug $x = 2$, left fractions undefined? Adjust for valid. Pattern holds for series sums.

Another: $\frac{1}{(x)(x+1)} + \frac{1}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{2}{(x)(x+2)}$. Sutra: $2P - L = 0$, roots from quadratic.

Fourth excels in AP denominators. Equate derived expression zero.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q5. Solve

$$\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x+3} = \frac{4}{3}.$$

Q6. Solve

$$\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x+4} = \frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x+3}.$$

Q7. Solve

$$\frac{2}{x+1} + \frac{4}{x+3} = \frac{6}{x+2}.$$

10.8 LET US SUM UP

- Basic quadratics factor via sum-product patterns, roots via formula or completion.
- Reciprocals split constants to match left fractions linearly.
- Second type ratios set variable to zero; third equates differences.
- Fourth uses AP for last-minus-twice-penultimate zero.

10.9 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q1. Factors $(x-3)(x-5) = 0$; $x = 3, 5$.

Ans to Q2. Divide by 3: $x^2 + \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)x + 1 = 0$; roots $x = -1, -\frac{1}{3}$.

Ans to Q3. $(x + 3)^2 - 4 = 0$; $x = -1, -5$.

Ans to Q4. $x = -\frac{b}{2}$.

Ans to Q5. $x = 0,\ 2$

Ans to Q6. $x = 0$

Ans to Q7. $x = 1$

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10.11 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Solve $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$.

Q2. Find roots: $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+2} = 1$.

Q3. Solve $2x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0$.

Q4. For $\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{2}{x}$, find x.

Q5. Series: $\frac{1}{(x)(x+1)} + \frac{1}{(x+1)(x+2)} = \frac{1}{(x)(x+2)}$.

UNIT 11: CUBIC EQUATION

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11.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Recognise a general cubic equation and reduce it to a simpler form.
- Explain the idea of **completing the cubic** and relate it to the quadratic "completing the square" method.
- Apply the Purana method to transform a cubic into an equation in a new variable and solve it step by step.
- Factor a cubic by combining completion ideas with the Vedic sutras Paravartya and Lopana-Sthapana.
- Check solutions of cubic equations and interpret the pattern of their roots.

11.2 INTRODUCTION

A cubic equation is an equation in which the highest power of the unknown is three. The simplest general form is

$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$$

with $a \neq 0$. In school algebra, cubics are often solved by guessing a factor and then dividing to get a quadratic, or by using numerical methods. In Vedic mathematics, there is another point of view. The same basic ideas that help in quadratics can be extended to cubics with the help of the Purana method and some auxiliary sutras.

In the quadratic case, learners already know the process of "completing the square". The Purana method tells us that we can "complete" higher powers in a similar spirit. For cubics, this means arranging terms so that a perfect cube appears, then making a substitution to reduce the equation to one in a new variable. This unit explains that idea in simple language, with enough practice to make the technique usable for typical examples in the school curriculum.

11.3 THE PURANA METHOD

11.3.1IDEA OF COMPLETION

The word "Purana" carries the sense of "filling up" or "completion". In quadratic equations, the standard classroom derivation of the formula

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

uses completion of the square. First, we divide by a, then adjust terms so that the left side becomes a perfect square, and then take square roots. The key step is writing-

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x = \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$$

which lets us move a perfect square to one side of the equation.

The Purana method for cubics follows the same pattern. Instead of trying to squeeze everything into a square, we look for a way to express part of the cubic as a cube of a binomial, or to write the cubic in terms of some simpler expression, like x^2 or $x^2 - 6x$, which we then treat as a new variable. In practice, this completion is combined with another Vedic idea: clever transposition and elimination of terms.

11.3.2FROM CUBIC TO QUADRATIC IN A NEW VARIABLE

The Purana method becomes especially clear when the cubic can be written so that one expression, say $x^2 - px$, appears more than once. For example, consider

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 = 0$$

which is a common test example. The first step is to use simple algebra and transposition (Paravartya) to group terms conveniently. In this example we may write-

$$x^3 - 6x^2 = -11x + 6$$

and then notice that $x^3 - 6x^2 = x(x^2 - 6x)$. If we call

$$y = x^2 - 6x$$

then the left part becomes $x \cdot y$. This is not yet enough, but it suggests that a substitution involving $x^2 - 6x$ or $x^2 - 6x + k$ may reduce the equation to a quadratic in the new variable.

In the examples given in the Vedic text, the author often chooses such a substitution so that the resulting equation in y has simple integer roots, after which each value of y gives one or more values of x. This "double level" viewpoint is very natural in the Purana method.

11.3.3WORKED EXAMPLE WITH A CLEAR SUBSTITUTION

Take the cubic

$$x^3 - 6x^2 - 11x + 60 = 0.$$

The Vedic text rewrites it as

$$x^3 - 6x^2 = 11x - 60.$$

Now observe that

$$x^3 - 6x^2 = x(x^2 - 6x).$$

Let

$$y = x^2 - 6x.$$

Then the equation becomes

$$x \cdot y = 11x - 60.$$

If $x = 0$, we can check the original equation directly. Here, substituting $x = 0$ into the cubic gives $-60 \neq 0$, so x is not zero. Therefore we can divide both sides by x and get

$$y = 11 - \frac{60}{x}.$$

The next idea is to express the same y in another way that leads to a quadratic. Notice that

$$y = x^2 - 6x = (x-3)^2 - 9,$$

so

$$y + 9 = (x-3)^2.$$

This equation links y and x in a more symmetric way. Substituting y from the earlier relation

$$y = 11 - \frac{60}{x}$$

we get

$$11 - \frac{60}{x} + 9 = (x-3)^2$$

or

$$20 - \frac{60}{x} = x^2 - 6x + 9.$$

Now multiply through by x to clear the fraction:

$$20x - 60 = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x.$$

Rearranging,

$$x^3 - 6x^2 - 11x + 60 = 0$$

which is simply the original equation again. So this rewriting shows that the original cubic is consistent with the substitution, but we still need a simpler path to find the roots.

Here the Vedic approach usually changes track slightly and uses argumentation with possible factors, guided by the Purana view. Learners test simple integer values such as $x = 1,2,3,4,5,6$ and so on. In this particular example,

- For $x = 3$: $27 - 54 - 33 + 60 = 0$.

- For $x = 4$: $64 - 96 - 44 + 60 = -16 \neq 0$.
- For $x = 5$: $125 - 150 - 55 + 60 = -20 \neq 0$.
- For $x = 2$: $8 - 24 - 22 + 60 = 22 \neq 0$.

So $x = 3$ is a root. Then the Purana viewpoint tells us that the cubic factors as $(x - 3)$ times some quadratic. Using Paravartya (synthetic) division, we divide by $x - 3$ to get

$$x^3 - 6x^2 - 11x + 60 = (x - 3)(x^2 - 3x - 20).$$

Now we solve the quadratic factor $x^2 - 3x - 20 = 0$, which gives

$$x = 5, x = -4.$$

So the three roots are $x = 3,5, -4$.

In this example, the “completion” aspect supported the search for a suitable factor by re-grouping the terms, while the final solution used standard quadratic methods. One can see Purana as a way of choosing substitutions and groupings to make the argumentation faster.

11.3.4LINKING PURANA TO KNOWN QUADRATIC PRACTICE

For students who are comfortable with quadratics, it helps to explicitly state the analogy. In the quadratic case, completion of the square produces a relation like

$$(2ax + b)^2 = b^2 - 4ac$$

which gives

$$2ax + b = \pm\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}.$$

This splits the quadratic into two simple linear equations. In the cubic case, the Purana method tries to find a similar relation in which an expression like $3ax^2 + 2bx + c$ plays the role of a kind of “differential” and connects to another expression built from a, b, c, d. That deeper calculus link is beyond the level of this unit, but the practical step remains the same: identify a pattern, complete an expression, then substitute and reduce to a simpler equation.

11.4 COMPLETING THE CUBIC IN PRACTICE

This section presents a direct use of the “completing the cubic” idea on simple, factorable examples. The aim is not to derive the most general formula, but to give learners a workable technique that reflects the Vedic approach and is close to what they already know.

