



DETAILED DISCRPTION ON VELI, KULI AND MA – AREA MEASUREMENTS FROM EPIGRAPHS

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Abstract: The paper intends to calculate the veli which is an area measurement using different measuring rods that are termed as kol in the inscriptions of Tamil nadu. Here we have also discussed about the number of kuli that constitute a ma in different periods of time.

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Introduction

Area measure is expressed in terms of several units which gives an idea about the land survey undertaken. The area measure not only gives an idea about the extent of area of land donated but also the land brought under cultivation as well the lands irrigated. While assessing the extent of land, the area measures come to our rescue to solve the boundary disputes. It is possible to know the distortion in the boundary on account of natural calamities like flood, etc.,. The area survey is invariably undertaken under the orders of the king to asses the extent of land that suffered from breeches that took place and the reclamation of land that has been done. The ploughing capacity of the land can also be worked out, with the knowledge of area measure. The area measure reveals the survey undertaken by the kings to the minutest fraction.

***kuli*- an area measurementⁱ**

From among area measurements *kuli* is the basic unit of area measure. It is one square rod. A square rod means an area measuring with one rod in length and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of a rectangle} &= \text{length X breadth square units.} \\ &= 45 \text{ X } 81 \text{ square } k\bar{o}l \end{aligned}$$

one rod in breadth, the same came to be called a *kuli*.

Area measurement for a rectangular plot land

The modern formula for calculating the area of a rectangle is length X breadth. This was vogue in 13th century also. It is revealed from an inscription of Jaṭāvarman Sundara Pāṇḍya III dated in his 9thregnal year (1311-12 A.D.), hailing from Śrīraṅgam temple. It states that 3645 *kuli* of temple land was made over towards sites for the formation of a colony. The measurement of the place is mentioned as
njd;tly; nfhy; ehw;gj;ije;Jf;F
fPo;nky; nfhy; vz;gj;njhd;dhy;
Fop 3645...

.... *Theṇvaṭal kōl 45kku kīḷmēl kōl 81nāl kuli 3645...*ⁱⁱ

It means that in the north-south direction (Theṇvaṭal) it measures 45 *kōl* and in the east-west direction (*kīḷmēl*) it measures 81 *kōl* , then the area is 3645 *kuli* (without considering the length of the *kōl*).

$$= 3645 \text{ square } k\bar{o}l$$

We know that, 1 square *kōl* = 1 *kūli*

Therefore, 3645 square *kōl* = 3645 *kūli*

The same can also be verified from another inscription at Uttaravedisvarā temple in Kuttālam dated in the reign period of Tribh. Rājēndra Chōla III in his 15th regnal year (1260 A.D.) which is still earlier than the inscription mentioned above. It registers a sale of 2 adjacent

house sites measuring 3 *kōl* and 9 *kōl* east-west with depth of 14 *kōl* on the north-south direction which is a rectangle with 3+9 = 12 *kōl* as length and 14 *kōl* as breadth.ⁱⁱⁱ Hence the area would be as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \text{length} \times \text{breadth square units} \\ &= 12 \times 14 \text{ square } k\bar{o}l \\ &= 168 \text{ square } k\bar{o}l \end{aligned}$$

Also we know 1 square *kōl* = 1 *kūli*

168 square *kōl* = 168 *kūli*

It matches exactly the area mentioned in the inscription.

An inscription from Uttaramerūr, dated 923 A.D., which gives the extent of many plots, refers to a plot of 28 *kūli* as measuring 2 rods east west and 14 rods north south.^{iv} If then, one square rod makes a *kūli*; the extent of *kūli* will naturally vary according to the length of the particular rod used. For example a *kūli* by 16-span rod will not be equal to a *kūli* by 12- span rod.

Mā - an area measūrment

In general, hundred *kūlis* make one *mā*. Number of *kūlis* that made up a *mā* varies from king to king and from period to period. Though the above values are generalized, the evidences from the inscriptions are being tabulated below.

