

A critical review of meters in Astanga Hridaya

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Abstract:

The ancient scholars maintained the learning and the streamline flow of knowledge by rhythmic recitation for thousands of years even before the era of documentation. Astanga Hridaya is one of the most important texts in great-triad of Ayurveda. This text has been composed by Acharya Vagbhat in 6th Century AD. It is the amalgamation of Caraka Samhita and Sushruta Samhita. The author has tried to compose all subject matter in verse form to make it possible to remember easily through rhythmic recitation. With the advent of science many technologies have emerged in the field of education and have given us new dimension of study. But this classical practice of recitation has been gradually loosing its common uses.

This review consists of methods of rhythmic recitation of all verse of Astanga Hridaya with proper examples, notations and analysis according to meter.

Keywords: Astanga Hridaya, *Chhanda*, meter

Introduction:

Chhanda:

The Veda is the main sources of knowledge for achieving duty (*dharma*), wealth (*artha*), desire (*kama*) and final deliverance (*moksha*). The study of the Vedas was divided by six different varieties widely known as *vedanga*. In early days of Vedic period study was in the form of oral tradition and methodical rhythmic recitation was mandatory to keep the purity of text. Rhythmic recitation also helps to develop good memory of the text. *Chhanda* was given major importance from the very beginning of Vedic era and considered it as a *vedanga*¹. Apart from the classical teaching *chhandas* were being used in day to day life to remember the verses of worshiping etc. *Ayurveda*, the science of life, has taken the origin from vedic wisdom and was transmitted through same tradition. Majority of the texts of *Ayurveda* literature are composed in poetry form to remember the subject purely. So, study of meter (*chhanda*) is an integral part to study and explore the *ayurveda* literature.

Methods of study depicted in *Ayurveda*:

The profounder of *ayurveda* had adopted three steps of learning i.e. *adhyayana*, *adhyapana* and *tadvidyasambhasa*² as needs of time to continue the streamline flow of ayurvedic knowledge.

The most preliminary stage of study (*adhyayana*) is “*adhigata karana*”³ i.e. grasping and mastering of the text thoroughly. The texts were written mostly in a very concise style known as “*Sutra*” and in combined form of both prose and verse. Prose is not tightened by *aksara*, *matra*, *gati* & *yati* on the other hand verse is bound by some rules. The verses were mostly in simple form and were meant to be easy for cramming by the pupils and comprehended in their scope of exposition a vast range of subjects.

Ancient practice regarding recitation reveals that during study *acharya* used to recite one or two *Pada* of the verse at first methodically pronounced with gradual completion of the rest part. Students one after another followed the preceptor blindly reciting the *Pada* respectively. During this process main focus was laid on correct pronunciation⁴.

During study the student should be very careful in maintaining the perfectness instructed in the text⁵. He should recite neither too fast; that means the letters, words, quarter verses should not be in close succession and as such indistinct nor too slow i.e. the words etc. should not be too loosened. He should recite without any hesitation, avoid nasal sounds always, pronounce the letters clearly without compressing them, recite well refined, non-confused letter and should read with medium voice not in very high or very low pitch⁶.

Most important aspect of ancient system of education was achievement of oral fluency⁷. The student easily gained oral promptness in the course of study with improvement in their pronunciation and other loops. *Sushruta* mentioned that the student should make efforts to attain excellence of speech, for successful management of practical.

The next stage was memorization. With repeating the verse again and again in proper methodical rhythm, the students used to store permanently in memory. The *sutras* were studied in different ways like *Samhita patha*, *Pada patha*, *Krama patha*, *Jata patha*, *Ghana patha* etc. for memorization⁸. *Samhita patha* is reading of text what it actually is. *Pada patha* is reading word by word by breaking *samsa-baddha Pada* of main *Samhita patha*. *Krama patha*, *Jata patha* and *Ghana patha* have same *svaravinyas* (phonation) but the only specialty is repetition. In *krama patha* the frequency of repetition of each word is twice. In *Jata-patha* each *Pada* is being recited thrice or more. In *Ghana patha* the frequency of repetition is up to six times with a definite sequential rhythm. Hence with the help of glorious methods the *ayurveda* literature remains its pure form.

Importance of chhanda-jnana for proper methodical study

In Vedic period the scholars used to study *ayurveda* either after completing his Vedic school or simultaneous with. They had to study *chhanda* as a *vedanga* in their respective Vedic school. Ancient scholars kept the streamline flow of knowledge by rhythmic recitation for thousands of years even before the era of documentation. With the advent of science many technologies have emerged in the field of education and have given us new dimension of study.

But on account of lack of practice in classical and rhythmic methods of recitation the current ayurvedic scholars are not been able to make them well versed in their respective ayurvedic subjects. Hence for regaining the golden spirit of ayurvedic text based study the knowledge and proper method of recitation of ayurvedic verses on the basis of *chhanda* is inevitable as primary step of learning.

Varieties of *Chhanda*⁹

A verse is consisted of four parts known as *pada*. The governing rules and regulation of meters are concerned with each single *pada*.

Some meters are composed and ruled by number of letters or *aksharas* known as *aksara chhanda* or *Varna chhanda*. In *aksharachhanda* only *aksaras* are counted and assessment of specific *ganas* is not required where as in *Matra-chhanda* only *matras* are measured. Neither *ganas* nor *aksaras* are assessed e.g. *Aupacchandasika*, *Vaitaliya* etc.. In *Aksaragana chhanda* assessment of both the numbers of *aksara*

and respective *ganas* are inevitable e.g. *Indravajra*, *Malini* etc.. *Matragana Chhanda* is another variety in which both *matra* and *ganas* (matra) are assessed e.g. *arya*.

Rhythmically all verses are of three types i.e. *samachhanda*, *ardhasamachhanda* and *visamachhanda*. In *Samavrtta chhanda* all four *pads* contain same numbers of *Varna* or letters e.g. *Indravajra*, *Vamshastha* etc. on the other hand in *ardhasamavrtta chhanda* the odd *Pada* i.e. 1st & 3rd *Pada* are composed of same number of letters and the even *Pada* 2nd & 4th are consisted of same number of letters (not similar to *Pada* 1st and 3rd) e.g. *Puspitagra*, *Viyogini*. In *Visamavrtta chhanda* all four *Pada* are different in terms of letters e.g. *Udgata*.

Guru & Laghu Varna:

Besides associated with *dirgha svara* like आ, इ the following consonants are considered as *guru*¹⁰

- a. *Anusvara yukta* (a) i.e. associated with *anusvara* ;
- b. *Visarga yukta* (%) ,
- c. Just before the conjunct and
- d. Last word of the *Pada* (*Padantaga*)

All others are *laghu* including *hrasva svara*. Practically in *shloka patha* one *matra Varna* is considered as *hrasva* where as two *matras*, three *matras* and half *matra* are counted for *dirgha*, *pluta* and *vyanjana* respectively¹¹ but only consonant like क्, ख् and ङ् (*avagraha*) are not considered as *varna*.

Matra:

Time required for pronunciation of *laghu aksara* is counted as one *matra*. *Matra* of *guru* letter is two¹².

Gana:

For making it easy the scholars of *Chhanda shastra* have framed different combinations of letters popularly known as *gana*. *Ganas* are framed by combination of *guru* and *laghu varnas*. The characteristics of eight *ganas* are as follows¹³

Name	Character	Symbol	Examples
गण	All three letters are <i>Guru</i>	SSS	त्रायन्ती, बाधिर्य
गण	All three letters are <i>laghu</i>	III	मधुर, लशुन
गण	First letter is <i>guru</i>	SII	नागर, सैन्धव
गण	First letter is <i>laghu</i>	IIS	गुड़ची पटोलं
गण	Middle letter is <i>guru</i>	ISI	कषाय, किलास
रगण	Middle letter is <i>laghu</i>	SIS	पिघली, चन्दनं
गण	Last letter is <i>guru</i>	IIS	अभया, मरिचं
गण	Last letter is <i>laghu</i>	SSI	आकाश, उन्माद

स-Guru

।-Laghu

Astanga Hridaya—

Astanga Hridaya is one of the most authoritative and comprehensive compendium of Ayurvedic knowledge covering almost each and every aspects of health care. It has been written by Acharya Vagbhat or Madhya Vagbhat in 6th Century AD. Most of the subject matters and underlined concepts of Caraka Samhita and Sushruta Samhita have been categorically incorporated in proper place and with adequate

alteration according to the need. The text is written all most in verse form and for that it has brought a huge number of sutras and subject matters written in prose form in the aforesaid two classics under the purview of meter and ultimately within the domain of memorization.