11.4.1 REDUCING TO A DEPRESSED CUBIC

A first simplification that almost always helps is to remove the x^2 term by shifting the variable. This is called reducing the cubic to a “depressed” form. Given

$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0,$$

we make the substitution

$$x = y - \frac{b}{3a}.$$

After expanding, the new equation in y has the form

$$ay^3 + py + q = 0$$

with no y^2 term. The algebra required to derive the exact expressions for p and q is a bit long for this level, but the result is that the main difficulty of the cubic is now centred in the term ay^3, with only a linear term and a constant alongside it.

For example, consider

$$x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 12 = 0.$$

Here $a = 1$, $b = -3$, so we substitute

$$x = y - \frac{-3}{3} = y + 1.$$

Now

$$x^3 = (y + 1)^3 = y^3 + 3y^2 + 3y + 1,$$

$$x^2 = (y + 1)^2 = y^2 + 2y + 1,$$

and

$$x = y + 1.$$

Substituting into the original equation, we get

$$(y^3 + 3y^2 + 3y + 1) - 3(y^2 + 2y + 1) - 4(y + 1) + 12 = 0.$$

Simplify term by term. First collect y^3:

$$y^3.$$

Now the y^2 terms: $3y^2 - 3y^2 = 0$. So the y^2 term disappears, as planned. Next the y terms: $3y - 6y - 4y = -7y$. Finally the constants: $1 - 3 - 4 + 12 = 6$. So we obtain the depressed cubic

$$y^3 - 7y + 6 = 0.$$

This equation is usually easier to work with when applying completion ideas or looking for factors.

11.4.2 COMPLETING THE CUBIC PART

For the depressed cubic

$$y^3 - 7y + 6 = 0,$$

we now look for a substitution that helps to complete a cube. We can write

$$y^3 + 6 = 7y.$$

The left side suggests using the identity for $(u + v)^3$. One can attempt to write

$$y = u + v$$

so that

$$y^3 = u^3 + v^3 + 3uv(u + v),$$

and then choose u and v in such a way that the y term matches the right side. In advanced treatments, this leads to Cardano's formula. However, for school-level work, it is more natural to keep to integer or simple rational trial values for y, and then factor.

Testing integer values, we find

- For $y = 1$: $1 - 7 + 6 = 0$.
  So $y = 1$ is a root, and hence $y - 1$ is a factor. We divide by $y - 1$ to get

$$y^3 - 7y + 6 = (y - 1)(y^2 + y - 6).$$

Now factor the quadratic: $y^2 + y - 6 = (y + 3)(y - 2)$. Thus the three values of y are

$$y = 1, y = 2, y = -3.$$

Finally, we return to the original variable using $x = y + 1$. So the corresponding roots for x are

$$x = 1 + 1 = 2, x = 2 + 1 = 3, x = -3 + 1 = -2.$$

Therefore, the original cubic factors as

$$x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 12 = (x - 2)(x - 3)(x + 2).$$

In this example, the steps mirror the "completing" attitude. First, we complete the cubic by removing the square term, then we find a simple linear factor by inspection, and finally we complete the factorisation. The Purana method encourages this systematic simplification.

11.4.3 COMBINING PURANA WITH ARGUMENTAL FACTORISATION

The Vedic text also uses "argumentation" based on the sum and product of coefficients. A cubic

$$x^3 + px^2 + qx + r$$

with integer coefficients often has integer roots drawn from the list of divisors of the constant term r. A quick test of these possible roots, together with the Purana viewpoint, makes the process efficient.

For instance, in

$$x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0,$$

the possible integer roots are the divisors of 6: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$. Testing,

- $x = 1$: $1 - 2 - 5 + 6 = 0$.
  So $x = 1$ is a root and $(x - 1)$ is a factor. Dividing, we get

$$x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 1)(x^2 - x - 6).$$

Now factor the quadratic: $x^2 - x - 6 = (x - 3)(x + 2)$. Thus, the roots are

$$x = 1, x = 3, x = -2.$$

The Purana method does not oppose this factor search. Instead, it guides where to look and how to structure the equation so that such searches are naturally successful, and so that similar patterns can be spotted in more involved problems.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q1. Solve the cubic equation

$$x^3 - 4x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0.$$

Q2. Factorise completely

$$x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 12.$$

Q3. Reduce the cubic

$$x^3 - 9x^2 + 26x - 24 = 0$$

to a depressed cubic by a suitable substitution, and then find its roots.

Q4. A cubic has roots 1, 2 and 4. Write the cubic equation in expanded form, and check that it fits the pattern of coefficients suggested by the Purana approach.

11.5 LET US SUM UP

- Completing the square in quadratics and completing the cubic are two faces of the same Purana philosophy of “completion”.
- A useful first step in many cubic equations is to remove the square term by shifting the variable, giving a depressed cubic.
- Once a cubic is simplified, the Vedic approach often combines Purana with argumental factorisation and the sutra Paravartya for quick division.
- The constant term of a cubic suggests possible integer roots, and each confirmed root reduces the cubic to a quadratic that can be solved by familiar methods.
- Looking for patterns such as repeated expressions like $x^2 - px$ helps in choosing substitutions that turn a cubic into an equation in a new variable.

11.6 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q1: Test integer roots from the divisors of 10: $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 5, \pm 10$. Substituting $x = 1$ gives $1 - 4 - 7 + 10 = 0$. So $x = 1$ is a root. Divide by $x - 1$ to get

$$x^3 - 4x^2 - 7x + 10 = (x - 1)(x^2 - 3x - 10).$$

Now solve $x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$: its roots are $x = 5$ and $x = -2$. So, the three roots are

$$x = 1, x = 5, x = -2.$$

Ans to Q2: Group terms:

$$x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 12 = x^2(x + 3) - 4(x + 3) = (x^2 - 4)(x + 3).$$

Factor $x^2 - 4$ as $(x - 2)(x + 2)$. Thus

$$x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 12 = (x - 2)(x + 2)(x + 3).$$

Ans to Q3: Given $x^3 - 9x^2 + 26x - 24 = 0$. Here $a = 1$, $b = -9$. Substitute $x = y + 3$ (since $-b/(3a) = 3$). Compute:

$$x^3 = (y + 3)^3 = y^3 + 9y^2 + 27y + 27,$$

$$x^2 = (y + 3)^2 = y^2 + 6y + 9,$$

$$x = y + 3.$$

Substitute into the cubic:

$$(y^3 + 9y^2 + 27y + 27) - 9(y^2 + 6y + 9) + 26(y + 3) - 24 = 0.$$

Simplify: y^3 remains. $9y^2 - 9y^2 = 0$. The y-terms: $27y - 54y + 26y = -y$. Constants: $27 - 81 + 78 - 24 = 0$. So, the depressed cubic is

$$y^3 - y = 0.$$

Factor: $y(y^2 - 1) = 0$, giving

$$y = 0, y = 1, y = -1.$$

Now $x = y + 3$, so

$$x = 3, x = 4, x = 2.$$

Ans to Q4: If the roots are 1, 2 and 4, then the cubic is

$$(x-1)(x-2)(x-4) = 0.$$

First multiply two factors:

$$(x-1)(x-2) = x^2 - 3x + 2.$$

Now multiply by $(x-4)$:

$$(x^2 - 3x + 2)(x-4) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x^2 + 12x + 2x - 8 = x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8.$$

So the cubic is

$$x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 8 = 0.$$

The sum of roots $1 + 2 + 4 = 7$ matches the coefficient -7 of x^2, the sum of pairwise products $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 4 = 14$ matches the coefficient of x, and the product $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 = 8$ matches the constant term, in line with the Purana-based relations between coefficients and roots.

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11.8 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Use a suitable substitution to reduce the cubic $x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 = 0$ to a depressed form, and then find all its roots.

Q2. Solve the cubic equation $x^3 + x^2 - 10x - 8 = 0$ by first finding one integer root and then factorising completely.

Q3. A cubic has roots $-1,3$ and 5. Form the cubic equation and check that the sum of roots, sum of products taken two at a time, and product of all three roots match the standard relations.

Q4. Show that the substitution $x = y + 2$ removes the square term from the cubic $x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x + 10 = 0$, and hence solve the equation.

