

From the Bakhshali Manuscript, a birch bark manuscript written in "Buddhist hybrid Sanskrit," around 10th century AC:

One merchant has seven *asava* horses, a second has nine *haya* horses, and a third has ten camels. They are equally well off in the value of their animals if each gives two animals, one to each of the others. Find the price of each animal and the total value for the animals possessed by each merchant.