Jñānasaṅgrahaḥ: A Collection of Computational Applications related to Sanskrit

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Jñānasaṅgrahaḥ is a web-based collection of several computational applications related to the Sanskrit language. The aim is to highlight the features of Sanskrit language in a way that is approachable for an enthusiastic user, even if she has a limited Sanskrit background. Jñānasaṅgrahaḥ is available at https://sanskrit.iitk.ac.in/jnanasangraha/. The applications part of Jñānasaṅgrahaḥ are described in the following sections.

Sankhyāpaddhatiḥ

In the ancient India, it was a common practice to represent numeric values using letters, syllables or words from a natural language. The primary reason to use such systems is, ease of remembrance of numbers. We present a user-friendly web-based interface, Saṅkhyāpaddhatiḥ, which implements three such ancient Indian numeral systems, Kaṭapayādi Saṅkhyā (Terdalkar and Bhattacharya, 2019), Āryabhaṭīya Saṅkhyā and Bhūtasaṅkhyā.

The former two are alpha-syllabic numeral systems, while the latter is a number notation that uses ordinary words having implication of numeral values.

The central idea of an alpha-syllabic systems is that numeric values of the syllables are defined based on the constituent consonants and vowels. Usually, more than one syllable is assigned the same numerical value, however, every syllable has a unique numerical value, i.e. a many-to-one mapping of syllables to numbers. As a result, there is a unique value associated with a valid word or a phrase in a system, but there might be many valid representations of a number in the language.

The core interface for each of the system consists of an encoding interface to encode numeric values into a valid text representation a decoding interface to decode any valid text representation into the corresponding numeric value.

Figure 1 shows the encoding and decoding capabilities of Bhūtasaṅkhyā system. The Saṅkhyā-paddhatiḥ system is available at https://sanskrit.iitk.ac.in/jnanasangraha/sankhya/.

Chandojñānam

Chandojñānam is a web-based system to detect the chanda in Sanskrit text. The system sports a user-friendly interface. The input can be provided as a plain text, a text file, or also in the form of an image. The input may make use of any transliteration scheme supported by the indic-transliteration package.

The system is tolerant towards erroneous texts and helps the user in locating and correcting such errors. The text processing supports two modes, treating the text as (1) a list of individual lines (pādas), and (2) a collection of verses. The system is able of finding approximate and close matches (termed, fuzzy matches) if a line or a verse does not directly correspond to a meter from the metrical database. Fuzzy matching is performed using edit distance comparison on the metrical signature of the lines (pāda). The tool also provides informative display showing the steps involved in the meter identification.

¹https://github.com/indic-transliteration/

Figure 2 shows the image upload interface and Figure 3 shows the fuzzy matching in action. A full version of the work ((Terdalkar and Bhattacharya, 2022)) explains the workings of the system. The system is available at https://sanskrit.iitk.ac.in/jnanasangraha/. The source code in the form of a Python library can be found at https://github.com/hrishikeshrt/chanda/.

Varņajñānam

Varṇa (वर्ण) is a phonetic unit of Sanskrit language. The Varṇajñānam system consists of utility functions related to varṇa information and manipulation. These include utilities to (1) form or resolve Pratyāhāra (2) split a word into its component varṇa, (3) display information related to the pronunciation of varṇa, namely uccāraṇa sthāna and prayatna and (4) calculate and display frequency of varṇa as well as pronunciation classes. The system is available at https://sanskrit.iitk.ac.in/jnanasangraha/varna/.

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Figure 1: Sańkhyā
paddhatiḥ: Bhūtasańkhyā Encoding and Decoding

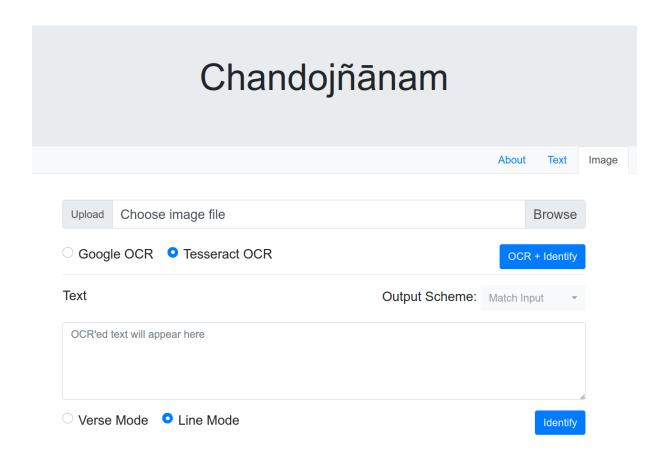


Figure 2: Chandojñānam: Image upload interface

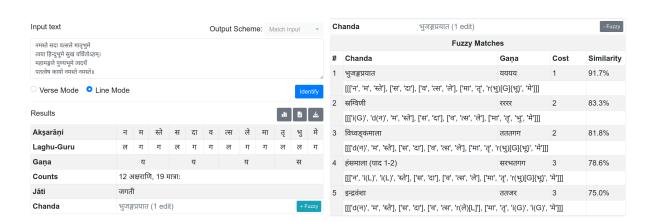


Figure 3: Chandojñānam: Meter identification with fuzzy matching and suggestions

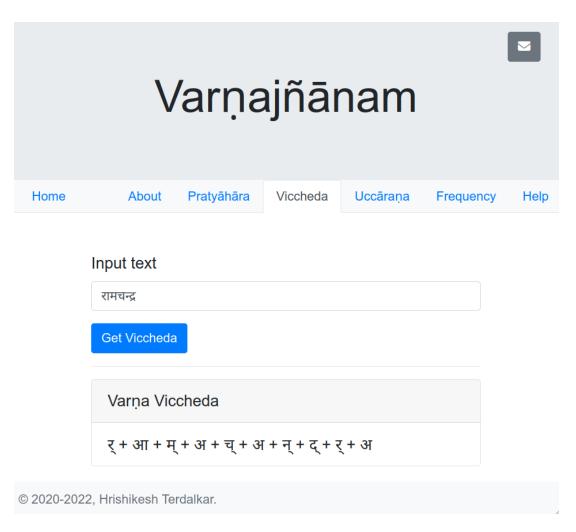


Figure 4: Varṇajñānam: Splitting varṇas (varṇavicchedaḥ)

Input text रामः Get Uccāraṇa

Varņa	Sthāna	Ābhyantara	Bāhya
र्	मूर्धा	ईषत्स्पृष्टः	संवारः नादः घोषः अल्पप्राणः च
आ	कण्ठ:	विवृत:	संवारः नादः घोषः अल्पप्राणः उदात्तः च
म्	ओष्ठौ नासिका च	स्पृष्ट:	संवारः नादः घोषः अल्पप्राणः च
अ	कण्ठः	संवृत:	संवारः नादः घोषः अल्पप्राणः उदात्तः च
o :	कण्ठः	विवृत:	महाप्राण:

Figure 5: Varṇajñānam: Pronunciation information Uccaraṇasthānayatna