Length of the rod and number of *kūli* to 1 *mā*

S.No.	Length of the measuring rod (in <i>aḍi</i> units)	No of <i>kūli</i> to 1 <i>mā</i>	Place	Date (in A.D)
1	NM* ¹	128 ^v	Vasishthēśvara temple, Tañjāvūr dt.	1012
2	NM*	100 ^{vi}	Uttaravēdīśvara temple, Kuttālam, Tañjāvūr dt.	1020
3	NM*	100 ^{vii}	Naṭarāja temple, Chidambaram, South Ārcot dt.	1070
4	NM*	128 ^{viii}	Naṭarāja temple, Chidambaram.	1075
5	12	729 ^{ix}	Kailāśanātha temple, Ālambākam, Trichy dt.	1084
6	16	128 ^x	Āpatsahāyēśvara temple,	1105

¹ NM*- means that the length of the rod is not mentioned in the inscription.

			Ālangudi, Tañjāvūr dt.	
7	12	100 ^{xi}	Mahālingaśvāmi temple Kumbakōṇam tk, Tañjāvūr dt.	1122
8	NM*	100 ^{xii}	Umāmahēśvara temple, Tañjāvūr dt.	1117
9	NM*	520 ^{xiii}	Vrishabhapurīśvara temple, South Ārcot dt.	1175
10	NM*	24.19 ^{xiv}	Vēdāraṇyēśvara temple, Tañjāvūr dt.	1177
11	NM*	100 ^{xv}	Amirataghastēśvara temple, Tirukkadaiyūr, Tañjāvūr dt	1159
12	NM*	600 ^{xvi}	Brahmapurīśvara temple, Tirumayanam, Tañjāvūr dt	1186
13	NM*	512 ^{xvii}	Agastēśvara temple, Tañjāvūr dt.	1220
14	12	50 ^{xviii}	Parasurāmēśvara temple, North Ārcot, dt	1220
15	9 (12 san)	160 ^{xix}	Virattānsēśvara shrine, Kīlūr, South Ārcot dt.	1243
16	16	512 ^{xx}	Trivikrama temple, South Ārcot, dt	1252
17	12	100 ^{xxi}	Virattanēśvarā temple, South Ārcot dt.	1267
18	18	256 ^{xxii}	Nellaiyappar temple, Tirunelvēli dt.	13 th cen
19	NM*	100 ^{xxiii}	Nedungalanātha śvāmin temple, Trichy dt.	14 th cen
20	NM*	6 ^{xxiv}	Amritaghatēśvara temple, Tañjāvūr dt	
21	12	522 ^{xxv}	Ruined Perumāḷ temple, Kadavampattī.	1307
22	16	256 ^{xxvi}	Pudukōṭṭai	1253
23	NM*	256 ^{xxvii}	Kailāśanātha temple, Sendamaṅglam , Tirunelvēli dt	12 th cen
24	16	256 ^{xxviii}	Siganāthaśvāmin temple, Kuḍumiyāṅ malai, Kulattūr tk.	1271
25	16	256 ^{xxix}	Virattāṇēśvara temple, kīlūr, South Ārcot dt.	1018
26	18	522 ^{xxx}	Kalyāṇa prasannā Venkaṭāchalapathi temple, Tiruvetpūr, Ālangudi tk. Pudukōṭṭai dt	1252
27	18	512 ^{xxxi}	Karṇēśwarar temple, Tirukōkarnam, Alanguḍi tk.	1266