Chhanda in Astanga Hridaya

Acarya Vagbhata has used thirty three *chandas* e.g. *Anustup*, *Arya*, *Aupacchandasika*, *Bhadra*, *Dandaka*, *Dhiralalita*, *Dodhaka*, *Drutavilambita*, *Harini*, *Indravajra*, *Kusumitalatabellita*, *Malini*, *Mandukranta*, *Mattamayura*, *Narkutaka*, *Praharsini*, *Prithvi*, *Puspitagna*, *Rathoddhata*, *Salini*, *Sardulavikridita*, *Sragdhara*, *Suddhavirad*, *Svagata*, *Totaka*, *Upacitra*, *Upajati*, *Upendravajra*, *Vaisvadevi*, *Vaitaliya*, *Vamsastha*, *Vasantatilaka* and *Viyogini* for the embellishment of his text.

Brief descriptions of meters along with their examples are as follows

1. Anustup:¹⁴

It is a *varnavrtta chhanda* and usually meant for *sama chhanda*. Its each *Pada* consists of eight letters among them 5th is always *laghu* where as 6th is always *guru* and 7th of even *Pada* is *laghu* and of odd *Pada* is *guru*. Others have no bar. After each *Pada* there is slight pause.

Examples

कायबालग्रहोर्ध्वंज्ञशल्यदंष्ट्राजरावृषान् ॥
अष्टावङ्गानि तस्याहुश्चिकित्सा येषु सर्वश्रिता । (सूत्रस्थान 1/5)

Analysis:

Pada 1							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
का	य	बा	ल	ग्र	हो	ध्वं	ञ्ज
Pada 2							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
श	ल्य	दं	ष्ट्रा	ज	रा	वृ	षान्
Pada 3							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
अ	ष्ट्रा	व	ञ्जा	नि	त	स्या	हु
Pada 4							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
श्चि	कि	त्सा	ये	षु	सं	श्रि	ता

2. Arya:¹⁵

It is a *matra chhanda* where only *svaras* are counted. *Guru* letter is considered as of two *matras* and *laghu* letter as of one. There are five different *ganas*. Each *gana* is composed of four *matras*. So *ganas* may be framed by two *guru varnas* (३३), one *guru* and two *laghu* (३१, १३, ११३), and four *laghu varna*.

According to *chhanda paricaya* it is characterised by twelve *matra* in 1st *pada*, eighteen *matra* in 2nd *pada*, fifteen *matra* each in 3rd and 4th *pada*.¹⁶

There are five different groups of arya namely arya(12,18,12,15), giti (12,18,12,18), udgiti (12,15,12,18), upagiti (12,15,12,15) and aryagiti (12,20,12,20).

In other words, each two *Pada* of *arya chhanda* are generally composed of seven *ganas* and a *guru* letter. So total *matra* is thirty. According to the position of above *ganas* in different position of the verse *aryya* is of eighty (80) types such as *Vipula, Capala, Giti, Udgiti* etc.

Example:

जीवन्ति काकोल्यौ मेदे द्वे मुद्रमाषपण्यो च।
ऋषभकजीवकमधुकं चेति गणो जीवनीयाख्यः॥ (सूत्रस्थान 15/8)

Analysis:

Pada 1

4		4		4					
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12		
जी	व	न्ति	का	को	ल्यौ				

Pada 2

4		4		4				4			
2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	18
मे	दे	द्वे	मु	द्र	मा	ष	प	ण्यौ	च		

Pada 3

4				4			4				
1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	12	
ऋ	ष	भ	क	जी	व	क	म	धु	कं		

Pada 4

4			4			3		4				
2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	15		
चे	ति	ग	णो	जी	व	नी	या	ख्यः				

3. Aupacchandasika :¹⁷

It is a *matra chanda* characterized by sixteen *matra* in each odd *Pada* and eighteen *matra* in each even *pada*. In each *Pada* there is a राण a *laghu* and a *guru varna* at the end.

Example:

मधुराम्लपटूषासात्म्यकाङ्क्षाः कृशदीर्घाकृतयः सशब्दयाताः।
न दृढा न जितेन्द्रिया न चार्या न च कान्तादयिता बहुप्रजा वा ॥ (शारीरस्थान 3/87)

Analysis:

Pada 1

						रगण		ल	गु	गु	
1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	16
म	धु	रा	म्ल	प	टू	ष्ण	सा	त्म्य	का	ङ्क्षाः	

Pada 2

						रगण		ल	गु	गु	
1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	18
क्	श	दी	र्घा	क्	त	यः	स	श	ब्द	या	ताः

Pada 3

						रगण		ल	गु	गु	
1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	16
न	दृ	ढा	न	जि	ते	न्द्रि	या	न	चा	र्या	

Pada 4

								रगण		ल	गु	गु	
1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	18
न	च	का	न्ता	द	यि	ता	ब	हु	प्र	जा	वा		

4. Bhadra:¹⁸

It is a *varnavrtta sama chanda* composed of twelve letters in each *pada*. Respective *ganas* are मगण, तगण, जगण, यगण . Pauses are after 4th and after 12th i.e. *padanta*.

Example:

तोयद्रोणे चित्रकमूलतुलार्धं साध्यं यावत्पाददलस्थमथेदम्

अष्टौ दत्वा जीर्णगुडस्य पलानि क्वार्थं भूयः सान्द्रतया सममेतत्॥ (चिकित्सा स्थान 8/ 153)

Analysis:

Pada 1

मगण			तगण			जगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	।	।	९	।	।	९	९
तो	य	द्रो	णे	चि	त्र	क	मू	ल	तु	ला	ध्

Pada 2

मगण			तगण			जगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	।	।	९	।	।	९	९
सा	ध्यं	या	व	त्या	द	द	ल	स्थ	म	थे	दम्

Pada 3

मगण			तगण			जगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	।	।	९	।	।	९	९
अ	ष्टौ	द	त्वा	जी	र्ण	गु	ड	स्य	प	ला	नि

Pada 4

मगण			तगण			जगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	।	।	९	।	।	९	९
क्वा	थं	भू	यः	सा	न्द्	त	या	स	म	मे	तत्

5. Dandaka:¹⁹

It is a *varnavrtta samachanda* primarily containing two नगण and seven रगण in each *Pada* i.e. twenty seven letters in each *pada*. Then gradually one रगण increases in each upper variety. So number of letters may be thirty, thirty-three, thirty-six etc. Pause is at the end.

Example :

त्रिकटुकदलकुद्धुमग्रन्थिकक्षारसिंही निशादारुसिर्थयुगमाम्बुशक्रहृयैः

सितलशुनफलत्रयोशीरतिद्वावचा तुत्थयष्टीबलालोहितैलाशिलापद्मकैः। (उत्तरस्थान 5/18 ½)

Analysis:

Pada 1

नगण			नगण			रगण			रगण			रगण			रगण			रगण											
।	।	।	।	।	।	९	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९								
त्रि	क	टु	क	द	ल	कुं	कु	म	ग्र	न्थि	क	क्षा	र	सि	ंही	नि	शा	दा	रु	सि	द्धा	र्थ	यु	गमा	म्बु	श	ऋ	हृ	यैः

Pada 2

नगण			नगण			रगण			रगण			रगण			रगण			रगण											
।	।	।	।	।	।	९	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९								
सि	त	ल	शु	न	फ	ल	त्र	यो	शी	र	ति	क्ता	व	चा	तु	त्थ	य	ष्टी	ब	ला	लो	हि	तै	ला	शि	ला	प	द्ध	कैः

6. Dhiralalita:²⁰

It is a varnavrtta samachanda consisted of eighteen letters in each pada. The respective ganas are यगण, मगण, नगण, सगण, तगण and सगण.

