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The astrologers must know how to find out whether the given horoscope is of a male or a female. This is considered to be quite a tough job. Hence the astrologers, when preparing a birth chart, in order to ascertain, whether the birth chart is of a male or a female adjust the Navamsa to odd(male) or even(female) even by changing the time of birth and this trick enables them to know immediately whether the native is male or female. This technique impresses the people greatly, but the astrologers themselves know their weaknesses quite well.

Principle I

This is a general principle which is found in the book titled 'Book of Correct Astrological Predications'. Some of the rules are not acceptable in the present day context as much research has been made in the field of Astrology which is contradictory to the rules in this principle. Here Rahu and Ketu are not considered for determination of sex as they are only mathematical points. Another deviation you will find here is that Mercury and Saturn though termed as Eunuch by all ancient texts, they are treated here as female nature. Finally the rules do not fit properly in some of the horoscopes and there seems to be some link missing in the Principle. However it may be, let us apply this principle to some charts and come to a conclusion thereafter.

Rules:

- Sun, Mars and Jupiter indicate male gender and Saturn, Venus and Moon indicate Female gender. Mercury with Saturn or Venus indicates Female and with Sun, Mars and Jupiter indicate male gender. It is to be noted that the planets of male sign i.e. Sun, Mars and Jupiter are more powerful and victorious than the planets of female sign (except the Moon). It is also to be noted that the planets which aspects the house or a planet conjoined is more powerful.
- 2. The Moon is loved and honoured by every planet. Hence other planets allow her to act according to her desire. If there is combination of 7th house or the lord of the 7th house with Moon the native is female even if there are other combinations of male sex. In the same way the signs ruled by the planets

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Sun, Mars and Jupiter i,e. 5, 1, 8, 9 and 12 of the Natural Zodiac are considered to be male signs and 4, 2, 7, 10 and 11 as female signs. Gemini sign is to be understood as male while Virgo is female.

So Male signs are – Leo, Aries, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Pisces and Gemini Female signs are – Cancer, Taurus, Libra, Capricorn, Aquarius and Virgo.

Combinations for male:

- 1. 7th house + Sun, Mars or Jupiter or his signs
- 2. 7th lord + Sun, Mars or Jupiter or his signs

Combinations for female:

- 1. 7th house + Moon, Venus, Mercury or Saturn or her or his sign.
- 2. 7th Lord + Moon, Mercury, Venus or Saturn or her or his sign.

List of abbreviations used in the charts: As – Lagna or Ascendant; Su – Sun; Mo – Moon; Ma – Mars; Me – Mercury; Ju- Jupiter; Ve – Venus; Sa – Saturn; Ra – Rahu; Ke – Ketu.

Chart 01: Sri Satva Sai Baba (Puttabarthi)

Chart OI. 311 Satya Sai Baba		(Futtabai	CIII)	
	Ма		Ra Mo	1. 7 th house is Taurus with no planets in it. Hence cannot be taken for consideration.
Ju	Rasi	i-D-1		2. 7 th Lord Venus is in Scorpio along with a male planet Sun. Mercury and Saturn thus conjoin one male planet Sun and one female planet Venus. In such a situation the house will decide the nature of
Ke	Su Sa Me Ve ASC			the sex. Scorpio is a Male sign. Hence the horoscope is of male.

Chart 02 Mahatma Gandhi

	Ju			1. 7 th house is Aries with Jupiter in it. Hence Male horoscope.
Ke	Rasi	i-D-1	Ra Mo	7 th Lord Mars is conjoined with a female planet Venus. Mercury who also conjoins Mars is thus with one male planet Mars and one female planet Venus. Mars is also
	Sa	Ma Me Ve Asc	Su	aspected by a male planet Jupiter. Since male planets predominate Mercury will have no say.

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Ra			
Мо		Ма	
As	Rasi	Sa	
Ju	Ve		Me Su Ke

- 7th house is Cancer occupied by Mars a male Planet. Hence horoscope is of Male.
- 7th Lord Moon is in Aquarius and aspected by Saturn and Mars. Whenever Moon is involved other planets allow her to act according to her desire. However since male planets are more powerful, Moon subjected herself to Mars and produced a male.