Q5. Explain in your own words how the Purana method is similar to and different from "completing the square" in quadratic equations. Give one worked example in support of your explanation.

UNIT 12: GEOMETRY IN THE VEDIC PERIOD

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12.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand the origins and evolution of geometry during the Vedic era.
- Explore the role of Sulba Sutras in establishing geometric principles.
- Identify key shapes and their applications in Vedic rituals.
- Recognize connections between Vedic constructions and modern geometry.
- Appreciate the cultural and mathematical significance of altar designs.

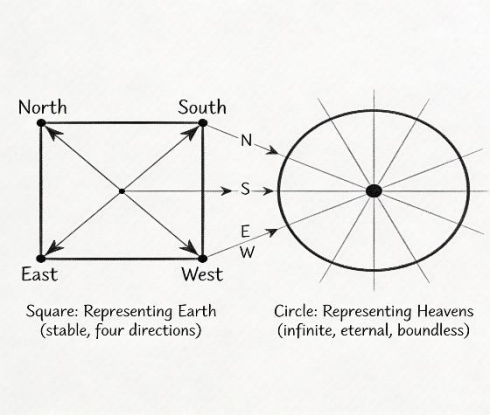
12.2 INTRODUCTION

Vedic geometry emerged from practical needs tied to religious rituals, marking early advancements in mathematical thought. Geometry in the Vedic period developed alongside religious practices around 1500–500 BCE, driven by the construction of fire altars known as *vedi*. These structures required exact measurements to ensure ritual efficacy, reflecting a deep integration of mathematics and spirituality. Priests and scholars used cords or *sulbas* to form shapes, solving problems like creating equal-area figures from different forms. This practical geometry predated formal proofs but showed remarkable precision, influencing architecture and astronomy. Early Vedic texts mention basic shapes, but detailed methods appear in later appendices, highlighting a progression from simple to complex designs. Geometry served both utility and philosophy, viewing shapes as divine patterns essential for maintaining ritual potency.

12.3 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF VEDIC GEOMETRY

Vedic geometry began with the *Rigveda*, where hymns describe cosmic forms like squares for earth and circles for sky, symbolizing order in creation. By the later Vedic phase, rituals demanded precise altar building, leading to systematic rules. Archaeological evidence from sites like Harappa shows early measurement tools, but Vedic texts formalized these for sacred use. Scholars estimate geometry's refinement between 800–500 BCE, as priests calculated areas and angles for *yajnas*.

Vedic geometry traces to the late Vedic age, around 1500–500 BCE, when rituals demanded precise altar designs. Early efforts involved marking ground with ropes for squares representing stability. Communities refined these for larger public rites, integrating proportions from nature. By 800 BCE, systematic rules appeared, prioritizing right angles and equal areas. Constructions symbolized harmony, with squares for earth and circles for heavens. This era marked a shift from intuitive to rule-based methods, influencing architecture and astronomy.



This period saw innovations like transforming shapes while preserving area, essential for maintaining ritual potency. Influences from Mesopotamian and Egyptian practices existed through trade, yet Vedic methods uniquely emphasized symbolic perfection. Over centuries, these techniques spread, shaping temple designs and town planning. Progress accelerated through trial in rituals, yielding approximations like square roots. Knowledge spread orally before texts fixed it, preserving techniques across regions. The focus remained empirical, tested through repeated constructions rather than abstract theory.

12.4 SULBA SUTRAS: FOUNDATIONS OF VEDIC GEOMETRY

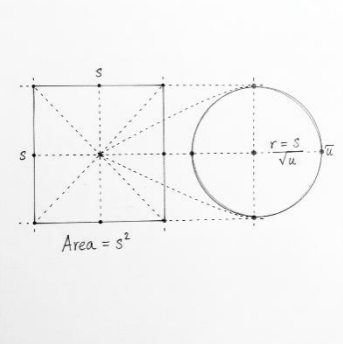
Sulba Sutras, or "rope rules," form the core of Vedic geometry, authored by sages like Baudhayana, Apastamba, Katyayana, and Manava around 800–200 BCE. These appendices to Vedic texts detail altar construction using knotted ropes for right angles and proportions. They are written as appendices to ritual manuals and detail altar constructions using knotted cords for measurements.

Baudhayana's work, the earliest around 800 BCE, covers basics like unit conversions and right angles. It states the Pythagorean theorem explicitly: **the diagonal of a rectangle produces an area equal to the sum of squares on sides**, used to form perfect right angles. Rules ensure altars maintain areas despite shape changes. Apastamba refined circle-to-square conversions, approximating pi at 3.088. Katyayana expanded these, adding brick layouts and trapezoids.

Techniques included doubling squares, creating isosceles triangles, and equating areas of dissimilar shapes like falcon or rhombus altars. Ropes marked grids, ensuring symmetry vital for cosmic alignment. These sutras solved practical issues, such as scaling altars to the sacrificer's height while keeping area constant. Precision reached five decimal places for square roots, aiding brick-laying. Sulba methods bridged arithmetic and geometry, fostering algebraic insights and advancing mathematical understanding.

Key Constructions in Sulba Sutras:

Sulba Sutras outline steps for basic shapes. For squares, ropes formed equal sides; circles used pinned cords for radii. Triangles relied on 3-4-5 ratios for right angles. Transformations preserved areas: a square became a circle by adjusting radius via approximations. Falcons or wheels required combining trapezoids and triangles. Bricks fit precisely, often turtle-shaped for stability.



CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q1. Name three authors of Sulba Sutras.

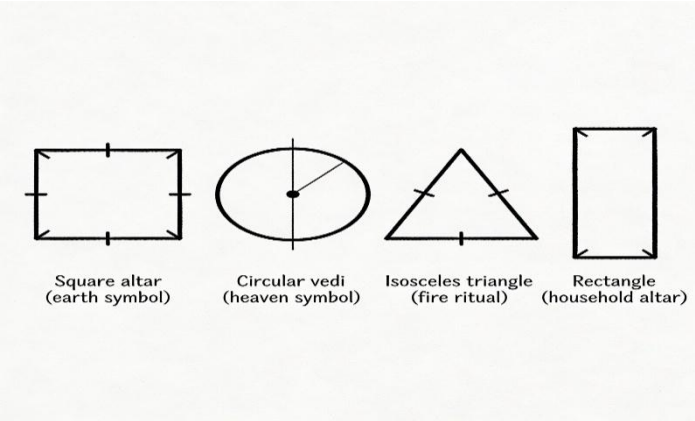
Q2. What theorem appears in BaudhayanaSulba Sutra?

Q3. Why were ropes central to constructions?

Q4. Give an example of area-preserving transformation.

12.5 GEOMETRIC SHAPES USED IN VEDIC RITUALS

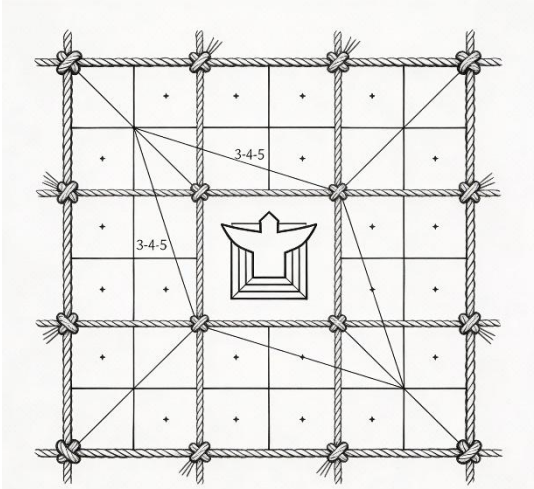
Vedic rituals employed specific shapes symbolizing elements and cosmic principles. Square altars (*chiti*) represented earth, built layer by layer with 2,000–10,000 bricks for *Agnicayana*. Circular *vedi* symbolized heavens, demanding circle-square equivalence. Triangular altars invoked fire gods, using isosceles forms. Trapeziums and rhombi formed falcon (*syena-chiti*) shapes for soma rituals, wings spread for cosmic flight.