Example :

प्रसृष्टे विष्मूत्रे हृदि सुविमले दोषे स्वपथगे विशुद्धे चोक्तारे क्षुदुपगमने वातेज्ञुसरति।

तथाग्नावुद्रिक्ते विशदकरणे देहे च सुलघौ प्रयुज्जीताहारं विधिनियमितं, कालः स हि मतः॥ (सूत्रस्थान 8/55)

Analysis:

Pada 1

यगण			मगण			नगण			सगण			तगण			सगण		
	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ						ॐ	ॐ	ॐ				ॐ
प्र	सू	ष्टे	वि	ण्मू	त्रे	हृ	दि	सु	वि	म	ले	दो	षे	स्व	प	थ	गे

Pada 2

यगण			मगण			नगण			सगण			तगण			सगण		
	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ						ॐ	ॐ	ॐ				ॐ
वि	शु	ब्धे	चो	क्षा	रे	क्षु	दु	प	ग	म	ने	वा	ते	ज्ञु	स	र	ति

Pada 3

यगण			मगण			नगण			सगण			तगण			सगण		
	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ						ॐ	ॐ	ॐ				ॐ
त	था	ग्ना	वु	द्वि	के	वि	श	द	क	र	णे	दे	हे	च	सु	ल	घौ

Pada 4

यगण			मगण			नगण			सगण			तगण			सगण		
	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ						ॐ	ॐ	ॐ				ॐ
प्र	यु	ञ्जी	ता	हा	रं	वि	धि	नि	य	मि	तं	का	लः	स	हि	म	तः

7. Dodhaka:²¹

It is also known as "Bandhu" and characterised by eleven letters in each pada. Respective *ganas* are three भगण and two-guru letters. Pause at the end.

Example:

ओषधयो मणयश्च सुमन्त्राः साधुगुरुद्विजदैवतपूजा ।

प्रीतिकरा मनसो विषयाश्च घन्त्यपि विष्णुकृतं ज्वरमुग्रम् । (चिकित्सास्थान 1/177)

Analysis:

Pada 1

भगण			भगण			भगण			गु			गु				
ॐ			ॐ			ॐ			ॐ			ॐ			ॐ	
ओ	ष	ध	यो	म	ण	य	श्र	सु	म	न्त्राः						

Pada 2

भगण			भगण			भगण			गु			गु				
ॐ			ॐ			ॐ			ॐ			ॐ			ॐ	
सा	धु	गु	रु	द्वि	ज	दै	व	त	पू			जा				

Pada 3

भगण			भगण			भगण			गु	गु
९			९			९			९	९
प्री	ति	क	रा	म	न	सो	वि	ष	या	श्र

Pada 4

भगण			भगण			भगण			गु	गु
९			९			९			९	९
घ्न	न्त्य	पि	वि	ष्ज्ञ	क्	तं	ज्व	र	मु	ग्रम्

8. Drutavilambita:²²

It is composed of नगण, two भगण and रगण respectively. Pause is after twelve varnas i.e. *padanta*.

Example:

स्तननितम्बकृतादतिगौरवा दलसमाकुलमीश्वरसम्भ्रमात् ।

इति गतं दधतीभिरसंस्थितं तरुणचित्तविलोभनकार्मणम् । (चिकित्सास्थान 7/79)

Analysis:

Pada 1

नगण			भगण			भगण			रगण		
			९			९			९	९	९
स्त	न	नि	त	म्ब	क्	ता	द	ति	गौ	र	वा

Pada 2

नगण			भगण			भगण			रगण		
			९			९			९	९	९
द	ल	स	मा	कु	ल	मी	श्व	र	स	म्भ	मात्

Pada 3

नगण			भगण			भगण			रगण		
			९			९			९	९	९
इ	ति	ग	तं	द	ध	ती	भि	र	सं	स्थि	तं

Pada 4

नगण			भगण			भगण			रगण		
			९			९			९	९	९
त	रु	ण	चि	त्त	वि	लो	भ	न	का	र्म	णम्

9. Harini :²³

This *varnavrtta samachanda* is composed of नगण, सगण, मगण, रगण, सगण, a *laghu* and a *guru* letter in each pada. Pauses are after 6th, 10th and 17th i.e. *padanta*.

Example:

रहसि दयितामङ्के कृत्वा भुजान्तरपीडनात् पुलकिततनुं जातस्वेदां सकम्पपयोधराम् ।
यदि सरभसं शीधोर्वारं न पाययते कृती किमनुभवति क्लेशप्रायं ततो गृहतन्त्रताम् । (चिकित्सास्थान 7/87)

Analysis:

Pada 1

नगण			सगण			मगण			रगण			सगण			द्	गु
					९	९	९	९		९		९			९	
र	ह	सि	द	यि	ता	म	ङ्के	कृ	त्वा	भु	जा	न्त	र	पी	ड	नात्

Pada 2

नगण			सगण			मगण			रगण			सगण			द्	गु
					९	९	९	९		९		९			९	
पु	ल	कि	त	त	नुं	जा	त	स्वे	दां	स	क	म्प	प	यो	ध	राम्

Pada 3

नगण			सगण			मगण			रगण			सगण			द्	गु
					९	९	९	९		९		९			९	
य	दि	स	र	भ	सं	शी	धो	र्वा	रं	न	पा	य	य	ते	कृ	ती

Pada 4

नगण			सगण			मगण			रगण			सगण			द्	गु
					९	९	९	९		९		९			९	
कि	म	नु	भ	व	ति	क्ले	श	प्रा	यं	त	तो	गृ	ह	त	न्त्र	ताम्

10. *Indravajra*²⁴

It is also a *varnavrtta sama chhanda* and contains **eleven letters** in each *pada*. Each *Pada* consists of initial two तगण, one जगण and two *guru* letters. Pause is at the end.

Examples

मुस्तावचाग्निद्विनिशाद्वितिका-भल्लातपाठात्रिफलाविषाख्याः।

कुष्ठं त्रुटी हैमवती च योनि-स्तन्यामयघ्ना मलपाचनाश्च॥ (सूत्रस्थान 15/40)

Analysis:

Pada 1

तगण			तगण			जगण			गु			गु			
९	९		९	९			९	९		९		९			
मु	स्ता	व	चा	ग्नि	द्वि	नि	शा	द्वि	ति	का					

Pada 2

तगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
९	९		९	९			९		९	९
भ	ल्ला	त	पा	ठा	न्नि	फ	ला	वि	षा	ख्याः

Pada 3

तगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
९	९		९	९			९		९	९
कु	ष्ठं	त्रु	टी	है	म	व	ती	च	यो	नि

Pada 4

तगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
९	९		९	९			९		९	९
स्त	न्या	म	य	ध्ना	म	ल	पा	च	ना	श्वा

11. *Kusumitalatavellita*.²⁵

It is a *varnavrtta samachhanda* and characterised by **eighteen** letters in each *pada*. Components are यगण, मगण, नगण, सगण, तगण, and सगण . Pauses are after five, after eleven and after eighteen i.e. *padanta*.

Examples

ग्राम्याब्जानूपं पिशितमबलं शुष्कशाकं नवान्नं गौडं पिष्टान्नं दधि तिलकृतं विज्जलं मद्यमम्लम्।

धाना वल्लूरं समशनमथो गुर्वसात्यं विदाहि स्वप्नं चारात्रौ श्वयथुगदवान् वर्जयेन्मैथुनं च॥ (चिकित्सास्थान 17/42)

Analysis:

Pada 1

मगण			तगण			नगण			यगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९						९	९		९	९		९	९
ग्रा	म्या	ब्जा	नू	पं	पि	शि	त	म	ब	लं	शु	ष्क	शा	कं	न	वा	न्नं

Pada 2

मगण			तगण			नगण			यगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९						९	९		९	९		९	९
गौ	डं	पि	ष्टा	न्नं	द	धि	ति	ल	कृ	तं	वि	ज्ञ	लं	म	द्व	म	ल्मम्

Pada 3

मगण			तगण			नगण			यगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९						९	९		९	९		९	९
धा	ना	व	ल्लू	रं	स	म	श	न	म	थो	गु	र्व	सा	त्यं	वि	दा	हि

Pada 4

मगण			तगण			नगण			यगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	।	।	।	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९	।
स्व	जं	चा	रा	त्रौ	श्व	य	थु	ग	द	वान्	व	र्ज	ये	न्मै	थु	नं	च

12. *Malini*.²⁶

It is characterised by **fifteen** letters in each *pada*. Chronological components are two नगण, one मगण and two यगण . Pauses are after eight and after seven i.e. *padanta*.

