# Seminar on Vedic Mathematics 

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## Ancient Indian Mathematics

- Sulba Sutras (700 BC) - rational approximation to $\sqrt{ } 2$, proof to Pythagoras theorem etc.
- Pingala's Chandas (300 BC) - combinatorics
- Jain Mathematicians (300 BC) - concept of infinity and zero (shunya)
- Classical period (400 AD - 1600 AD )
- Aryabhata - sine table, trigonometry, $\pi$
- Brahmagupta - cyclic quadrilateral, indeterm Equ.
- Bhaskara II - Lilavati, Bijaganita
- Madhava - infinite series for $\pi$
- Excellent source : Wikipedia (Indian Mathematics)


## Vedic Mathematics

- What is Vedic Mathematics?
- "Vedic Mathematics" is the name given to a work in Indian Mathematics by Sri Bharati Krsna Tirthaji (1884-1960). Vedic Math is based on sixteen Sutras or principles
- What it is not?
- It is not from the Vedas
- It is not ancient
-Why Vedic Mathematics?
- Gives an insight into the structure of numbers
- Very much amenable to mental calculations


## Decimal Number System in Ancient India

- The decimal number system - representing numbers in base 10 , was
a contribution to the world by Indians
- The Place Value System was also a contribution of India

| Name | Value | Name | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eka | $10^{\mathbf{0}}$ | Arbudam | $10^{7}$ |
| Dasa | $10^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Nyarbudam | $10^{8}$ |
| Shatam | $10^{2}$ | Samudra | $10^{9}$ |
| Sahasram | $10^{\mathbf{3}}$ | Madhyam | $10^{10}$ |
| Ayutam | $10^{4}$ | Anta | $10^{11}$ |
| Niyutam | $10^{5}$ | Parardha | $10^{12}$ |
| Prayutam | $10^{6}$ |  |  |

## Maths in day-to-day life of a vendor in India

| 1 | 11 | 21 | 31 | 41 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 12 | 22 | 32 | 42 |
| 3 | 13 | 23 | 33 | 43 |
| 4 | 14 | 24 | 34 | 44 |
| 5 | 15 | 25 | 35 | 45 |
| 6 | 16 | 26 | 36 | 46 |
| 7 | 17 | 27 | 37 | 47 |
| 8 | 18 | 28 | 38 | 48 |
| 9 | 19 | 29 | 39 | 49 |
| 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 |

- You buy some stuff from a vendor for Rs 23
- You pay a 50-rupee note
- He pays you back
- A 2-rupee note
- A 5-rupee note
- A 20-rupee note
- In that order!!

It is the reverse when you input the numbers into a machine!

## Complementary Arithmetic



- 100's complement of $64=36$ (All from 9, last from 10)


## Use of Complementary Arithmetic

- Computer Systems use 2's complement as a way to represent negative numbers!
- Make use of binary numbers, hence base $=2$
- In decimal number systems too, complement numbers can be used to represent negative numbers
- Forms the heart of Vedic Math Techniques!
- EXAMPLE
- $96 \times 4$
- $10 \overline{4} \times 4=4 \overline{16}=384$


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## Polynomial representation

- Consider the number 36428
- $3 \times 10^{4}+6 \times 10^{3}+4 \times 10^{2}+2 \times 10+8$
- $10 \rightarrow \mathrm{x}$ (replacing the base with variable x )
- $3 x^{4}+6 x^{3}+4 x^{2}+2 x+8$
- Every number can be represented as a polynomial in the base of the system
- Useful to use algebra to explain some of the working methods of techniques