Vedic rituals used shapes with meanings: squares for household stability, circles for heavenly rites. Public altars combined triangles, rectangles, trapeziums for grandeur. Falcon-shaped (*syenaciti*) altars, layered in bricks, required exact proportions. Trapezoids tapered eastward, symbolizing divine ascent. Triangles repelled negativity; rhomboids ensured balance.

Combinations like rectangles with triangles created layered platforms, each layer proportional. Household rites used simple squares or half-circles; public *yajnas* demanded complex composites equaling 7.5 square *purushas*. Bricks varied: square for stability, triangular for edges. Shapes ensured directional alignment, with east-facing entrances. These designs maintained exact areas across 21-layer altars, showcasing proportional mastery.

Bricks numbered precisely, like 1,110 for falcon altars, following geometric grids. Vastu grids planned spaces, generating Pythagorean triples for accuracy.



Vastu grid system using knotted ropes for precise altar layout

Symbolic and Practical Roles:

Squares grounded rituals in stability; circles evoked infinity. Falcons bridged earth-sky, their areas precisely matched via sutra formulas. Triangles directed energy; trapezoids stabilized bases. Public altars combined shapes for grandeur, household ones simplicity.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q5. What did square altars symbolize?

Q6. Describe the falcon-shaped altar.

Q7. Why equate circle and square areas?

Q8. Name a ritual using triangular altars.

12.6 LET US SUM UP

- Vedic geometry arose from altar needs, emphasizing precision and spiritual significance.
- Sulba Sutras systematized rules, including the Pythagorean theorem and geometric transformations.
- Shapes like squares, circles, triangles, and falcons served symbolic ritual roles.
- Constructions used ropes for precision, influencing architecture and astronomy enduringly.
- Techniques handled transformations, preserving areas while changing forms for ritual purposes.

12.7 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q1: Baudhayana, Apastamba, Katyayana.

Ans to Q2: Pythagorean theorem on right triangles.

Ans to Q3: To mark right angles and proportions.

Ans to Q4: Doubling square or square-to-circle.

Ans to Q5: Earth.

Ans to Q6: Trapezoids and triangles for soma rites.

Ans to Q7: Preserve ritual area equivalence.

Ans to Q8: Agnicayana fire rituals.

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12.8 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Trace geometry's development from *Rigveda* to Sulba Sutras.
Q2. Explain the Pythagorean theorem as stated in BaudhayanaSulba Sutra.
Q3. Describe the square-to-circle construction process.
Q4. Discuss the falcon altar's shape and significance.
Q5. Compare household and public altar geometries.
Q6. How did priests approximate pi and square roots in Sulba Sutras?
Q7. Explain the role of ropes in Vedic geometric constructions.
Q8. What symbolic purposes did different altar shapes serve in rituals?

UNIT 13: PYTHAGORAS AND APOLLONIUS' THEOREM

UNIT STRUCTURE

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13.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand and state Pythagoras theorem in the context of right-angled triangles
- Prove Pythagoras theorem using multiple methods including algebraic, geometric, and similarity approaches
- Apply Pythagoras theorem to solve practical problems involving distances and triangle measurements
- State and prove Apollonius theorem relating the sides and medians of any triangle
- Use Apollonius theorem to calculate median lengths and verify triangle properties
- Recognize historical contributions of ancient Indian mathematicians to these theorems

13.2 INTRODUCTION

Pythagoras theorem stands as one of the most fundamental and widely-used results in mathematics. The theorem states that in any right-angled triangle, the square of the hypotenuse equals the sum of the squares of the other two sides. Interestingly, historical research reveals that this relationship was known to ancient Indian mathematicians long before Pythagoras, as documented in the BaudhayanaSulbasutra, a text that predates Pythagoras by centuries. The ancient Indian scholars used this knowledge extensively in the construction of altars and in various geometric calculations for ritual purposes.

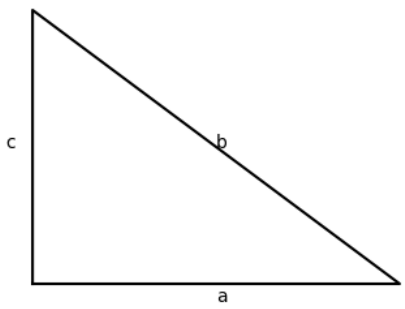
The importance of Pythagoras theorem cannot be overstated. It serves as the foundation for higher geometry, including solid geometry, trigonometry in both plane and spherical forms, analytical geometry, and even calculus. The proof of this theorem, as presented through Euclid's classical approach, is notorious for its length and complexity. However, the Vedic mathematical tradition offers several elegant and simplified proofs that arrive at the same result through different geometric insights.

Apollonius theorem extends these ideas beyond right-angled triangles to apply to any triangle. It creates a relationship between the lengths of the sides of a triangle and the length of the median drawn from a vertex to the opposite side. This theorem is particularly useful in coordinate geometry and in solving problems where medians play a key role. Together, Pythagoras and Apollonius theorems form the backbone of many geometric proofs and calculations.

13.3 PYTHAGORAS THEOREM

The Pythagorean theorem stands as one of mathematics' most remarkable discoveries—not because of its origins, but because of how knowledge of it evolved across multiple ancient civilizations. While Pythagoras of Samos (c. 570–495 BCE) is credited with the theorem's name, the relationship between the sides of a right-angled triangle was known to mathematicians' centuries before his birth. The Babylonians documented Pythagorean triples on the clay tablet Plimpton 322 around 1800–1600 BCE, approximately 1,000 years before Pythagoras lived, employing the relationship systematically for land surveying and geometric construction. Similarly, ancient Indian mathematicians recorded the theorem in the BaudhayanaSulbasutra (c. 800 BCE), predating Pythagoras by some 200–270 years, and used it extensively for constructing sacred altars in Vedic rituals. The critical distinction lies not in the discovery of the relationship itself—which was empirically known across Babylon, India, Egypt, and China—but in how the Greeks transformed it. Pythagoras and his successors elevated this practical geometric knowledge into a formal mathematical theorem by developing rigorous axiomatic proofs, a conceptual innovation that distinguished Greek mathematics and shaped the entire Western mathematical tradition.

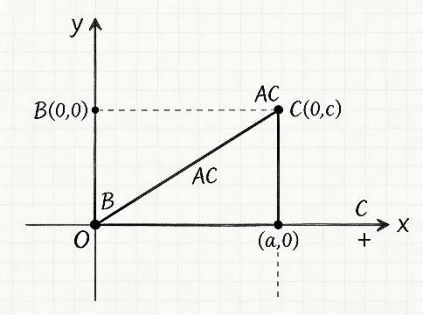
The Pythagorean theorem can be precisely defined as follows: In a right-angled triangle, the square of the hypotenuse equals the sum of the squares of the other two sides. Expressed mathematically, this is written as $b^2 = a^2 + c^2$, where b represents the length of the hypotenuse (the longest side opposite the right angle) and a and c represent the lengths of the other two sides (the legs meeting at the 90° angle).



This simple yet powerful relationship has numerous practical applications. For example, if someone leans a ladder of length 5 meters against a wall such that the base of the ladder is 3 meters away from the wall, the height where the ladder touches the wall can be calculated using Pythagoras theorem:

$$height = \sqrt{5^2 - 3^2} = \sqrt{25 - 9} = \sqrt{16} = 4 \text{ meters.}$$

13.3.1ALGEBRAIC PROOF



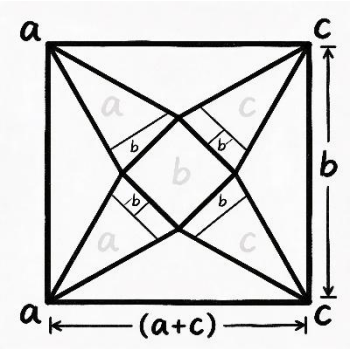
The most straightforward proof of Pythagoras theorem uses coordinate geometry. Place the right-angled triangle on a coordinate system with the right-angle vertex B at the origin (0,0), vertex C at $(a, 0)$ on the x-axis, and vertex A at $(0, c)$ on the y-axis. The hypotenuse connects points A and C.