Examples

मदनमधुकलम्बानिम्बिविशाला—त्रपुसकुटजमूर्वादेवदालीकृमिघ्नम्।

विदुलदहनचित्राः कोशवत्यौ करञ्जः कणलवणवचैलासर्षपाश्छर्दनानि ॥ (सूत्रस्थान 15/1)

Analysis:

Pada 1

नगण			नगण			मगण			यगण			यगण		
।	।	।	।	।	।	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९
म	द	न	म	धु	क	ल	म्बा	नि	म्ब	बि	म्बी	वि	शा	ला

Pada 2

नगण			नगण			मगण			यगण			यगण		
।	।	।	।	।	।	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९
त्र	पु	स	कु	ट	ज	मू	र्वा	दे	व	दा	ली	कृ	मि	घ्नम्

Pada 3

नगण			नगण			मगण			यगण			यगण		
।	।	।	।	।	।	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९
वि	दु	ल	द	ह	न	चि	त्रा	को	श	व	त्यौ	क	र	ञ्जः

Pada 4

नगण			नगण			मगण			यगण			यगण		
।	।	।	।	।	।	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९
क	ण	ल	व	न	व	चै	ला	स	र्ष	पा	श्र	र्द	ना	नि

13. *Mandakranta*.²⁷

It is a *varnavrtta samachanda* and characterised by **seventeen** letters in each *pada*. Components are मगण, भगण, नगण, तगण, तगण and two *guru* letters. Pauses are after four, after ten and after seventeen i.e. *padanta*.

Example:

लाक्षादन्तीमधुरसवराद्विपिपाठविडङ्ग प्रत्यक्षुष्णीत्रिकटुरजनीसप्तपर्णाटरूषम्।

रक्तानिम्बं सुरतरु कृतं पञ्चमूल्यौ च चूर्णं पीत्वा मासं जयति हितभुग्गव्यमूत्रेण कुष्ठम् ॥ (चिकित्सास्थान 19/41)

Analysis:

Pada 1

मगण			भगण			नगण			तगण			तगण			गु	गु
९	९	९	९						९	९		९	९		९	९
ला	क्षा	द	न्ती	म	धु	र	स	व	रा	द्वी	पि	पा	ठा	वि	ड	ङ्ग

Pada 2

मगण			भगण			नगण			तगण			तगण			गु	गु
९	९	९	९						९	९		९	९		९	९
प्र	त्य	क्मु	ष्टी	त्रि	क	टु	र	ज	नी	स	प्त	प	र्णा	ट	रू	ष्म्

Pada 3

मगण			भगण			नगण			तगण			तगण			गु	गु
९	९	९	९						९	९		९	९		९	९
र	का	नि	म्बं	सु	र	त	रु	क्	तं	प	ञ्च	मू	ल्यौ	च	चू	र्ण

Pada 4

मगण			भगण			नगण			तगण			तगण			गु	गु
९	९	९	९						९	९		९	९		९	९
पी	त्वा	मा	सं	ज	य	ति	हि	त	भु	ग्ग	व्य	मू	त्रे	ण	कु	ष्म्

14. Mattamayura:²⁸

Mattamayura is a *varnavrtta samachanda* and characterised by thirteen letters. Each Pada is composed of मगण, तगण, यगण, सगण and a guru varna . Pauses are after four and then after nine i.e. padanta.

Example :

पाठादार्वीवहिघुषेष्टकटुकाभिमूत्रं युक्तं शक्रयवैश्वोष्णजलं वा ।

कुष्टी पीत्वा मासमरुक् स्यादुदकीली मेही शोफो पाण्डुरजीर्ण कृमिमांशा । (चिकित्सास्थान 19/40)

Analysis:

Pada 1

मगण			तगण			यगण			सगण			गु
९	९	९	९	९			९	९		९		९
पा	ठा	दा	र्वी	व	हि	घु	णे	ष्टा	क	टु	का	भि

Pada 2

मगण			तगण			यगण			सगण			गु
९	९	९	९	९			९	९		९		९
मू	त्रं	यु	कं	श	ऋ	य	वै	श्वे	ष्टा	ज	लं	च

Pada 3

मगण			तगण			यगण			सगण			गु
९	९	९	९	९	।	।	९	९	।	।	९	९
कु	ष्टी	पी	त्वा	मा	स	म	रु	क्स्या	दु	द	की	ली

Pada 4

मगण			तगण			यगण			सगण			गु
९	९	९	९	९	।	।	९	९	।	।	९	९
मे	ही	शो	फो	पा	ण्डु	र	जी	र्णी	क्	मि	मां	श

15. Narkutaka:²⁹

It is characterised by **seventeen** letters in each *pada*. Chronological component s are नगण, जगण, भगण, जगण, जगण, one *laghu* and a *guru varna*. Pauses are after seven and after ten i.e. *padanta*.

Example:

वरतनु वक्त्रसङ्गति सुगन्धितरं सरकं द्रूतमिव पद्मरागमणिमासवरूपधरम् ।

भवति रतिश्रमेण च मदः पिबतोऽल्पमपि क्षयमत ओजसः परिहर न्सशयीतपरम् ॥(चिकित्सास्थान 7/88)

Analysis:

Pada 1

नगण			जगण			भगण			जगण			जगण		ल	गु
।	।	।	।	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	।	।	९	।	९
व	र	त	नु	व	क्त्र	स	ङ्ग	ति	सु	ग	न्धि	त	रं	स	रंकं

Pada 2

नगण			जगण			भगण			जगण			जगण		ल	गु
।	।	।	।	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	।	।	९	।	९
दु	त	मि	व	प	च्च	रा	ग	म	णि	मा	स	व	रू	प	धरम्

Pada 3

नगण			जगण			भगण			जगण			जगण		ल	गु
।	।	।	।	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	।	।	९	।	९
भ	व	ति	र	ति	श्र	मे	ण	च	म	दः	पि	ब	तो	ऽल्प	मपि

Pada 4

नगण			जगण			भगण			जगण			जगण		ल	गु
।	।	।	।	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	।	।	९	।	९
क्ष	य	म	त	ओ	ज	सः	प	रि	ह	र	न्स	श	यी	त	परम्

16. *Prahashini*³⁰

This *varnavrtta sama chanda* is composed of मगण, नगण, जगण, रगण each one and a *guru* letter in each *pada*. Pauses are after 3rd and after 13th i.e. *padanta*.

Examples

संसर्गाद्रसरुधिरादिभिस्तथैषां दोषांस्तु क्षयसमताविवृद्धिभेदैः।

आनन्यं तरमयोगतश्च यातान् जानीयादवहितमानसो यथास्वम्॥ (सूत्रस्थान 12/87)

Analysis:

Pada 1

मगण			नगण			जगण			रगण			गु
५	५	५	।	।	।	।	५	।	५	।	५	५
सं	स	र्गा	द्र	स	रु	धि	रा	दि	भि	स्त	थै	षां

Pada 2

मगण			नगण			जगण			रगण			गु
५	५	५	।	।	।	।	५	।	५	।	५	५
दो	षां	स्तु	क्ष	य	स	म	ता	वि	वृ	द्वि	भे	दैः

Pada 3

मगण			नगण			जगण			रगण			गु
५	५	५	।	।	।	।	५	।	५	।	५	५
आ	न	न्त्यं	त	र	त	म	यो	ग	त	श्र	या	तान्

Pada 4

मगण			नगण			जगण			रगण			गु
५	५	५	।	।	।	।	५	।	५	।	५	५
जा	नी	या	द	व	हि	त	मा	न	सो	य	था	स्वम्

17. *Prthvi*³¹

Prthvi is a *varnavrtta samachanda* and characterised by **seventeen** letters in every *pada*. Each *Pada* is composed of जगण, सगण, जगण, सगण, यगण , a *laghu* and a *guru varna* . Pauses are after eight and then after nine i.e. *padanta*.