28	18	256 ^{xxxii}	Ēśwaran temple, Perumanāḍu, Kuḷatūr tk. Pudukōṭṭai dt	1230
29	NM*	150 ^{xxxiii}	Śivapurīśvara temple, Śivayam, Kuḷitalai tk, Trichy dt. Pudukōṭṭai dt	1200
30	9	256 ^{xxxiv}	Pudukōṭṭai	1217
31	24	522 ^{xxxv}	Ēśwaran Temple. Perumenāḍu, Kuḷatūr tk. Pudukōṭṭai dt	1258
32	24	256 ^{xxxvi}	Tiruthoṇḍīśvaram temple, Erode.	1504
33	<i>Nilamalavu kōl</i>	100 ^{xxxvii}	Amiritaghatēśvara temple, Tirukkadaiyūr, Tañjāvūr dt.	1159
34	NM*	100 ^{xxxviii}	Uttamanāthaśvāmin temple. Kiranūr. Pudukōṭṭai dt	1310
35	<i>Tirumaiyathu kōl</i>	256 ^{xxxix}	Naganātha śvāmin temple, Peraiyūr, Tirumaiyam. Pudukōṭṭai dt	1300
36	22	256 ^{xl}	Naganātha śvāmin temple, Peraiyūr, Tirumaiyam. Pudukōṭṭai dt	1290
37	16	256 ^{xli}	Varahnīśvarar temple, Olimaṅglam , Tirumiyam tk. Pudukōṭṭai dt	1261

The above table gives us an idea about the nature of the measuring rod and the number of *kuḷi* that is made up into 1 *mā*. The length of the measuring rod from Kailāśanātha śvāmi temple, Ālambākam, in Trichy district gives an equivalent of 729 *kuḷi* for 1 *mā* while in the case of Mahālingēśvara temple in Kumbakōnam taluk it gives 100 *kuḷi* = 1 *mā*. In the case of Viratṭaṇēśvara temple, the number of *kuḷi* did change making 160 *kuḷi* for 1 *mā*. Sometimes for different rods the basic number of *kuḷi* did not change. This can be seen from the equivalence seen from 128 *kuḷi* that made up 1 *mā* as in the Vasīsthēśvara temple in Tañjāvūr district and Naṭarāja temple at Chidambaram. This enables us to infer that each area adopted a

basic linear measure. Perhaps in the fertile areas, the length of the measuring rod was reduced to increase the area of the land. The least unit of measure is 24.19 *kuḷi* that made up 1 *mā*. In this case the length of the measuring rod is not mentioned. This has been calculated from the total number of *kuḷis* and its equivalents given. This was endowed free from taxes fixed by Rājaniyōgam, *nāṭṭuvivattai* (*Vyavasthai*), *ūrvivattai* etc., as *Tirunadaviḷakkupuram* by Paṅgaṇavāyudaiyaṅ of Kiliyūr for burning a perpetual lamp to the deity Tirumaṛaikāḍuḍaiyār in Umbalanāḍu. Tirumaṛaikāḍu is the Tamilised form of Sānskrit word the Vēdāraṇyam. The land endowed comes to 1 ½ *vēli* and 1 *mā*.

This has been arrived by calculating

$$1 \frac{1}{2} v\bar{e}li = 30 m\bar{a} + 1 m\bar{a} \text{ (given)}$$

$$= 31 m\bar{a}$$

$$750 ku\bar{l}i = 31 m\bar{a} \text{ (given)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 1 m\bar{a} = 750/31 ku\bar{l}i$$

= 24.19 *kuḷi*

The frequency table for the above data could be a follows.

Frequency table for no. of *kuḷi* to 1 *mā*

S.No.	No. of <i>kuḷi</i> to 1 <i>mā</i>	Frequency
1	24.19	1
2	50	1
3	100	9
4	128	3
5	150	1
6	160	1
7	256	11
8	512	3
9	520	1
10	522	3
11	600	1
12	729	1

Now, we find that 100 *kuḷi* making a *mā* and 256 *kuḷi* making a *mā* have the highest frequency. Hence these two values becomes our prime concern for further