Using the distance formula, the length of the hypotenuse AC is calculated as:

$$b = \sqrt{[(a-0)^2 + (0-c)^2]} = \sqrt{a^2 + c^2}$$

Squaring both sides gives us $b^2 = a^2 + c^2$, which is Pythagoras theorem. This proof is direct and uses only the fundamental concept of distance between two points, making it accessible and easy to understand.

13.3.2REARRANGEMENT PROOF



This method is more visual and geometric in nature. Construct a large square with side length $(a + c)$. Inside this square, arrange four identical right-angled triangles with legs a and c, positioned such that they enclose a smaller square at the center.

The total area of the large square equals the sum of the areas of the four triangles plus the area of the inner square.

Mathematically:

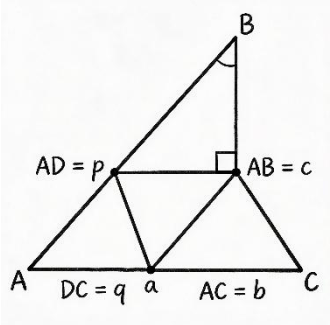
$$(a + c)^2 = 4 \times (½ \times a \times c) + b^2$$
$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 2ac + c^2 = 2ac + b^2$$
$$\Rightarrow a^2 + c^2 = b^2$$

This proof demonstrates the theorem through area rearrangement, showing that if we move the four triangles around, the central square must have area equal to $a^2 + c^2$, which confirms that

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2.$$

13.3.3SIMILARITY PROOF

This approach uses the property that when an altitude is drawn from the right angle to the hypotenuse in a right-angled triangle, it creates two smaller triangles that are both similar to the original triangle and to each other.



Let D be the point where the altitude from B meets the hypotenuse AC. This altitude divides the hypotenuse into two segments: let one segment be p and the other be q, so that $p + q = b$.

Using similar triangles, we can establish that:
From triangle similarity: $AB^2 = AP \times AC$, which gives $c^2 = p \times b$
From triangle similarity: $BC^2 = CP \times AC$, which gives $a^2 = q \times b$

Adding these two equations:

$$a^2 + c^2 = q \times b + p \times b = b(p + q) = b \times b = b^2$$

Therefore, $a^2 + c^2 = b^2$, confirming Pythagoras theorem through the properties of similar triangles.

13.4 PYTHAGOREAN TRIPLES

A Pythagorean triple is a set of three positive integers (a, b, c) that can be the side lengths of a right-angled triangle and satisfy the Pythagoras theorem $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, where c is the hypotenuse (longest side) and a, b are the other two sides. In other words, Pythagorean triples are exactly those integer solutions of the Pythagoras equation that correspond to right-angled triangles.

Examples of Pythagorean triples:

- $(3,4,5)$: $3^2 + 4^2 = 9 + 16 = 25 = 5^2$.
- $(5,12,13)$: $5^2 + 12^2 = 25 + 144 = 169 = 13^2$.
- $(8,15,17)$: $8^2 + 15^2 = 64 + 225 = 289 = 17^2$.
- $(7,24,25)$: $7^2 + 24^2 = 49 + 576 = 625 = 25^2$.

Proof for the (3, 4, 5) Triple

Verification Proof: Consider a right-angled triangle with legs of length 3 units and 4 units. The hypotenuse c satisfies the Pythagoras theorem:

$$c^2 = 3^2 + 4^2 = 9 + 16 = 25$$

$$c = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

Thus, $(3,4,5)$ forms a Pythagorean triple since $3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$. This can be constructed physically by drawing a right triangle with these side lengths, confirming the relationship holds exactly.

Primitive Triple Property: The (3, 4, 5) triple is primitive because the three numbers have no common factor other than 1 ($gcd(3,4,5) = 1$). All other triples can be generated as multiples of primitive triples, such as $(6,8,10) = 2 \times (3,4,5)$.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q1. In a right-angled triangle, if one leg is 5 cm and the hypotenuse is 13 cm, what is the length of the other leg?

Q2. Name any three methods by which Pythagoras theorem can be proved.

Q3. Find the hypotenuse of a right triangle with legs measuring 7 units and 24 units.

Q4. Verify if (9, 12, 15) is a Pythagorean triple. Show the calculation and state whether it is primitive or non-primitive.

13.5 APOLLONIUS THEOREM

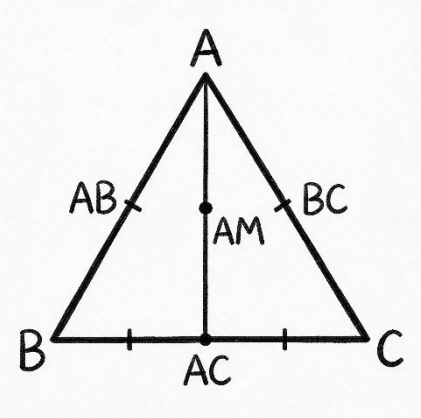
Apollonius theorem is applicable to any triangle, not just right-angled triangles. It relates the lengths of the three sides of a triangle to the length of one of its medians. A median is a line segment drawn from any vertex of a triangle to the midpoint of the opposite side.

The theorem states: In any triangle ABC, if M is the midpoint of side BC, then:

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AM^2 + 2BM^2$$

Since M is the midpoint of BC, we have

$$BM = MC = \frac{BC}{2}.$$



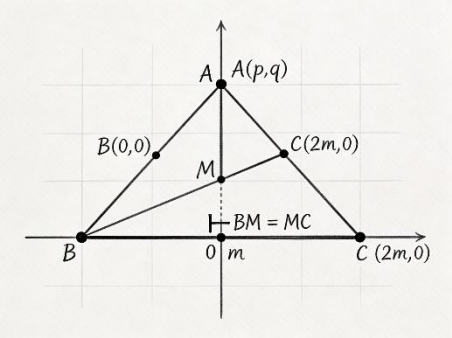
Therefore, the theorem can also be written as:

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AM^2 + \frac{BC^2}{2}$$

This relationship holds regardless of whether the triangle is acute, right-angled, or obtuse.

13.5.1 COORDINATE GEOMETRY PROOF

To prove Apollonius theorem, place the triangle on a coordinate system. Let B be at the origin $(0,0)$ and C be at $(2m, 0)$ on the x-axis. Then M, the midpoint of BC, is at $(m, 0)$. Let A be at any point (p, q).



Now we calculate:

$$AB^2 = p^2 + q^2$$
$$AC^2 = (p - 2m)^2 + q^2$$
$$= p^2 - 4mp + 4m^2 + q^2$$

$$AM^2 = (p - m)^2 + q^2 = p^2 - 2mp + m^2 + q^2$$

Finding $AB^2 + AC^2$:

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = p^2 + q^2 + p^2 - 4mp + 4m^2 + q^2 = 2p^2 - 4mp + 4m^2 + 2q^2$$

Therefore,

$$2AM^2 = 2(p^2 - 2mp + m^2 + q^2) = 2p^2 - 4mp + 2m^2 + 2q^2$$

$2BM^2 = 2m^2$ (since $BM = m$)

Adding we get,

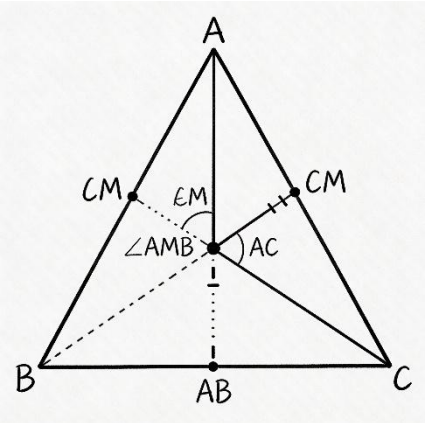
$$2AM^2 + 2BM^2 = 2p^2 - 4mp + 2m^2 + 2q^2 + 2m^2 = 2p^2 - 4mp + 4m^2 + 2q^2$$

This matches $AB^2 + AC^2$, confirming Apollonius theorem.