Chart 04 Prof. B.V.Raman

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Ra		Sa Mo	
As			Su
	Rasi	i-D-1	Me Ve Ma
	Ju		Ke

- 1. 7th house is Leo with Mars a male planet.

 Mercury is thus conjoined with a male and
 a female planet. Further 7th house is also
 aspected by Jupiter and the house itself is
 a male sign (Leo). Hence male
 predominates.
- 7th Lord Sun is not subject to any conjunction or Aspect. Hence indicative of Male.

Female Horoscopes:

Chart 05 Shoba De

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	Ra						
			Sa				
Ve	Rasi	Ма					
Su Me As	Ju Mo	Ke					

- 1. 7th house is Gemini with no planets in it.
- 7th Lord Mercury is conjoined with Sun a male planet. There is no aspect of from any female planet.
- If the house is taken into consideration Gemini indicates male and Sagittarius also indicate male.

Hence the test fails as far as this horoscope is concerned.

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Chart 06 Indira Gandhi

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		Ju	Ke	$1. 7^{ ext{th}}$ house is Capricorn with Moon in it. Indicating a female.
Мо	Ras	i-D-1	Sa As Ma	 7th Lord Saturn is in Cancer in opposition to Moon confirming the horoscope as that of female.
Ra Ve	Su Me			

Chart 07 Mother Saratha (Wife of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa)

		Sa Ra		$1.\ 7^{ ext{th}}$ house is Capricorn with Venus in it indicating female.
	Rasi-D-1		As	7 th Lord Saturn is with Ra which is not to be taken into account and he is aspected by Markura all point out to famile.
Ve			Ma Mo	Mercury – all point out to female.
Ju Su	Me Ke			

Chart 08 Aishwarya Rai

	Ма		Sa Ke	1 . $7^{ ext{th}}$ house is Pisces with no planets in it. Hence not taken for consideration.
	Paci	-D-1		 7th lord Jupiter is debilitated and in Capricorn. Unfortunately the rule does not say anything regarding debilitated and exalted planets.
Ju	Kasi	-0-1		Hence if we take the sign Capricorn it denotes a female.
Ve Mo Ra	Ме	Su	As	

Conclusion:

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From the forgoing you will observe that the system though prove to be correct in some cases, It looks as though we are trying to justify the principle one way or other. There are many loose ends. There is no clear cut result in some of the cases. But the real value of astrology lies in the application of a principle and predicts an event that is to happen in future. Hence in view of the limitations of the principle we cannot rely on the above system fully.

Principle II

Jaimini Sutras Chapter IV Quarter 3 – sex of child

There are 3 Sutras – 4.3.10 to 4.3.12 where in it is stated that "Male child is born if the planet is male, otherwise female child is born and if the planet is Eunuch an eunuch is born." These sutras have reference to sutras 4.3.3 to 4.3.9 wherein the method of arriving at the planet is given. Noted astrologer Mr. R.Santhanam in his research paper published in his book 'Essentials of Hindu Predictive Astrology' has given a real life case and has thoroughly analyzed the Sutra. I am not going into the details of the Sutra here as the same can be read from various translations available. Maharishi has stated that the Sutras are applicable to Adhana or conception chart. We all know very well how difficult it is to construct an Adhana Chart. Here I am going to examine the same principles as stated in the above Sutras with respect to a Natal Chart and see whether we are able to fix up the sex of the native.

Principles as stated by Jaimini:

- 1. The time of birth be reckoned from sunrise to sunset depending on the birth being at day time/night time. i.e. If the birth is in the day time before Sun set calculate the day duration from Sun rise to Birth time. If it is during night time the duration is to be calculated from Sun set to Birth time.
- 2. The duration so calculated as above must be converted into vighatis. For this you must know the relation between hours, minutes and ghatis and vighatis.
 - 1 day = 60 ghatis
 - 1 ghati = 60 vighatis and so the table goes on to liptas, viliptas, paras and tatparas.

The duration as obtained as per rule 1 will be in Hours-Minutes-Seconds. Convert it into decimals. Formula is – Hours + Minutes/60 + Seconds/3600)

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This gives the duration as so many hours.

- 1 day consist of 24 hours or 60 ghatis and hence one hour = 60/24 =
- 2.5 ghatis. So multiplying the converted decimal hours by 2.5 we get ghatis and multiplying this result by 60 we get vighatis.