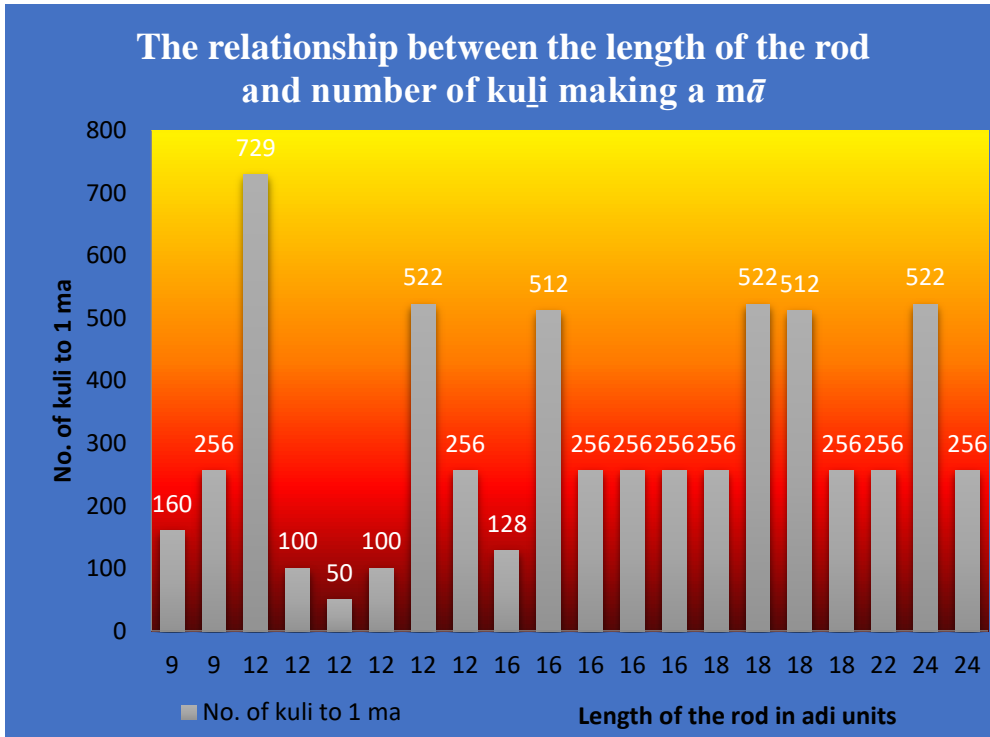
analysis. Therefore, the area of a *kuḷi* and area of *mā* for the different lengths of the rods are being calculated and tabulated.

Area of a *kuḷi* and a *mā* for different length of the rods

S.No.	Length of the rod	No. of <i>kuḷi</i> to 1 <i>mā</i>	Area of 1 <i>kuḷi</i> (in sq. <i>aḍi</i>)	Area of <i>mā</i> (in sq. <i>aḍi</i>)
1	12	100	144	14400
2	12	256	144	36864
3	16	256	256	65536
4	18	256	324	82944
5	24	256	576	147456
6	32	256	1024	262144

We can find the range the area of *mā* varying from 14,400 sq. *aḍi* to 2,62,144 sq. *aḍi*. Also, we could find that the variation in the area of a *mā* is wider. It means that the area measure depends largely on the linear measure that is the length of the rod and number of *kuḷis* constituting a *mā*. Therefore, area measure

is a dependent variable of linear measure. It is also directly propotional to the linear measure. The area increases as the length of the rod increases. The bar diagram below gives an idea about the relationship between *kuḷi* and *mā* for different length of the measuring rod.



From the above discussion and the bar diagram we find that 100 and 256 *kulis* making a *mā* need to be addressed to. Also, we can infer that 256 *kuli* making a *mā* is found throughout the country. But we could also find that 100 *kuli* making a *mā* using 12 *adi* rod is found in Chōḷa country at large. In other words this was in practise in the areas which are fertile and also in the areas irrigated by river Kāveri. We could find that 256 *kuli* making a *mā* is being practised mainly in the dry areas like Pudukōṭṭai, South Ārcot, Erode districts. It means that the availability of water, fertility of the soil, rainfall etc., contributes to the assesment of the value of the land. It is also noteworthy that 100 which is square of 10 and 256 which is square of 16 plays a significant role in the Tamil mathematics. This implies that the decimal and hexadecimal system was found to be vogue many centuries ago.