13.5.2 USING THE COSINE RULE

An alternative proof uses the cosine rule from trigonometry. In $\Delta ABM \text{ and } \Delta ACM$, since M is the midpoint of BC, we have $BM = CM$. The angles $\angle AMB \text{ and } \angle AMC$ are supplementary.

i.e. $\angle AMB + \angle AMC = 180°$



Applying the cosine rule to ΔABM:

$$AB^2 = AM^2 + BM^2 - 2 \times AM \times BM \times cos(\angle AMB)$$

Applying the cosine rule to ΔACM:

$$AC^2 = AM^2 + CM^2 - 2 \times AM \times CM \times cos(\angle AMC)$$

Since $\angle AMC = 180° - \angle AMB$, we have $cos(\angle AMC) = -cos(\angle AMB)$ and $CM = BM$.

Adding the two equations:

$$AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AM^2 + 2BM^2 - 2 \times AM \times BM \times cos(\angle AMB) + 2 \times AM \times BM \times cos(\angle AMB)$$
$$\Rightarrow AB^2 + AC^2 = 2AM^2 + 2BM^2$$

This confirms Apollonius theorem through the cosine rule approach.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q5. In a triangle with sides 13 cm, 14 cm, and 15 cm, find the length of the median drawn to the side of length 15 cm.

Q6. Verify Apollonius theorem for an equilateral triangle with side length 4 cm.

Q7. In a right-angled triangle with sides 5, 12, and 13 cm, what is the length of the median from the right angle vertex to the hypotenuse?

13.6 LET US SUM UP

- Pythagoras theorem states that in a right-angled triangle, the square of the hypotenuse equals the sum of squares of the other two sides, and can be proved through algebraic, geometric, and similarity methods.
- Ancient Indian mathematicians documented this relationship in the BaudhayanaSulbasutra centuries before it became known as Pythagoras theorem in the Western world.
- Apollonius theorem extends the concept to any triangle and relates the sides of the triangle to the length of its medians.
- Both theorems have applications in coordinate geometry, trigonometry, distance calculations, and numerous practical problems in engineering and surveying.

13.7 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q1: Using Pythagoras theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, where $c = 13$ and one leg is 5. So $5^2 + b^2 = 13^2$, therefore $b^2 = 144, and\ b = 12\ cm$.

Ans to Q2: Three methods are: (1) Algebraic proof using coordinate geometry, (2) Rearrangement or area method using squares, and (3) Similarity method using similar triangles formed by altitude to hypotenuse.

Ans to Q3: Using Pythagoras theorem: $c^2 = 7^2 + 24^2 = 49 + 576 = 625, so\ c = 25$ units.

Ans to Q4: we have**,**

$$9^2 = 81$$
$$12^2 = 144$$
$$15^2 = 225$$

Therefore,

$$81 + 144 = 225$$

Hence, (9, 12, 15) is a Pythagorean triple.

Primitive check: All numbers are divisible by 3, so it is non-primitive.

Ans to Q5: Using the median length formula: $m = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\sqrt{2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2}$. For sides 13, 14, 15, the median to the 15 cm side is

$$m = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\sqrt{2(13^2) + 2(14^2) - 15^2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\sqrt{338 + 392 - 225} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\sqrt{505}$$

≈ 11.25 cm.

Ans to Q6: For equilateral triangle with side 4: each side is 4 cm,

$$median = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \times 4 \approx 3.46\, cm.$$

Check: $4^2 + 4^2 = 32$, and $2(3.46)^2 + 2(2)^2 \approx 24 + 8 = 32$.

Ans to Q7: In right triangle $5 - 12 - 13$, the median to hypotenuse (from right angle) equals half the hypotenuse $= \frac{13}{2} = 6.5$ cm.

Verify: $5^2 + 12^2 = 169$, and $2(6.5)^2 + 2(6.5)^2 = 169$.

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13.8 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Explain Pythagoras theorem with a suitable diagram and prove it using the rearrangement method.
Q2. A ladder 10 meters long is placed against a wall such that it touches the wall 8 meters above the ground. How far is the base of the ladder from the wall?
Q3. In triangle ABC with sides 9 cm, 10 cm, and 11 cm, find the length of the median from vertex A to side BC.
Q4. Prove Apollonius theorem using coordinate geometry.
Q5. Show that a triangle with sides 20 cm, 21 cm, and 29 cm exists, and find all three median lengths.
Q6. In a right-angled triangle with hypotenuse 25 cm and one leg 15 cm, find the other leg and verify using Pythagoras theorem.
Q7. Compare Pythagoras theorem and Apollonius theorem. How are they different? How are they related?
Q8. Using similar triangles, prove that if an altitude is drawn from the right angle to the hypotenuse, then the square of each leg equals the product of the hypotenuse and the adjacent segment.

UNIT 14: ANALYTICAL CONICS

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14.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After going through this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand the definition and basic concepts of analytical conics in coordinate geometry
- Find the equation of a straight line passing through two given points using multiple methods
- Determine when a general second-degree equation represents two straight lines
- Identify and work with the properties of hyperbolas and their asymptotes
- Apply Vedic mathematical techniques to solve conic section problems with ease
- Use the Paravartya Stra and AdyamAdyena Stra to simplify conic geometry calculations
- Solve practical problems involving straight lines, pairs of straight lines, and hyperbolas

14.2 INTRODUCTION

Analytical conics represent one of the most beautiful and practical branches of mathematics, combining the precision of algebra with the elegance of geometry. This unit explores conic sections through analytical methods, where geometric shapes are described using algebraic equations. The term "analytical" refers to the use of coordinate systems and equations to study geometric figures, allowing us to move beyond simple visual representation to understand the underlying mathematical relationships.

Conics have been studied since ancient times. The ancient Greeks recognized ellipses, parabolas, and hyperbolas as sections of a cone. However, the true power of conic geometry emerged when French mathematician René Descartes introduced the coordinate system, creating what we now call coordinate geometry or analytical geometry. This framework allows us to represent points as ordered pairs and curves as equations, transforming geometric problems into algebraic ones.

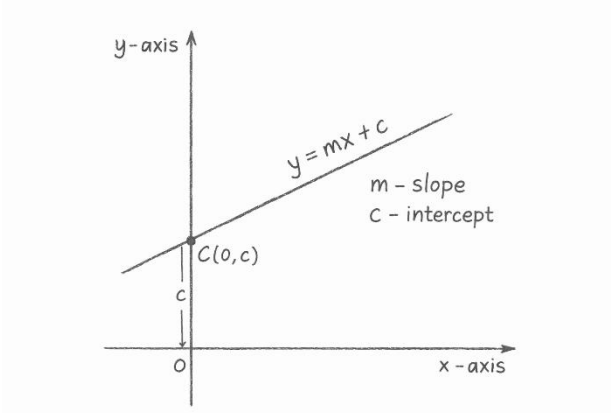
In the Vedic mathematical tradition, these concepts become even more accessible through elegant sutras and methods that reduce lengthy calculations to mental arithmetic. The ParavartyaYojayet (Transpose and Apply) and AdyamAdyenaMantyena (The First by the First and the Last by the Last) sutras provide remarkably swift techniques for solving problems that would otherwise require substantial computational effort. Understanding analytical conics opens doors to applications in engineering, physics, astronomy, and computer graphics. Whether calculating trajectories, designing optical systems, or creating digital designs, conic sections play a fundamental role in modern technology and scientific advancement.

14.3 EQUATION OF THE STRAIGHT LINE

The equation of a straight line is the fundamental building block of analytical conics. Every straight line in a two-dimensional coordinate plane can be represented by a linear equation relating the variables x and y. Understanding how to construct these equations and interpret their geometric meaning is essential for analyzing more complex conic shapes.

14.3.1FINDING THE EQUATION THROUGH TWO POINTS

The most common task in analytical geometry is finding the equation of a line that passes through two given points. Let us consider two points with coordinates (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2). The traditional approach involves setting up a system of equations based on the slope-intercept form $y = mx + c$, substituting both points, solving for the slope and intercept, and then writing the final equation. This method is methodical but requires multiple steps.



The Vedic approach using the Paravartya Stra transforms this process into a mental arithmetic exercise. Rather than working through the algebraic machinery step by step, we observe directly from the coordinates and construct the equation simultaneously. The difference of the y-coordinates becomes the coefficient of x, while the difference of the x-coordinates becomes the

coefficient of y. Then, using the property that both given points must satisfy the equation, we calculate the constant term by substitution.