This is called Janma vighati.

- 3. Divide the final figure obtained as per rule 2 above by 9. Leave the integer portion and take only the remainder.
- 4. If the remainder is not a whole number then it must be rounded to the next whole number. If the remainder comes to 2.4 or 2.6 then it must be taken as 3. If the remainder is 0 then it must be taken as 9.
- 5. As per Sutra 4.3.9 to 4.3.12, the numbers so obtained above will indicate the sex, complexion etc of the child. Counting the planets on the basis of week days (7) and then adding Rahu and Ketu we get the number nine. The order is as below:

Number	Planet	Sex
1	Sun	Male
2	Moon	Female
3	Mars	Male
4	Mercury	Eunuch
5	Jupiter	Male
6	Venus	Female
7	Saturn	Eunuch
8	Rahu	Male
9	Ketu	Female

- 6. With regard to Mercury and Saturn the saint says Eunuchs. Normally Mercury rules the female Eunuchs and Saturn male Eunuchs. However this should be predicted only if specific combinations for such a birth exist in the conception chart. Otherwise Mercury will indicate a female child and Saturn indicate a male.
- 7. Further qualifications in determining the sex of the child are Exalted planets indicate male child and debilitated planets indicate female child. Some people consider Rahu to be female but Parasara is very clear that Rahu, Jupiter and Sun give illustrious son.
- 8. When it comes to Eunuch planets Mercury and Saturn, if they are in exaltation they indicate male sex and in debility denotes female child.

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- 9. Here some amount of confusion may arise. What happens if a female planet is exalted or a male planet is debilitated. Then the conjunction or aspect of planets of similar nature will be the deciding factor.
- 10. Also the signs indicating male sex are the odd signs excepting Gemini and Aquarius, while the even signs are female except Cancer and Pisces.

Male Indicators: Aries, Cancer, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius and Pisces

Female Indicators: Taurus, Gemini, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Aquarius.

Consider the signs only when you have conflicting results from the rules above especially when more than one planet is conjoined or aspected.

One important point to note here is that the Sun rise mentioned here is the time when the tip of the disk appears in the horizon.

As said in the beginning itself the above principles have been clearly stated as applicable to Adhana or Conception chart. Now let us try to apply this principle to a Natal Chart and see the result. Here I will take examples of some well known person's chart (4 of male and 4 of female)

The Sun Rise and Sun Set are taken from Jagannath Hora software – selecting the preferences for sunrise and sunset as 'Tip of the sun's disk appears to be on the eastern horizon'.

Refer Chart 01 above:

Name	Sri Satya Sai Baba(Puttabarthi)
Date of Birth	23 rd Nov. 1926
Time of Birth	06:26
Sun Rise	06:22:55
Sun Set	17:47:08

Calculations: Day time Birth. Hence Sun rise to be taken to arrive at the Birth time duration.

Sun Rise	06:22:55	(a)
Time of Birth	06:26:00	(b)
Difference	00:03:05	(a) – (b)
Convert to decimal	00 + (03/60) + (05/3600)	
	0.0514 hrs	(c)
Convert to vighatis	0.0514 x 2.5 x 60=7.7083 vighatis	
Divide by 9	7.7083/9	

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Remainder is	7.7083	
Rounded to next whole number	8	
From the table in Rule 5	Rahu	
Sex will have to be	Male	

Rahu has conjoined Moon a female planet. However Exaltation of Rahu has prevailed over and the birth was of male. Conjunction or aspect need be considered only when a female planet is exalted or a male planet is debilitated.

Refer Chart 02 above

Name	Mahatma Gandhi
Date of Birth	2 nd Oct. 1869
Time of Birth	07:31
Sun Rise	05:51:09
Sun Set	17:45:40

Calculations: Since birth is in day time Sun Rise is to be taken

Sun Rise	05:51:09	(a)
Time of Birth	07:31:00	(b)
Difference	01:39:51	(b) - (a)
Convert to decimal	01 + (39/60) + (51/3600)	
	1.6642 hrs	(c)
Convert to vighatis	$1.6642 \times 2.5 \times 60 = 249.6250 \text{ vighatis}$	
Divide by 9	249.6250/9	
Remainder is	6.6250	
Rounded to next whole number	7	
From the table in Rule 5	Saturn is the ruler	
Sex will have to be	Eunuch	

As per rule No. 6 stated above Saturn indicates a male. Rasi drishti by Ju-a male planet confirm the horoscope as that of Male.