Calculation of area of mā

After arriving at the conclusion that 100 *kuli* makes a *mā* and the length of the rod being 12 *adi*, the area of one *mā* is (12 X 12) X 100 sq. *adi* ie., 14,400 sq. *adi*. We shall suggest a method of measuring

$$(12 \times 12) \times 100 \text{ sq.adi} = 14400 \text{ sq.adi}$$

the land whose area is 14,400 sq. *adi* using 12 *adi* scale. The various combinations of factors of 14400 are considered.

12 *adi* rod can be used for measuring both length and the breadth of the above said rectangle. It needs to be measured 10 times on both the ways. It is to be noted that this process may not always result in squares but it may result in rectangles as given below also.

12 *adi* rod can be used for measuring both length and the breadth of the above said rectangle. It takes 20 times to measure the length and 5 times to measure the breadth. The other possible combinations of (L,B) would be (600,24), (160,90), (225,64), (180,80), (12, 1200) for which either 12 *adi* rod or 16 *adi* rod can be used to measure. There are also combinations of rectangles which cannot be measured using any of the standard rod used for measuring the length and breadth. Those combinations are as follows: (360,40), (480,30), (720,20), (1440,10), (320,45).

Similarly, the same area of 1 *mā* can be measured using 16 *sān kōl*. The conversion is as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 14400 \times (4/3)^2 \text{ sq. } \textit{s\~{a}n} \\
 &= 25600 \text{ sq. } \textit{s\~{a}n}. \\
 &= (16 \times 16) \times 100 \text{ sq. } \textit{s\~{a}n}
 \end{aligned}$$

The other possible combinations of (L,B) would be (320,80), (1600,16), (800, 32), (128, 200), (256, 100). These rectangles can be measured using 16 *s\~{a}n* rod. The prime factorization of this

The area of 256 *ku\~{l}i* using 12 *a\~{d}i* rod = (12 X 12) X 256 square *a\~{d}i*
 = 36864 sq. *a\~{d}i*
 = (16 X 16) X 144 sq. *a\~{d}i*
 = 144 *ku\~{l}i* using 16 *a\~{d}i* rod

Hence from the above we find 1). For measuring an area of 14,400 sq. *a\~{d}i* either 12 *a\~{d}i* rod or 16 *s\~{a}n* rod can be used. The number of *ku\~{l}i* that is 100 remains the same. 2). Also, the area obtained by measuring 256 *ku\~{l}i* using 12 *a\~{d}i* rod is equal to the area of 144 *ku\~{l}i* measured using 16 *a\~{d}i* rod.

Standardisation and calculation of the breadth of a *ku\~{l}i*

L= 12 *s\~{a}n* = 9 *a\~{d}i*, *ku\~{l}i* / *m\~{a}* (KM) = 160 BK = 100 sq. *a\~{d}i*, BL= 12 *a\~{d}i*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Breadth} &= \frac{BK \times BL \times BL}{L \times KM} \text{ units} \\
 &= \frac{100 \times 12 \times 12}{9 \times 160} \text{ a\~{d}i} \\
 &= \frac{14400}{1440} \text{ a\~{d}i} \\
 &= 10 \text{ a\~{d}i}
 \end{aligned}$$

Area of 1 *ku\~{l}i* = (9 X 10) sq. *a\~{d}i*
 = 90 sq. *a\~{d}i*

Area of 160 *ku\~{l}i* (9 *a\~{d}i*) = (160 X 90) sq. *a\~{d}i*
 = 14400 sq. *a\~{d}i*
 = Area of 100 BK
 = Area of 1 BM

Hence, converting to BK we obtain a *ku\~{l}i* is a rectangle of dimension (10 X 9) sq. *a\~{d}i*. Now consider 512 *ku\~{l}i* making a *m\~{a}*. (Refer table 3.1 row 27). Conversion to basic *ku\~{l}i* is as follows.