Let us take a concrete example to illustrate this elegant method. Suppose we need to find the equation of the line passing through points $(9, 17)\ and\ (7, -2)$. Using the traditional method, we first calculate the slope:

$$m = \frac{(17 - (-2))}{9 - 7} = \frac{19}{2}$$

Then substituting into $y = mx + c$ using one of the points: $17 = \left(\frac{19}{2}\right)(9) + c$, which gives $c = -68$. Therefore, the equation becomes $y = \left(\frac{19}{2}\right)x - 68$, or in standard form, $19x - 2y = 137$.

By contrast, the Vedic method operates as follows. The difference of y-coordinates is $17 - (-2) = 19$, which becomes the coefficient of x. The difference of x-coordinates is $9 - 7 = 2$, which becomes the coefficient of y. Therefore, the left-hand side of the equation is $19x - 2y$. To find the constant term, we substitute one of the given points, say $(9, 17)$: $19(9) - 2(17) = 171 - 34 = 137$. Thus, the equation is

$19x - 2y = 137$, obtained in a single mental operation.

This method generalizes to any two points. For points (a, b) and (c, d), the equation becomes $(b - d)x - (a - c)y = (b - d)a - (a - c)b$, or more compactly, the coefficients follow directly from coordinate differences. The beauty of this approach lies in its directness: students who master this technique can write down the equation immediately upon seeing two points, without intermediate algebraic manipulations.

14.3.2STANDARD FORMS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Straight lines in the coordinate plane appear in various standard forms, each with geometric significance. The slope-intercept form $y = mx + c$ directly reveals the slope m and y-intercept c. The point-slope form $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ emphasizes a point through which the line passes and its slope. The intercept form $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ highlights where the line crosses both axes. The general form $ax + by + c = 0$ provides a unified representation suitable for algebraic manipulation.

The slope m of a line represents its steepness and direction. A positive slope indicates that the line rises as we move from left to right, while a negative slope means it descends. A slope of zero corresponds to a horizontal line, and undefined slope (or infinite slope) represents a

vertical line. The y-intercept c tells us where the line crosses the y-axis, the point $(0, c)$. Similarly, the x –intercept, found by setting $y = 0$, shows where the line crosses the x-axis.

Parallel lines have equal slopes, a fact that allows us to quickly find the equation of a line parallel to a given line passing through a specific point. If we have the line

$ax + by + c = 0$ and need a parallel line through point (m, n), the parallel line has the form $ax + by + (c') = 0$, where c' is determined by substituting (m, n). Perpendicular lines, by contrast, have slopes whose product equals negative one. If one line has slope m, a perpendicular line has slope $-\frac{1}{m}$. This relationship, derived from the dot product of direction vectors, provides a quick method for constructing perpendicular lines through given points.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q1. Find the equation of the line passing through points (3, 5) and (7, 9).

Q2. What is the slope of the line $4x - 2y + 8 = 0$?

Q3. Write the equation of a line passing through $(2, 3)$ that is parallel to the line

$$x + 2y = 5.$$

Q4. Find the y-intercept of the line $3x - 5y + 15 = 0$.

14.4 THE GENERAL EQUATION AND TWO STRAIGHT LINES

A second-degree equation in two variables has the general form

$$ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$$

This equation can represent various conic sections: an ellipse (including circles as a special case), a parabola, or a hyperbola, depending on the discriminant $b^2 - 4ac$ and other conditions. However, one special and important case arises when the general equation represents not a conic, but a pair of straight lines.

The condition for a general second-degree equation to represent two straight lines is remarkably elegant. The equation represents two straight lines if and only if the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

This determinant, when expanded, gives the condition

$$abc + 2fgh - af^2 - bg^2 - ch^2 = 0.$$

When this condition is satisfied, the equation can be factored into two linear factors, each representing a straight line.

Let us examine a specific example: $12x^2 + 7xy - 10y^2 + 13x + 45y - 35 = 0$. To verify whether this represents two straight lines, we compute the determinant with $a = 12, h = 7/2, b = -10, g = 13/2, f = 45/2, c = -35$. After calculation (which we spare the details of here), the determinant equals zero, confirming that this equation does indeed represent two straight lines.

To find these two straight lines, we apply the Vedic method using the AdyamAdyena Stra. Rather than expanding the determinant and solving through traditional algebraic means, we observe the structure of the equation and recognize its factorization by inspection. Factoring the quadratic portion $12x^2 + 7xy - 10y^2$yields$(3x - 2y)(4x + 5y)$, and incorporating the linear terms and constant, the two lines emerge as $3x - 2y + 7 = 0$ and $4x + 5y - 5 = 0$.

The Vedic approach harnesses the UrdhvaTiryak Stra (vertical and crosswise multiplication) combined with the AdyamAdyena observation to decompose the general equation mentally. This method, while requiring some practice, allows students to identify the two lines far more quickly than the traditional approach, which involves lengthy discriminant calculations and systematic decomposition.

Geometric Significance

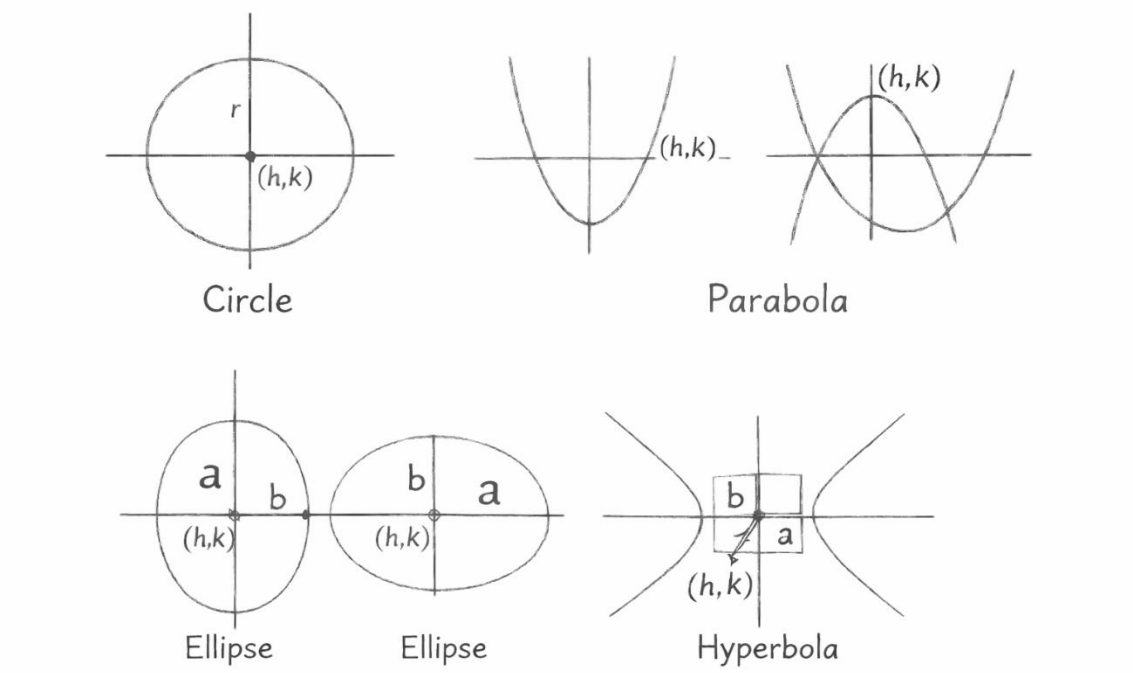
When a general equation represents two straight lines, these lines may be either real and distinct, real and coincident, or complex conjugates. Real and distinct lines intersect at a unique point in the plane. The coordinates of this intersection point can be found by solving the pair of linear equations simultaneously. Real and coincident lines are actually the same line, representing a degenerate case where the equation represents a single line repeated. Complex conjugate lines do not have a geometric realization in the real plane.

The angle between two intersecting lines can be calculated from their slopes. If the lines have slopes $m_1 \, and \, m_2$, the angle θ between them satisfies $tan\,\theta = \left|\frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2}\right|$. When the product $m_1 m_2 = -1$, the angle is 90 degrees and the lines are perpendicular. Such geometric properties help us understand the spatial configuration represented by the equation.

