

Criticism of the above rule :

5. The distance (obtained above) has been stated to be incorrect by the disciples of (Ārya)bhaṭa, who are well versed in astronomy, on the ground that the method of knowing the hypotenuse is gross. (Those) wise people further say that on account of the sphericity of the earth (also), the method used for deriving the above rule commencing with “*akṣa*” is inaccurate.<sup>3</sup>