L= 18 *a\~{d}i* *ku\~{l}i* / *m\~{a}* (KM) = 512 BK = 100 sq. *a\~{d}i* , BL= 12 *a\~{d}i*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Breadth} &= \frac{BK \times BL \times BL}{L \times KM} \text{ units} \\
 &= \frac{100 \times 12 \times 12}{18 \times 512} \text{ a\~{d}i} \\
 &= \frac{14400}{9216} \text{ a\~{d}i} \\
 &= 1.5625 \text{ a\~{d}i}
 \end{aligned}$$

Area of 1 *ku\~{l}i* = (18 X 1.5625) sq. *a\~{d}i*
 = 28.125 sq. *a\~{d}i*

Area of 512 *ku\~{l}i* (18 *a\~{d}i*) = (28.125 X 512) sq. *a\~{d}i*
 = 14400 sq. *a\~{d}i*

number also leads to some combination of rectangles which can be again measured using the standard rod ie., 16 *s\~{a}n k\~{o}l* which is again 12 *a\~{d}i* in length.

Next,

So in order to measure a *m\~{a}* of 100 *ku\~{l}i* using 12 *a\~{d}i* rod one can measure 256 *ku\~{l}i* using 16 *s\~{a}n* rod. At this stage we shall define the basic length (BL) of the rod as 12 *a\~{d}i* or 16 *s\~{a}n*. And the basic *ku\~{l}i* (BK) as 100 *ku\~{l}i* whose basic area (BM) is 14,400 sq. *a\~{d}i*.

Now consider 160 *ku\~{l}i* making a *m\~{a}*. (Refer table 3.1 row 15.) Conversion to basic *ku\~{l}i* and finding the breadth of a *ku\~{l}i* is as follows.

= Area of 100 BK

= Area of 1 BM

Hence, converting to BK we obtain a *kuḷi* a rectangle with dimension (18 X 1.5625) sq. *aḍi*.

Or (24 X 2.08) sq. *sān*.

Now, consider 256 *kuḷi* making a *mā*. (Refer table 3.1 row 28). Conversion to basic *kuḷi* is as follows.

$$L = 18 \text{ aḍi, kuḷi/ mā (KM)} = 256 \quad BK = 100 \quad BL = 12$$

$$\text{Breadth} = \frac{BK \times BL \times BL}{L \times KM} \text{ units}$$

$$= \frac{12 \times 12 \times 100}{18 \times 256} \text{ aḍi}$$

$$= \frac{14400}{4608} \text{ aḍi}$$

$$= 3.125 \text{ aḍi}$$

$$\text{Area of 1 kuḷi} = (18 \times 3.125) \text{ sq. aḍi}$$

$$= 56.25 \text{ sq. aḍi}$$

$$\text{Area of 256 kuḷi (18 aḍi)} = (56.25 \times 256) \text{ sq. aḍi}$$

$$= 14400 \text{ sq. aḍi}$$

$$= \text{Area of 100 BK}$$

$$= \text{Area of 1 BM}$$

Hence, converting to BK we obtain a *kuḷi* is a rectangle of dimension (18 X 3.125) sq. *aḍi* or (24 X 4.1666) sq. *sān*.

