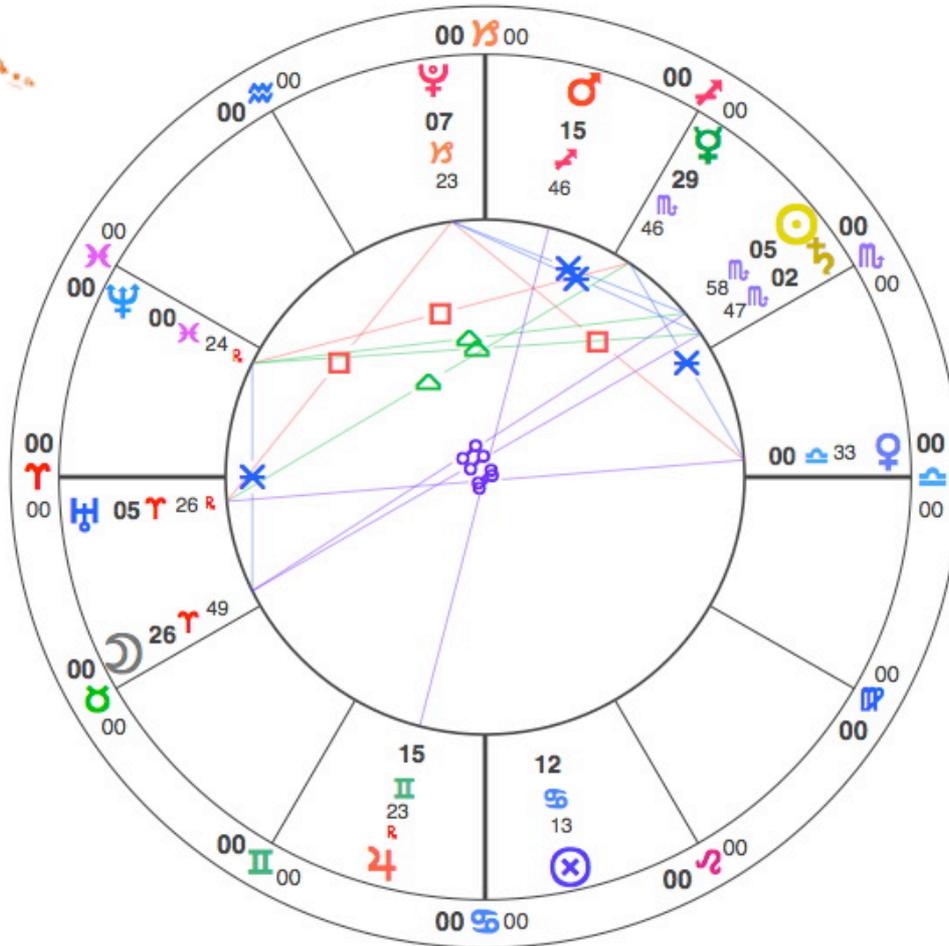




Aspects Example

Natal Chart
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The Aspects

The aspects are the geometric (angular) relationships between planets and points. The introductory ones you will be working with are:

0° Conjunction ☉ - *Power*; merging of energy or desires

60° Sextile ✕ - Connection of *opportunity*

90° Square □ - *Contrast* of energy or desires

120° Trine △ - *Flow* of energy or desires

180° Opposition ☿ - *Awareness* of of energy or desire

Remember: Think of Astrology as a symbol system where the planets are the **actors**, the signs their **costumes**, the houses are the stages, or **sets**, and the aspects are the **scripts** they've been handed. *The aspects tell us what kind of dialog the planets will have with each other, but YOU are the director. You call the shots, decide when to say Action and when to say cut!*

Another way of viewing the aspects in the chart is to consider the planets as guests at a banquet. How would Venus enjoy a feast with Mars? Are they conjunct? (sitting next to each other, sharing a plate?) Are they in opposition? (at far ends of the table, seeing each other from a greater perspective?) How would Jupiter engage either of them? Would he dive in (trine) or create some drama (square)? What of Saturn? Would Saturn he lose his appetite altogether? Each planet has a different orientation towards any given experience of life. Each will taste, digest, assimilate or reject that experience in different ways and how they are aspected (scripted to relate) says a lot about how we will feel. Note: *No aspect (or planet or transit) is 'good' or 'bad'. They simply have unique and sometimes contrasting ways of being/expressing.*

What about 'soft/easy and hard/difficult aspects?

The nature of the aspect, whether it be a trine, square or opposition, is significant yet it is more important to first established if there is a connection of any kind, and what that connection may represent.

If the Moon (feelings) aspects Mars (drive), it will feel quite different from the Moon in aspects to Neptune (spiritual longing). It matters little if the aspect is a so called "soft" one or a "hard". There are differences certainly, yet the primary signification of the planets being connected to each other remains unchanged. This holds true especially with the transits of the outer planets. A sextile from transiting Pluto can

coincide with every bit as profound an experience as a square or opposition. It matters more that one is being “*touched*” by the Universe and less from what angle the universe is doing the touching.