Example:

सहामलकशुक्लिभिर्दधिसरेन तैलेन वा गुडेन पयसा घृतेन यवसकुभिर्वा सह ।

तिलेन सह माक्षिकेन सूपेन वा वपुष्करमस्करं परममेध्यमायुष्करम् ॥ (उत्तरस्थान 39/80)

Analysis:

Pada 1

जगण			सगण			जगण			सगण			यगण	ल	गु		
।	५	।	।	।	५	।	५	।	।	।	५	।	५	५		
स	हा	म	ल	क	शु	क्लि	भि	र्द	धि	स	रे	ण	तै	ले	न	वा

Pada 2

जगण			सगण			जगण			सगण			यगण			ल	गु
	९				९		९				९		९	९		९
गु	डे	न	प	य	सा	घृ	ते	न	य	व	स	कु	भि	र्वा	स	ह

Pada 3

जगण			सगण			जगण			सगण			यगण			ल	गु
	९				९		९				९		९	९		९
ति	ले	न	स	ह	मा	धि	के	न	प	ल	ले	न	सू	पे	न	वा

Pada 4

जगण			सगण			जगण			सगण			यगण			ल	गु
	९				९		९				९		९	९		९
व	पु	ष्क	र	म	रु	ष्क	रं	प	र	म	मे	थ्य	मा	यु	ष्क	रम्

18. *Puspitagra*³²

It is an *ardhasama varna chhanda* containing **thirteen** letters in each even *pada*. Where as each odd *Pada* is of **twelve** letters. Each odd *Pada* composed of two नगण, रगण, यगण and one *guru varna*. On the other hand नगण, two जगण, रगण make the even *pada*. Pause is at the end.

Examples

मदनकुटजकुष्ठदेवदाली— मधुकवचादशमूलदारुरास्नाः।

यवमिशिकृतवेधनं कुलत्था मधु लवणं त्रिवृता निरुहणानि॥ (सूत्रस्थान 15/3)

Analysis:

Pada 1

नगण			नगण			रगण			यगण						
						९		९		९		९	९		९
म	द	न	कु	ट	ज	कु	ष्ठ	दे	व	दा	ली				

Pada 2

नगण			जगण			जगण			रगण						गु	
				९			९		९		९		९	९		९
म	धु	क	व	चा	द	श	मू	ल	दा	रु	रा	स्नाः				

Pada 3

नगण			नगण			रगण			यगण							
						९		९		९		९	९		९	
य	व	मि	शि	कृ	त	वे	ध	नं	कु	ल	त्था					

Pada 4

नगण			जगण			जगण			रगण			गु
				९			९		९		९	९
म	धु	ल	व	णं	त्रि	व्	ता	नि	रु	ह	णा	नि

19. Rathoddhata:³³

It is a symmetrical *varna chanda* and composed of **eleven letters** in each *pada*. Components are रगण, नगण, रगण a *laghu* and a *guru varna* respectively. Pause is at the end.

Example:

तैल्वकं पवनजन्मनि ज्वरे योजयेत्निवृतया वियोजितम् ।

तिक्ककं वृषधृतं च पैत्तिं यच्च पालनिकया शृतं हविः । (चिकित्सास्थान 1/92)

Analysis:

Pada 1

रगण			नगण			रगण			ल	गु
९		९				९		९		९
तै	ल्व	कं	प	व	न	ज	न्म	नि	ज्व	रे

Pada 2

रगण			नगण			रगण			ल	गु
९		९				९		९		९
यो	ज	ये	त्ति	व्	त	या	वि	यो	जि	तम्

Pada 3

रगण			नगण			रगण			ल	गु
९		९				९		९		९
ति	क्त	कं	व्	ष	घ्	तं	च	पै	त्ति	के

Pada 4

रगण			नगण			रगण			ल	गु
९		९				९		९		९
य	च्च	पा	ल	नि	क	या	श्	तं	ह	विः

20. Salini:³⁴

It is characterised by **eleven letters** in each *pada*. Respective *ganas* are मगण, two तगण and two *guru* letter. Pause is at the end.

Example :

दूर्वानन्ता निष्पवासाऽत्मगुप्ता गुन्द्राऽभीरुः शीतपाकी प्रियङ्गःः

न्यग्रोधादि: पद्मकादि: स्थिरे द्वे पद्मं वन्यं सारिवादिश्च पित्तम्॥ (सूत्रस्थान 15 /6)

Analysis:

Pada 1

मगण			तगण			तगण			गु	गु
९	९	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९
द्वा	र्वा	न	न्ता	नि	म्ब	वा	सा	ऽत्म	गु	प्ता

Pada 2

मगण			तगण			तगण			गु	गु
९	९	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९
गु	न्द्रा	ऽभी	रुः	शी	त	पा	की	प्रि	य	ह्वः

Pada 3

मगण			तगण			तगण			गु	गु
९	९	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९
न्य	ग्रो	धा	दिः	प	द्य	का	दिः	स्थि	रे	द्वे

Pada 4

मगण			तगण			तगण			गु	गु
९	९	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	९
प	द्वं	व	न्यं	सा	रि	वा	दि	श्र	पि	त्तम्

21. *Sardulavikridita*³⁵

It is *varnavrtta samachanda* composed of मगण, सगण, जगण, सगण, two तगण and a *guru* letter at the end (**nineteen** letters). Pauses are after twelveth and after nineteenth i.e. *padanta*.

Example:

एलायुग्मतुरुष्ककुष्टफलिनीमांसीजलध्यामकं स्पृक्काचोरकचोचपत्रतगरस्थौणेयजातीरसाः।

शुक्लिव्याघ्रनखोऽमराह्वमगुरुः श्रीवासकः कुङ्कुमं चण्डागुगुलुदेवधूपखपुराः पुन्नागनागाह्यम्॥ (सुत्रस्थान 15/43)

Analysis

Pada 1

मगण			सगण			जगण			सगण			तगण			तगण			गु
९	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	
ए	ला	यु	ग्म	तु	रु	ष्क	कु	ष्ट	फ	लि	नी	मां	सी	ज	ल	ध्या	म	कं

Pada 2

मगण			सगण			जगण			सगण			तगण			तगण			गु
९	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	
स्पृ	क्ल	चो	र	क	चो	च	प	त्र	त	ग	र	स्थो	ने	य	जा	ती	र	साः

Pada3

मगण			सगण			जगण			सगण			तगण			तगण			गु
९	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	९	९	।	९	९	९	९
शु	क्ति	व्या	घ्र	न	खो	अम	रा	ह्व	म	ग	रुः	श्री	वा	स	कः	कु	ङ्क	मं

Pada 4

मगण			सगण			जगण			सगण			तगण			तगण			गु
९	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	९	९	।	९	९	९	९
च	ण्डा	गु	गु	ल	दे	व	धू	प	ख	पु	राः	पु	न्ना	ग	ना	गा	ह्व	यम्

22. *Sragdhara*:³⁶

This varnavrtta sama chanda contains seven *gan as* i.e. twenty one letters in each pada. The *gan as* are मगण, रगण, भगण, नगण and three यगण . Pauses are after every seven letters i.e. after seven, after fourteen and after twenty-one.

Example:

इयामादन्तीद्रवन्तीक्रमुक्तुटरणा-शङ्खिनीचर्मसाहा- स्वर्णक्षीरीगवाक्षीशिखरिरजनक-च्छिन्नरोहाकरञ्जाः।
बस्तान्त्री व्याधिघातो बहलबहुरस-स्तीक्ष्णवृक्षात् फलानि इयामादो हन्ति गुल्मं विषमरुचिकफौ हृद्रुजं मूत्रकृच्छ्रम्॥
(सूत्रस्थान १५/४५)

Analysis:

Pada 1

मगण			रगण			भगण			नगण			यगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	।	।	।	।	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	
इया	मा	द	न्ती	द्र	व	न्ती	क्र	मु	क	कु	ट	र	णा	श	ङ्खि	नी	च	र्म	सा	हा

Pada 2

मगण			रगण			भगण			नगण			यगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	।	।	।	।	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९	
स्व	र्ण	क्षी	री	ग	वा	क्षी	शि	ख	रि	र	ज	न	क	च्छि	न्न	रो	हा	क	र	ञ्जाः

Pada 3

मगण			रगण			भगण			नगण			यगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	।	।	।	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९		
ब	स्ता	न्त्री	व्या	धि	घा	तो	ब	ह	ल	ब	हु	र	स	स्ती	क्षण	वृ	क्षा	त्फ	ला	नि

Pada 4

मगण			रगण			भगण			नगण			यगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	।	९	९	।	।	।	।	।	९	९	।	९	९	।	९		
इया	मा	द्यो	ह	न्ति	गु	ल्म	वि	ष	म	रु	चि	क	फौ	हृ	द्रु	जौ	मू	त्र	कृ	च्छौ

23. *Suddha Virad* ³⁷

This *varnavrtta sama chanda* is composed of मगण, सगण, जगण and a *guru* letter i.e. ten letters in each *pada*. Pause is at the end.