Here the area of 256 *kuḷi* = (12 X 12) sq. *aḍi* X 256 *kuḷi*.

$$L = 12 \text{ aḍi, kuḷi/ mā (KM)} = 256 \quad BK = 100 \text{ sq aḍi} \quad BL = 12 \text{ aḍi}$$

$$\text{Breadth} = \frac{BK \times BL \times BL}{L \times KM} \text{ units}$$

$$= \frac{12 \times 12 \times 100}{12 \times 256} \text{ aḍi}$$

$$= 4.6875 \text{ aḍi}$$

$$\text{Area of 1 kuḷi} = (12 \times 4.6875) \text{ sq. aḍi}$$

$$= 56.25 \text{ sq. aḍi}$$

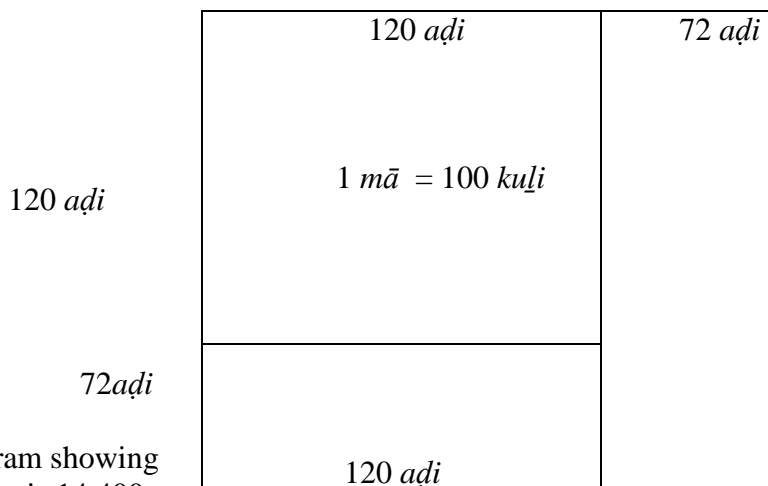
$$\text{Area of 256 kuḷi (12 aḍi)} = (56.25 \times 256) \text{ sq. aḍi}$$

$$= 14400 \text{ sq. aḍi}$$

$$= \text{Area of 100 BK}$$

$$= \text{Area of 1 BM}$$

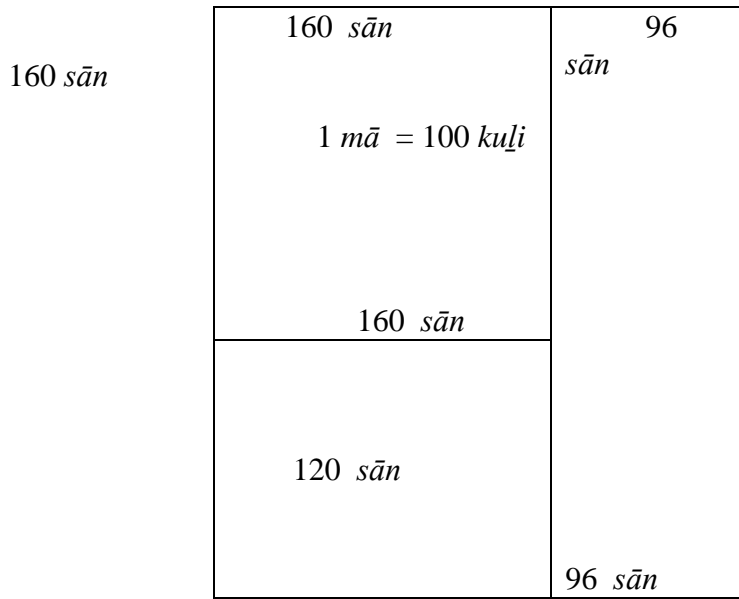
The following diagram shows that 100 *kuḷi* whose area is 14400 sq. *aḍi* measured using 12 *aḍi* rod.



The diagram showing whose area is 14,400

the total to 256 *kuḷi* sq. *aḍi* measured using

16 *sān* scale. Here the area of 256 *kuḷi* = (16 X 16) sq. *aḍi* X 256 *kuḷi*



The same area is measured by rods of different length for the length and the breadth. Hence, the area of a *mā* can be interpreted as 100 *kuḷi* using 12 *aḍi* rod is equal to 100 *kuḷi* using 16 *sān* rod.