The conjunction ☿ and opposition ♁ are the most important aspects in the natal chart. With the ♁, the two planets are as far away from each other as possible and with the ☿, they are as close. The best degree of orb to use depends on each chart and individual experience.

What about orbs?

The ‘orb’ is the distance, in degrees, we allow planets to be ‘outside the exact angle’ and still call it an aspect. For example, if the Sun is at 15° Pisces and the Moon at 7° Pisces, they would still be called a conjunction (the 0° Aspect). Astrologers vary but I like larger orbs (ones you can drive a Mac truck through) and use up to 10 or even 12 degrees when conjunctions or oppositions involving the Sun or Moon, with progressively tighter orbs for the square, trine, and tighter still for the sextile and minor aspects. **The most important consideration to keep in mind is that if a planet, acts like it is in aspect (connected) to another planet, even if the orb is wide, then it is!** Results speak louder than rules! Be flexible and intuitive.

Exercises

1) Memorize the 5 major aspects by degree, symbol and key word

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2) Find the major aspects in your natal chart without looking at the *aspectarian.
 Note the aspects you can find by writing them down in symbolic form ie ♀ □ ♃
 not *Mars square Saturn*.

Notes: The same *polarity* are sextile by sign

The Same *element* are conjunct or trine by sign

The same *modality* is either conjunct, square or opposition by sign

Exceptions are ‘out of sign’ aspects between planets in early or late degrees of a sign such as sun in 29° Pisces and Moon in 2° Aries (a very close conjunction).

3) Check the aspectarian to see if you left anything out.

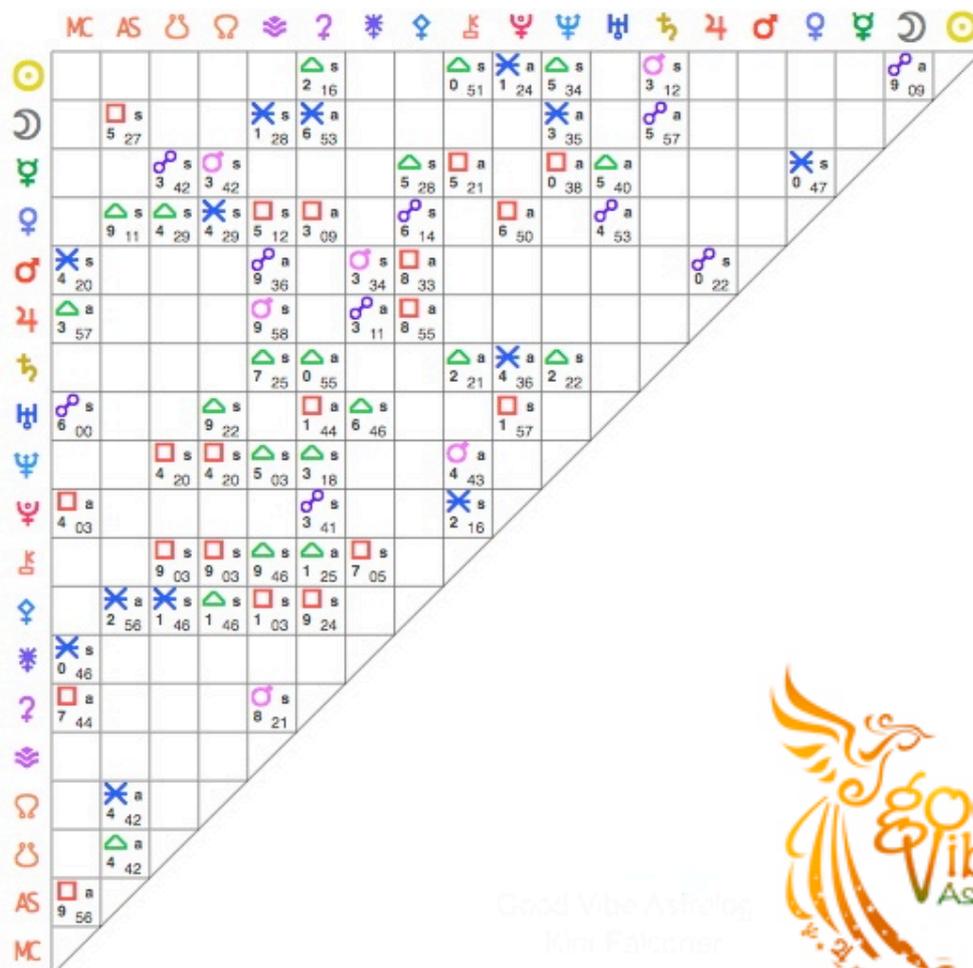
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