Refer Chart 3 above:

Name	Yenbeeyes
Date of Birth	5 th Oct. 1949
Time of Birth	13:50:56
Sun Rise	06:01:18
Sun Set	18:00:08

Calculations: Since the birth is in day time Sun rise is to be taken to arrive at the Birth time duration.

Sun Rise	06:01:18	(a)
Time of Birth	13:50:56	(b)
Difference	07:49:38	(b) - (a)
Convert to decimal	07 + (49/60) + (38/3600)	
	7.8272 hrs	(c)
Convert to vighatis	$7.8272 \times 2.5 \times 60 = 1174.0833$ vighatis	
Divide by 9	1174.0833/9	
Remainder is	4.0833	
Rounded to next whole number	5	
From the table in Rule 5	Jupiter	
Sex will have to be	Male	

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Jupiter representing male and also exalted in Sagittarius confirms the horoscope as that of male. Other aspects not taken into consideration.

Refer Chart 04 above

Name	Prof. B.V.Raman
Date of Birth	8 th Aug. 1912
Time of Birth	19:38:00
Sun Rise	06:06:11
Sun Set	18:43:35

Calculations: Since the birth is in night time Sun set is to be taken to arrive at the Birth time duration.

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Sun Set	18:43:35	(a)
Time of Birth	19:38:00	(b)
Difference	00:54:25	(b) - (a)
Convert to decimal	00 + (54/60) + (25/3600)	
	0.9069 hrs	(c)
Convert to vighatis	$0.9069 \times 2.5 \times 60 = 136.0417 \text{ vighatis}$	
Divide by 9	136.0417/9	
Remainder is	1.0417	
Rounded to next whole number	2	
From the table in Rule 5	Moon	
Sex will have to be	Female	

Refer rule No. 9 above. A female Planet Moon is exalted here. Also it is conjoined by a male planet Saturn and also aspected by another male planet Sun (Rasi Drishti) confirming the horoscope as that of a male. Note here conjunction and Aspect is taken into consideration.

Now let me take the female horoscopes one by one.

Refer chart 05 above

Name	Shoba De
Date of Birth	07 th Jan. 1948
Time of Birth	07:21:00
Sun Rise	07:13:49
Sun Set	18:15:47

Calculations: Since the birth is in day time Sun rise is to be taken to arrive at the Birth time duration.

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Sun Rise	07:13:49	(a)
Time of Birth	07:21:00	(b)
Difference	00:07:11	(b) - (a)
Convert to decimal	0 + (07/60) + (11/3600)	
	0.1197 hrs	(c)
Convert to vighatis	$0.1197 \times 2.5 \times 60 = 17.9583$ vighatis	
Divide by 9	17.9583/9	
Remainder is	8.9583	
Rounded to next whole number	9	·

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From the table in Rule 5	Ketu	
Sex will have to be	Female	

Ketu is not conjoined by any planet.

Refer Chart 06 above

Name	Indira Gandhi
Date of Birth	19 th Nov. 1917
Time of Birth	23:03:00
Sun Rise	06:22:25
Sun Set	17:12:28

Calculations: Since the birth is at night Sun set is to be taken to arrive at the Birth time duration.

Sun Set	17:12:28	(a)
Time of Birth	23:03:00	(b)
Difference	05:50:32	(b) - (a)
Convert to decimal	05 + (50/60) + (32/3600)	
	5.8422 hrs	(c)
Convert to vighatis	$5.8422 \times 2.5 \times 60 = 876.3333$ vighatis	
Divide by 9	876.3333	
Remainder is	3.3333	
Rounded to next whole number	4	
From the table in Rule 5	Mercury	
Sex will have to be	Female	

Here Mercury as well as the sign wherein Mercury is placed viz. Scorpio indicate female. One thing to be noted is that Mercury is conjoined by a male planet Sun and aspected by 2 male planets Jupiter and Saturn. Hence the sign Scorpio decides the sex.