The following table is obtained while standardizing the breadth by assuming the following values of BK, BL.

Breadth1: BK=100; BL= 12;

Breadth2: BK=100; BL= 16

Breadth3: BK=256; BL= 12;

Breadth4: BK=256; BL= 16

Breadths for different length of the rod and the corresponding No. of *kuḷi* to a *mā*

No. of <i>kuḷi</i>	Length (<i>aḍi</i>)	Breadth1 (<i>aḍi</i>)	Breadth2 (<i>aḍi</i>)	Breadth3(<i>aḍi</i>)	Breadth4(<i>aḍi</i>)
100	12	12	16	30.72	54.61333
256	12	4.6875	6.25	12	21.33333
729	12	1.64609053	2.194787	4.213992	7.491541
50	12	24	32	61.44	109.2267
522	12	2.29885057	3.065134	5.885057	10.46232
256	16	3.5156255	6.25	9	16
128	16	7.03125	12.5	18	32
512	16	1.7578125	3.125	4.5	8
256	18	3.125	6.25	8	14.22222
522	18	1.53256705	3.065134	3.923372	6.974883
512	18	1.5625	3.125	4	7.111111
256	22	2.55681818	6.25	6.545455	11.63636
256	24	2.34375	6.25	6	10.66667

522	24	1.14942529	3.065134	2.942529	5.231162
256	32	1.7578125	6.25	4.5	8
160	9	10	10	25.6	45.51111
160	12	7.5	10	19.2	34.13333

The fractions of the breadth can be measured by multiplying it with suitable numbers in order to measure a *mā*. For example,

Consider the *kulī* with length = 12, breadth= 1.64, No. of *kulī*=729

To measure 729 *kulī* (ie., a *mā*), one has to break up 729 *kulī* as 7 hundreds 30 tens

$$\begin{aligned}
 (12 \times 1.64) \times 729 &= (12 \times 16.4) \times 27 \times 27 \\
 &= (12 \times 1195.56) \\
 &= (12 \times 1) \times (12 \times 99.63) \\
 &= (12 \times 1) \times (12 \times 100) \text{ app.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, measuring 1 time the length and 100 times the breadth using 12 *aḍi* rod gives the result. Similarly, other rectangular *kulīs* can be measured.

Next, let us consider 18 as 24 *san*. Hence,

Area of 512 *kulī* using 18 *aḍi* rod = (8 X 8 X 8) X 24 X24 sq. *san*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Breadth of 1 kulī} &= \frac{8 \times 8 \times 8 \times 3}{8 \times 3 \times 4} \text{ san} \\
 &= 16 \text{ san}
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, let us consider 729 *kulī* as 24 *adi*. Hence,

Area of 729 *kulī* using 12 *aḍi* rod = (9 X 9 X 9) X 12 X 12 sq. *san*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Breadth of 1 kulī} &= \frac{9 \times 9 \times 9 \times 4}{12 \times 3} \text{ san} \\
 &= 81 \text{ san}
 \end{aligned}$$

From the above table, we also find that in every row there is atleast one value of the breadth which is a whole number. This particular length and breadth can be used as the dimension of one *kulī* and other standardizations can be neglected. For example, consider the second row, number of *kulī* is 256, the length and the breadth3 is 12 *aḍi*.

Also, a *kulī kōl* which is in the shape of the wedge can be employed to measure the *kulī* directly. It is enough to

measure the diagonal using *kulī kōl* and thereafter the area of the land can be calculated.

Conclusion: Thus we find that *kulī* and *ma* play a major role in the calculation of *veli*. There seems to be different number of *kulī* and *ma* making a *veli*. There is variations in this number in different period of time and during different parts of the country. This depends on the nature of the land whether it is or wet.

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