Examples:

अम्बष्टा मधुकं नमस्करी नन्दीवृक्षपलाशकच्छुराः।
रोधं धातकिबिल्वपेशिके कट्वङ्गः कमलोद्ध्रवं रजः॥ (सूत्रस्थान 15/38)

Analysis

Pada 1

मगण			सगण			जगण			गु
ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ
अ	म्ब	ष्टा	म	धु	कं	न	म	स्क	री

Pada 2

मगण			सगण			जगण			गु
ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ
न	नन्दी	वृ	क्ष	प	ला	श	क	च्छु	राः

Pada 3

मगण			सगण			जगण			गु
ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ
रो	धं	धा	त	कि	बि	ल्व	पे	शि	के

Pada 4

मगण			सगण			जगण			गु
ॐ	ॐ	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ
क	ट्व	ङ्गः	क	म	लो	द्ध	वं	र	जः

24. *Svagata* ³⁸

It is a symmetrical varn a chanda and composed of **eleven letters** in each Pada. Compositions are रगण, नगण, भगण and two guru letters. At the end of each Pada there is a slight pause.

Example:

ते रसानुरसतो रसभेदा- स्तारतम्यपरिकल्पनाय च।
सम्भवन्ति गणनां समतीता दोषभेषजवशादुपयोज्याः॥ (सूत्रस्थान 10/44)

Analysis

Pada 1

रगण			नगण			भगण			गु	गु
ॐ	।	ॐ	।	।	।	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	ॐ
ते	र	सा	नु	र	स	तो	र	स	भे	दा

Pada 2

रगण			नगण			भगण			गु	गु
९		९				९			९	९
स्ता	र	त	म्य	प	रि	क	ल्प	न	या	च

Pada 3

रगण			नगण			भगण			गु	गु
९		९				९			९	९
स	म्भ	व	ति	ग	ण	नां	स	म	ती	ता

Pada 4

रगण			नगण			भगण			गु	गु
९		९				९			९	९
दो	ष	भे	ष	ज	व	शा	दु	प	यो	ज्याः

25. *Totaka*:³⁹

It is a *varnavrtta sama chanda* containing **twelve** letters in each *pada*. The *ganas* present in each *Pada* are four सगण. Pause is at the end of the *pada*.

Example:

लवणोत्तमवहिकलिङ्.यवांश्चिरविल्ब महापिचुमन्द्युतान्।

पिब सप्तदिनं मथितालुडितान् यदि मर्दितुमिच्छसि पायुरुहान्। (चिकित्सास्थान 8/161)

Analysis:

Pada 1

सगण			सगण			सगण			सगण		
		९			९			९			९
ल	व	नो	त्त	म	व	हि	क	लि	ङ्	य	वां

Pada 2

सगण			सगण			सगण			सगण		
		९			९			९			९
श्चि	र	बि	ल्ब	म	हा	पि	चु	म	न्द	यु	तान्

Pada 3

सगण			सगण			सगण			सगण		
		९			९			९			९
पि	ब	स	प्त	दि	नं	म	थि	ता	लु	डि	तान्

Pada 4

सगण			सगण			सगण			सगण		
		९			९			९			९
य	दि	म	दिं	तु	मि	च्छ	सि	पा	यु	रु	हान्

26. *Upacitra*⁴⁰

It is a variety of *varna samaka chanda* characterised by sixteen *matra* in each *pada*, where 9th and 10th *matra* are united.

Example:

पद्मकपुण्ड्रौ वृद्धितुगदर्थः शृङ्गयमृता दश जीवनसंज्ञाः।
स्तन्यकरा घन्तीरणपितं प्रीणनजीवनबृहणवृष्टाः॥ १२॥ (सूत्रस्थान 15/12)

Analysis

Pada 1

२	३	४	६	८	१०	११	१२	१४	१६
५	/	/	५	५	५	/	/	५	५
प	ञ	क	पु	ण्डौ	वृ	विं	तु	ग	दृथः

Pada 2

२	३	४	६	७	८	१०	११	१२	१४	१६
५	/	/	५	/	/	५	/	/	५	५
ञ	इय	मृ	ता	द	ञ	जी	व	न	सं	ज्ञाः

Pada 3

२	३	४	६	८	१०	११	१२	१४	१६
५	/	/	५	५	५	/	/	५	५
स्त	न्य	क	रा	घ	न्ती	र	न	पि	नं

Pada 4

२	३	४	६	७	८	१०	११	१२	१४	१६
५	/	/	५	/	/	५	/	/	५	५
प्री	ण	न	जी	व	न	वृं	ह	ण	वृं	व्याः

27. *Upajati*⁴¹

It is generally a combination of both *Upendravajra* & *Indravajra*. According to their (*Upendravajra* & *Indravajra*) position in different *Pada* *Upajati Chhanda* is of 14 types viz. *Kirti*, *Vani*, *Mala*, *Shala* etc. *Upajati* may be possible with any similar two *chhandas* like *Indravamsha* with *Vamshastha*⁴², *Svagata* with *Rathoddhata*⁴³. Besides mixed types of *Upajati* is also available like among *Vamshastha*, *Indravajra* and *Upendravajra*⁴⁴.

Examples :

रागादिरोगान् सततानुषकानशेषकायप्रसृतानशेषान् ।
औत्सुक्यमोहारतिदाव्जघान योऽपूर्ववैद्याय नमोस्तु तस्मै ॥ (सूत्रस्थान 1/1)

Analysis:

Pada 1

तगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
९	९	।	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	९
रा	गा	दि	रो	गा	न्स	त	ता	नु	ष	कान्

Pada 2

जगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
।	९	।	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	९
अ	शे	ष	का	य	प्र	सृ	ता	न	शे	षान्

Pada 3

तगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
९	९	।	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	९
औ	त्सु	क्य	मो	हा	र	ति	दा	ञ्ज	घा	न

Pada 4

तगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
९	९	।	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	९
यो	ऽपू	र्व	वै	दा	य	न	मो	स्तु	त	स्मै

28. *Upendravajra*⁴⁵

It is composed of जगण, तगण, जगण and two *guru varna* respectively. Pause is after eleventh *varna* i.e. *padanta*.

Examples :

विडङ्गसारामलकाभयानंपलत्रयंत्रीणि पलानि कुम्भात्
गुडस्य च द्वादश मासमेष जितात्मनां हन्त्युपयुज्यमानः ॥ (चिकित्सास्थान 19/31)

Analysis:

Pada 1

जगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
।	९	।	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	९
वि	ड	ङ्ग	सा	रा	म	ल	का	भ	या	नां

Pada 2

जगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
।	९	।	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	९
प	ल	त्र	यं	त्री	णि	प	ला	नि	कु	म्भात्

Pada 3

जगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
	९		९	९			९		९	९
गु	ड	स्य	च	द्वा	द	श	मा	स	मे	ष

Pada 4

जगण			तगण			जगण			गु	गु
	९		९	९			९		९	९
जि	ता	त्म	नां	ह	न्त्यु	प	यु	ज्य	मा	नः

29. *Vaisvadevi*⁴⁶

Vaisvadevi is a varnavrtta samachanda and characterised by twelve letters. Each Pada is composed of two मगण and two यगण . Pauses are after five and then after seven i.e. padanta

Examples

रात्रौ गोमूत्रे वासितान् जर्जराङ्गानहि छायायां शोषयेत्स्फोटहेतून्

एवं वारांस्त्रीस्ततः इलक्षणपिष्ठैः स्नुह्याः क्षीरेण श्वित्रनाशाय लेपः ॥ (चिकित्सास्थान 20/11)

Analysis

Pada 1

मगण			मगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	९		९	९		९	९
रा	त्रौ	गो	मू	त्रे	वा	सि	तान्	ज	र्ज	रा	ङ्गान्

Pada 2

मगण			मगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	९		९	९		९	९
अ	हि	च्छा	या	यां	शो	ष	ये	त्स्फो	ट	हे	तून्

Pada 3

मगण			मगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	९		९	९		९	९
ए	वं	वा	रां	स्त्रीं	स्तै	स्त	तः	इल	क्षण	पि	ष्ठैः

Pada 4

मगण			मगण			यगण			यगण		
९	९	९	९	९	९		९	९		९	९
स्नु	ह्याः	क्षी	रे	ण	श्वि	त्र	ना	शा	य	ले	पः

30. Vaitaliya⁴⁷

It is a *matra chanda* characterized by fourteen *matra* in each odd *Pada* and sixteen *matra* in each even *pada*. In each *Pada* there is a रगण, a *laghu* and a *guru varna* at the end.