Refer Chart 07 above

Name	Mother Saratha
Date of Birth	22 nd Dec. 1853
Time of Birth	19:15:00
Sun Rise	06:19:32
Sun Set	17:01:12

Calculations: Since the birth is at night Sun set is to be taken to arrive at the Birth time duration.

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Sun Set	17:01:12	(a)
Time of Birth	19:15:00	(b)
Difference	02:13:48	(b) - (a)
Convert to decimal	02 + (13/60) + (48/3600)	
	2.2300 hrs	(c)
Convert to vighatis	$2.2300 \times 2.5 \times 60 = 334.5000 \text{ vighatis}$	
Divide by 9	334.5000/9	
Remainder is	1.5000	
Rounded to next whole number	2	
From the table in Rule 5	Moon	
Sex will have to be	Female	

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Here Moon is placed with Mars a male planet. Venus female planet is also aspecting it. Conjunction/aspect need not be considered as no exaltation/debilitation of planet is involved.

Refer Chart 08 above

Name	Aishwarya Rai
Date of Birth	1st Nov. 1973
Time of Birth	04:05:00
Sun Rise	06:23:42
Sun Set	18:03:56

Calculations: Since the birth is early morning before sun rise sun set of previous day is taken.

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Sun Set	18:03:56	(a)
Time of Birth	04:05:00	(b)
Difference	13:58:56	(a)-(b)
Convert to decimal	13 + (58/60) + (56/3600)	
	13.9822 hrs	(c)
Convert to vighatis	$13.9822 \times 2.5 \times 60 = 2097.3333$ vighatis	
Divide by 9	2097.3333/9	
Remainder is	0.3333	
Rounded to next whole number	1	
From the table in Rule 5	Sun	
Sex will have to be	Male	

Sun is debilitated. There is no conjunction of planets. Hence indicative of female.

Conclusion:

Quote:

Hence we can conclude that the ruling planet of the birth vighati will determine the sex of the child. But vighati is a time interval of only 24 seconds, it is highly doubtful that the collected birth time information was accurate in all cases. In addition to this, the noting of the birth time is always a subject of controversy. But if we could take a case with accurate data, I am sure they will confirm Maharishi Jaimini's principles.

Before I conclude I would like to mention one important point here that the Sutras of Jaimini referred to above give the basis of the ruling planet of each half of Nadi Amsa according to Sri Sanjay Rath. Shri Rayudu, another noted Astrologer has stated in his article 'Astrology and Human Life' published in "The Times of Astrology" magazine, July 1999 states:

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Each sign or rasi is divided into 300 parts so that each part comes under the name of a Nadi Amsa measuring 12 minutes of are in the sign or 48 seconds in time. This minute division sets the seed of destiny of an individual. If the correct Nadi is established then there is a birds eye view of entire past including the past life and future of the person concerned Each Nadi Amsa is further divided into two parts each of 6 minutes of arc in the sign or 24 seconds in time and general pattern of life is given.

Unquote

These 24 seconds in time or 6minutes of arc is what is known as Artha Nadiamasa about which Sri Sanjay Rath has also published a paper giving lucid and clear explanations.

I also would like to share some of my findings in the application of this specific Sutra of the Maharishi.

I calculated the Vighati planet as explained above for exactly 100 horoscopes. I summarize below my findings:

- In 57 cases sex as obtained by the calculations above tallied perfectly. In all the 57 cases I did not take into consideration the conjunction or aspect. I only verified for exaltation and debilitation which revealed that some male horoscopes had exalted planets (Male) and some female ones had debilitated planets (female).
- 2. In 11 cases the test totally failed. None of the rules explained above provided a correct result. This might be due to error in birth time. Because when I changed the birth time by a few seconds which ranged between 3 seconds to 16 seconds, it was found to tally.
- 3. In 32 cases I got the contrary result that is native was a male and the result was female and vice versa. In these cases I then went to study the conjunction/aspect and also the nature of sign. In 2 cases I noticed that when a female planet is exalted it was a male native and in 1 case where male planet was debilitated it was a female.

For all aspects I considered only the Rasi Drishti as given by Maharishi. No graha drishti was taken into consideration. This topic is for further research and discussion as the Retrograde position of planets, argala have not been taken into account. Also it is to be studied whether the position of the planet in Varga Charts

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especially Navamsa has any bearing on the determination of the sex of the native.

Om Tat Sat.