14.5 HYPERBOLAS AND ASYMPTOTES

A hyperbola is a conic section formed when a plane intersects both nappes (sheets) of a double cone. Unlike an ellipse or parabola, a hyperbola consists of two separate branches, each extending infinitely away from the center. The standard definition of a hyperbola involves the

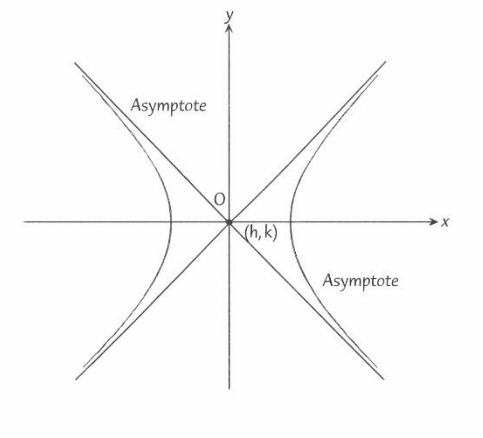
difference of distances: a hyperbola is the locus of points P such that the absolute difference of distances from P to two fixed points (the foci) is constant.



In the analytical form, a hyperbola with center at the origin and transverse axis along the x-axis is given by the equation $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, where a and b are positive constants determining the size and shape. The vertices of the hyperbola are at $(\pm a, 0)$, and the foci are at $(\pm c, 0)$, where $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$. The asymptotes of this hyperbola are the lines $y = \pm\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)x$.

Finding Asymptotes Using the Vedic Method:

The asymptotes of a hyperbola are lines that the hyperbola approaches but never touches as the variables become large. For a general second-degree equation representing a hyperbola, finding the asymptotes through traditional methods involves extensive algebraic computation. The standard approach requires identifying the coefficients, computing a discriminant, constructing and solving a characteristic equation, and finally assembling the asymptote equations.



The Vedic method, by contrast, operates through elegant structural observation. Consider a hyperbola given by the equation $3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y - 8 = 0$. The quadratic portion $3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2$ can be factored as $(3x + y)(x - 2y)$. The constant term 8 is split into factors 4 and 2 such that when we form $(3x + y - 4)$ and $(x - 2y - 2)$, their product yields the original hyperbola equation.

To find the asymptotes, we replace the constant 8 with 0, obtaining $3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y = 0$. This factors into two lines: $3x + y - 4 = 0$and $x - 2y - 2 = 0$. But wait, these are not the asymptotes directly. Rather, the asymptotes have the form $(3x + y + c_1)(x - 2y + c_2) = 0$ where $c_1 \, and \, c_2$are chosen such that when expanded, they give $3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y - 12 = 0$.

The Vedic technique harnesses the LopanaSthapana (elimination and retention) Stra, which allows us to eliminate variables systematically to discover the structure. By observing which terms combine to form the asymptotes and which remain as residual constants, we gain rapid access to the asymptote equations without exhaustive computation.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Q5. Does the equation $4x^2 + 4xy + y^2 - 8x - 4y + 3 = 0$ represent two straight lines? Explain your reasoning.

Q6. For the equation $x^2 - xy - 2y^2 - x + 5y - 2 = 0$, find the two straight lines it represents.

Q7. What are the asymptotes of the hyperbola $x^2 - 4y^2 = 4$?

Q8. Find the conjugate hyperbola of $3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y - 8 = 0$.

14.6 LET US SUM UP

- The equation of a straight line passing through two points can be determined directly from coordinate differences using the Vedic Paravartya Stra, converting a traditionally multi-step process into mental arithmetic.
- A general second-degree equation represents two straight lines when its determinant vanishes, a condition that can be verified and factorized through the AdyamAdyena and UrdhvaTiryak sutras rather than exhaustive algebraic expansion.
- Hyperbolas, defined as loci of points with constant difference of distances from two foci, exhibit remarkable structure in their asymptotic behavior, where asymptotes can be identified through systematic elimination and retention of variables.

- The asymptotes of a hyperbola provide essential information about its limiting behavior at infinity and can be determined using Vedic techniques that avoid lengthy discriminant calculations and traditional characteristic equation methods.
- Analytical conics demonstrate the power of coordinate geometry to transform visual geometric intuition into algebraic computation, a transformation made increasingly elegant and efficient through Vedic mathematical methods.

14.7 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q1: Using the Vedic method, the difference of y-coordinates is $9 - 5 = 4$, and the difference of x-coordinates is $7 - 3 = 4$. The equation is $4x - 4y = c$. Substituting $(3,5)$: $4(3) - 4(5) = 12 - 20 = -8$. Therefore, the equation is $4x - 4y = -8$, or simplified, $x - y = -2$, or $x - y + 2 = 0$.

Ans to Q2: Rearranging $4x - 2y + 8 = 0$ into slope-intercept form: $2y = 4x + 8$, so $y = 2x + 4$. The slope $m = 2$.

Ans to Q3: The given line $x + 2y = 5$ has slope $-\frac{1}{2}$. A parallel line through $(2,3)$ has the same slope. Using point-slope form: $y - 3 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)$, which simplifies to$y - 3 = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$, or $x + 2y = 8$.

Ans to Q4: Setting $x = 0$ in $3x - 5y + 15 = 0$ gives $-5y + 15 = 0$, so $y = 3$. The y-intercept is 3, or the point (0, 3).

Ans to Q5: Computing the determinant with

$$a = 4, h = 2, b = 1, g = -4, f = -2, c = 3:$$

the determinant equals $4(1)(3) + 2(-2)(-4) - 4(-2)^2 - 1(-4)^2 - 3(2)^2$

$$= 12 + 16 - 16 - 16 - 12 = -16.$$

Since the determinant is not zero, this equation does not represent two straight lines.

Ans to Q6: Factoring the equation $x^2 - xy - 2y^2 - x + 5y - 2 = 0$. The quadratic part factors as $(x - 2y)(x + y)$. By inspection and using the Vedic method, the complete factorization yields $(x - 2y - 1)(x + y + 2) = 0$. Therefore, the two lines are $x - 2y - 1 = 0$ and $x + y + 2 = 0$.

Ans to Q7: The hyperbola $x^2 - 4y^2 = 4$ can be written as $x^2/4 - y^2 = 1$. The asymptotes are obtained by replacing 1 with 0: $x^2 - 4y^2 = 0$, which factors as$(x - 2y)(x + 2y) = 0$. Therefore, the asymptotes are $x - 2y = 0$ and $x + 2y = 0$, or $y = \frac{x}{2} and\ y = -\frac{x}{2}$.

Ans to Q8: The conjugate hyperbola is obtained by changing the constant term in a specific manner related to the structure of the original. For the given hyperbola$3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y - 8 = 0$ with asymptotes$3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y - 12 = 0$, the conjugate hyperbola is$3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y + c = 0$, where c is determined by the geometric configuration. Using Vedic principles of structure preservation, the conjugate is typically $3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y - 4 = 0$ (or another value depending on specific conventions).

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14.9 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Find the equation of the straight line passing through the points (4, 7) and (6, 3) using the Vedic method. Verify your answer by checking that both points satisfy the equation.

Q2. Determine whether the equation $2x^2 + 3xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 7y + 6 = 0$ represents two straight lines. If it does, find the equations of those lines.

Q3. For the hyperbola $\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$, find the coordinates of the vertices, foci, and the equations of the asymptotes.

Q4. Given a general hyperbola equation, explain the geometric significance of its asymptotes and why they are important in understanding the behavior of the hyperbola at infinity.

Q5. Using the Paravartya Stra, find the equation of a line parallel to $5x - 3y + 7 = 0$ passing through the point (2, 5).

Q6. If two lines have slopes $m_1 = \frac{2}{3}$ and $m_2 = -\frac{3}{2}$, prove that they are perpendicular and find the angle between them.

Q7. Construct a general second-degree equation that represents two distinct straight lines, and verify your construction by computing the relevant determinant.

Q8. Given the conjugate hyperbolas $3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y - 8 = 0$ and $3x^2 - 5xy - 2y^2 + 5x - 11y + c = 0$, find the value of c and explain why these are considered conjugates.