Example:

अमृतानुटिवेल्लवत्सकं कलिपथ्यामलकानि गुगुलुः

ऋमवृद्धमिदं मधुद्रुतं पिटिकास्थौल्यभगन्दरान् जयेत् ॥ (उत्तरस्थान 28/38)

Analysis

Pada 1

1	2	4	5	6	8	9	11	12	14
					रगण			ल	गु
।	।	५	।	।	५	।	५	।	५
अ	मृ	ता	नु	टि	वे	ल्ल	व	त्स	के

Pada 2

1	2	4	6	7	8	10	11	13	14	16
						रगण			ल	गु
।	।	५	५	।	।	५	।	५	।	५
क	लि	प	थ्या	म	ल	का	नि	गु	गु	लुः

Pada 3

1	2	4	5	6	8	9	11	12	14
					रगण			ल	गु
।	।	५	।	।	५	।	५	।	५
ऋ	म	वृ	द्ध	मि	दं	म	धु	द्व	तं

Pada 4

1	2	4	6	7	8	10	11	13	14	16
						रगण			ल	गु
।	।	५	५	।	।	५	।	५	।	
पि	टि	का	स्थौ	ल्य	भ	ग	न्द	रान्	ज	येत्

31. Vamshastha⁴⁸

Each *Pada* of this *varnavrtta samachhanda* contains twelve letters. Within it four *ganas* are जगण, तगण, जगण and रगण respectively. Pause is at the end of *Pada*.

Examples

निशाकणानागरवेल्लतौवरं सवहिताप्यं ऋमशो विवर्धितम्

गवाम्बुपीतं वटकीकृतं तथा निहन्ति कुष्ठानि सुदारुणान्यपि । (चिकित्सास्थान 19/42)

Analysis:

Pada 1

जगण			तगण			जगण			रगण		
।	ॐ	।	ॐ	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ
नि	शा	क	णा	ना	ग	र	वे	ल्ल	तौ	व	रं

Pada 2

जगण			तगण			जगण			रगण		
।	ॐ	।	ॐ	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ
स	व	हि	ता	प्यं	ऋ	म	शो	वि	व	र्धि	तम्

Pada 3

जगण			तगण			जगण			रगण		
।	ॐ	।	ॐ	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ
ग	वा	म्बु	पी	तं	व	ट	की	कृ	तं	त	था

Pada 4

जगण			तगण			जगण			रगण		
।	ॐ	।	ॐ	ॐ	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ
नि	ह	न्ति	कु	ष्टा	नि	सु	दा	रु	णा	च्य	पि

32. *Vasantatilaka*.⁴⁹

It is *varnavrtta sama chanda* composed of one तगण , one भगण , two जगण and two *guru* letters (*fourteen* letters). At the end of the *Pada* there is a slight pause.

Example:

आरग्वधेन्द्रयवपाटलिकाकतिका – निम्बामृतामधुरसासुवृक्षपाठः।

भूनिम्बसैर्यकपटोलकरञ्जयुग्म – सप्तच्छदाग्निसुषवीफलबाणघोण्टाः॥ (सूत्रस्थान 15/17)

Analysis:

Pada 1

तगण			भगण			जगण			जगण			गु	गु
ॐ	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ
आ	र	ग्व	धे	न्द्र	य	व	पा	ट	लि	का	क	ति	का

Pada 2

तगण			भगण			जगण			जगण			गु	गु
ॐ	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	।	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	।	ॐ	ॐ	ॐ
नि	म्बा	मृ	ता	म	धु	र	सा	सु	व	वृ	क्ष	पा	ठः

Pada 3

तगण			भगण			जगण			जगण			गु	गु
९	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	।	।	९	।	९	९
भू	नि	म्ब	सै	र्य	क	प	टो	ल	क	र	ञ्ज	यु	ग्म

Pada 4

तगण			भगण			जगण			जगण			गु	गु
९	९	।	९	।	।	।	९	।	।	९	।	९	९
स	प	च्छ	दा	ग्नि	सु	ष	वी	फ	ल	बा	ण	घो	ण्टाः

33. *Viyogini*.⁵⁰

It is a *varnavrtta ardhasama chhanda*. Eleven letters of its even *Pada* is composed of सगण, भगण, रगण along with one *laghu* and a *guru* letter. On the other hand each odd *Pada* contains two सगण, जगण and a *guru* letter.

Examples

घृतमाशु निहन्ति साधितं ज्वरमग्निं विषमं हलीमकम्
अरुचिं भृशतापमंसयोर्वमथुं पार्श्वशिरोरुजं क्षयम् ॥ (चिकित्सास्थान 1/91)

Analysis

Pada 1

सगण			सगण			जगण			गु
।	।	९	।	।	९	।	९	।	९
घृ	त	मा	शु	नि	ह	न्ति	सा	धि	तं

Pada 2

सगण			भगण			रगण			ल	गु
।	।	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	।	९
ज्व	र	म	ग्नि	वि	ष	मं	ह	ली	म	कम्

Pada 3

सगण			सगण			जगण			गु
।	।	९	।	।	९	।	९	।	९
अ	रु	चिं	भू	श	ता	प	मं	स	यो

Pada 4

सगण			भगण			रगण			ल	गु
।	।	९	९	।	।	९	।	९	।	९
र्व	म	थुं	पा	श्र्व	शि	रो	रु	जं	क्ष	यम्

Discussion

Astanga Hridaya is consisted nearly of all subject matter of Caraka and Sushruta Samhita. The composer has used a total of thirty three meters to cover all such matters written in the prose form in the Caraka and Sushruta Samhita under the domain of meters.

Among the meter the *anustup* is used in maximum which also suggest the vastness of the meter in common use. Among the other meters *upajati* in combination with *upendravajra* and *indravajra* is widely used.

Meters like *Arya*, *Indravajra*, *Shalini*, *Svagata*, *Vaisvadevi* and *Vasantatilaka* are used moderately frequent. The frequency of appearance of meters like *Aupachandasika*, *Dodhaka*, *Praharshini*, *Puspitagra*, *Rathoddhata*, *Sragdhara*, *Sardulavikridita* and *Upendravajra* are between two to three. The meters namely *Bhadra*, *Dhiralalita*, *Harini*, *Kusumitalatabellita*, *Mandrakranta*, *Mattamayura*, *Narkutaka*, *Prithi*, *Suddhavirat*, *Totaka*, *Upachitra*, *Vaitaliya*, *Vamsastha* and *Viyogini* are used in single instance.

Conclusion

Study of *chhanda* is an integral part of classical text based learning. Proper acquaintance of the *samhita* cannot be possible without the adequate knowledge of each and every meter. Hence proper and logical study of meter according to composition is mandatory in order to recite and memorize the text rhythmically. The aforesaid presented *chanda* are scientifically analyzed and documented for the onward propagation of classical knowledge.

List of *chhanda* in *Astanga Hridaya*-in alphabetic order

List of chanda in Astanga hridaya -in alphabetic order

Sl	Name of chanda	Available in Astanga hridaya
1.	Anustup	<p>Sutra Sthana</p> <p>1/2-48 s; 2/1-48; 3/1-58 s ; 3/1-58 s ; 4/1-34; 5/1-84; 6/1-172; 7/1-75; 8/1-55; 9/1-28 s ; 10/1 -42; 11/1-44 ; 12/1-77 s ; 13/1-41; 14/1-37; 15/5,7,10,11,13,14,16,18,20,22,23,25, 27,29,31,32,34-36,39,42,44,46; 16/1-45; 17/1-28 s ; 18/1-28,33-59 s ; 19/1-84; 20/1-36,39; 21/1-21 s ; 22/1-33; 23/1-30 s ; 24/1-21 s ; 25/1-40 s ; 26/1-55 s ; 27/1-50; 28/1-47 s ; 29/1-79; 30/1-39,40-53;</p> <p>Sarira Sthana</p> <p>1/1-100 s ; 2/1-60; 3/1-84,89,95,103-120; 4/1-70; 5/1-132; 6/1-73 s ;</p> <p>Nidana Sthana</p> <p>1/1-23 s ; 2/1-23,27-78; 3/1-38; 4/1-31; 5/1-57 s ; 6/1-41; 7/1-59; 8/1-30; 9/1-40; 10/1-37; 11/1-29,3162; 12/1-46; 13/1-67 s ; 14/1-56; 15/1-56 s ; 16/1-58 s ;</p> <p>Cikitsa Sthana</p> <p>1/1-89,94-176 ; 2/1-50; 4/1-59 s ; 5/1-83 s ; - 6/1-84 s ; 7/1-74,89-115; 8/1-143 s , 155,156,159,160; 9/1- 46 s ,48-75,77- 124; 10/1-91; 11/1-63; 12/1-6,9- 43 s ; 13/1-51; 14/1-30 s ,40-129 s ; 15/1-131 s ; 16/1-57; 17/1-6,9-15 s ,17-38,; 19/1-17,21,22,24-27,33-37 s , 47-41,53,69,71-75,84; 20/12,19-34; - 21/1-31 s ,34-55,62-66,70-81; 22/1-74;</p>

		<p><i>Kalpa Siddhi Sthana</i> <i>1/1-47; 2/1-61 s ; 4/20-69; 5/1-54; 6/1-29 s ;</i> <i>Uttara Sthana</i> <i>1/1-49 s ; 2/1-77; 3/1-60 s ; 4/1-44; 5/1-14,21-53; 6/1-60; 7/1-37; 8/1-27 s ; 9/1-41; 10/1-31 s ; 11/1-57 s ; 12/1-33 s ; 13/1-22,26-32 s ,36,39-41, 48-73,75-96,; 14/1-30; 15/123; 16/1-4 s ,10-33 s ,36-55 s ,58-65; 17/1-26; 18/1-66; 19/1-27; 20/1-25; 21/1-69; 22/1-80 s ; 23/1-32; 24/1-59; 25/1-66; 26/1-57 s ; 27/1-35; 28/1-33; 29/1-30 s ; 30/1-30 s ,33-37 ; 31/1-33; 32/1-5,7-31; 33/1-52 s ; 34/1-67; 35/1-32,37-70 s ; 36/1-83,86-93; 37/1-39,41,45-81; 38/1-40; 39/1-29,33-40,42,43,52,54,55,58-71,81-102,110,111-125,127-132,136-141,143-146,173,175-181; 40/1-38,60,61,63-79,81,82,87,89;</i></p>
2.	Arya,	<p>Sutra Sthana 15/8,33; Cikitsa Sthana <i>7/85; 8/148,159; 14/39; 19/37,43,44,54-63, 71-74,76-78,82,86-94; 20/1-6,8,13,18; 4/70-73;</i> Uttara Sthana <i>13/23-25,42,44,46,66; 16/5,8,10; 22/84-86,90-94,96, 99-101,108-111; 27/37; 30/40; 37/42,85; 72-74,133-135; 40/45,50-57,62;</i></p>
3.	Aupacchandasika,	<p>Sarira Sthana 3/87,99; Cikitsa Sthana 8/146; 17/8; 19/19; Uttara Sthana 13/99-100; 27/38; 28/37; 39/46,47,152;</p>
4.	Bhadra,	Cikitsa Sthana 8/153;
5.	Dandaka,	Uttarasthan 5/19,20
6.	Dhiralalita	Sutra Sthana 8/55
7.	Dodhaka,	<p>Cikitsa Sthana 1/177; 7/82; 14/31; Uttara Sthana 5/19,20; 28/39,40;</p>
8.	Drutavilambita	<p>Sutra Sthana 15/21; Sarira Sthana 3/91; Cikitsa Sthana 7/79; 8/157; 21/56; Uttara Sthana 28/35; 39/171; 40/85 ;</p>
9.	Harini,	Cikitsa Sthana 7/87;
10.	Indravajra,	<p>Sutra Sthana 15/40; 18-32 ; 19/85-86; 27/51; 29/80 ; Sarira Sthana 2/62; 3/88,100; Nidana Sthana 11/63; Cikitsa Sthana 8/162,164; 9/47; 19/18,30; 20/16; 4/1,3,10,16,18; Uttara Sthana 5/17; 16/7; 22/82,95,97; 27/40;30/32,38;37/82; 39/30,41,57,75,103,104,106,109,147,160,164; 40/39,47,50;</p>
11.	Kusumitalatabellita	Cikitsa Sthana 17/42;
12.	Malini,	<p>Sutra Sthana 7/77 ; 15/1,19,30; Cikitsa Sthana 7/78; 14/35; 19/98 ; Uttara Sthana 39/78,107,168; — 40/84;</p>

13.	<i>Mandakranta,</i>	Cikitsa Sthana 19/41 ;
14.	<i>Mattamayura,</i>	Cikitsa Sthana 19/40 ;
15.	<i>Narkutaka,</i>	Cikitsa Sthana 7/88 ;
16.	<i>Praharsini,</i>	Sutra Sthana 12/78 ,78ś ; Sarira Sthana 3/92,98; Uttara Sthana 13/33,37; 16/6; 22/102;
17.	<i>Prthvi,</i>	Uttara Sthana 39/80;
18.	<i>Puspitagra,</i>	Sutra Sthana 15/3 ; 22/34 ; Cikitsa Sthana 8/150 ; 17/41; Uttara Sthana 40/-46 ;
19.	<i>Rathoddhata,</i>	Cikitsa Sthana 1/92; 7/81; Uttara Sthana 13/74; 16/9; 28/42;
20.	<i>Salini,</i>	Sutra Sthana 15/6,28,47; 17/29,29 ś ; 21/22,22 ś ; Sarira Sthana 3/90,93,96; Nidana Sthana 2/26; Cikitsa Sthana 7/83; 8/147; 10/93 ; 14/33; 19/20,32,80,85,96,97; 20/7,9,10; 1/33,69,82; Uttara Sthana 13/35; 15/24; 16/34 ś , 35 ś ; 22/89; 37/86; 39/77,167; 40/59,86 ;
21.	<i>Sardulavikridita,</i>	Sutra Sthana 15/43 ; 20/37 ; Cikitsa Sthana 7/86 ; 8/149; 14/36; Uttara Sthana 5/18; 25/67; 32/32; 39/169; 40/48;
22.	<i>Sragdhara,</i>	Sutra Sthana 15/45 ; Cikitsa Sthana 8/144; Uttara Sthana 39/172;
23.	<i>Suddha Virad ,</i>	Sutra Sthana 15/38 ;
24.	<i>Svagata,</i>	Sutra Sthana 10/44 ; 15/26; Sarira Sthana 3/86; Nidana Sthana 2/25; Cikitsa Sthana 1/90; 7/76; 21/-68; Uttara Sthana 13/38,43; 27/41; 28/44; 37/40,84; 39/51,76,110(1),153;40/41 ;
25.	<i>Totaka,</i>	Cikitsa Sthana 8/161;
26.	<i>Upacitra,</i>	Sutra Sthana 15/12 ;

27.	<i>Upajati</i> ,	Sutra Sthana 1/1; 4/35,36; 10/43; -11/45 ; -15/2,9,37; -16/46 ; -18/29-31,60 s ; -19/87 ; -24/22,22 s ; 25/42 s ; -27/52-53; - 30/39(1);: Sarira Sthana 2/61; -3/94,97,102; Nidana Sthana -2/24; -10/38-41 ; - 11/30 ; -1/93; -7/77; 8-145,158,163; 9/76; 10/92; 12/7-8 ; 14/32,37; 17/7,16,39; 19/28,29,38,45,46,65-68,70,; 20/14,15,17,35; 21/32,67; Kalpa Siddhi Sthana 2/62 s ; 4/2,4-9,11-15,17,19; Uttara Sthana 5/15,16; 11/58 s ; 13/45,47,97; 16/56 s ,66,67; 22/81,83,87,103,104; 28/43; 29/31; 30/31,39; 32/6 ; 35/33-35; 36/84,85; 37/43,44; 39/31,32,44,45,50-53,56,108,142,148-151,154-159,161-163,166,174,177; 40/40,42,43,49,83;
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