

FAA Advanced Exam 2006 Q 6 - Rectification

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Question 6.

Question 6 - Rectification:

The technique of rectification is used to find a speculative birth time where the actual time is unknown. The method is based on activation of angles and the moon at significant times in the life of the individual.

Without the use of specialist rectification software, find a speculative birth time that works best using the data listed below. Explain your methodology and reasoning as you go. (Include relevant charts etc)

Craig was born 26 August 1981 in Sydney, between Midday and 4 pm, and he is currently undergoing a major change in his life. Although young, he has had some major periods of activity that can be used to refine the birth time, utilising the natal and progressed angles and moon.

Birth of sibling	2 Mar 1984
Birth of sibling	4 Jul 1985
Birth of sibling	28 Sep 1988
Youngest sibling near death	11 May 1989 (this created major trauma in the family)
Father has stroke	20 Mar 1998
Breaks leg	27 Mar 1998
Leaves home	Feb 2000 (moves to country with girlfriend)
Death of father	23 Apr 2001 (both were sudden deaths)
Death of grandfather	18 Jun 2001
Marriage	13 Oct 2001
Moves back to Sydney	2 Jan 2002 (wanted to be closer to mother)
Birth of son	13 Apr 2002
Receives major promotion	mid May 2005 (resulting in relocation away from family)
Leaves wife	19 Mar 2006

Answer

Initial ideas about Craig's chart¹

The rectification process for me involves first attempting to identify the rulers of the angles. Using traditional rulers only, and Placidus house system, I construct a chart for every ½ hour within the given time-frame. For Craig's birthtime "between midday and 4pm", this gives nine charts, which can be printed on the one page to muse over.

We have only events to work from, with no information about Craig as a person. If we could dialogue with him, we might estimate a feasible rising sign and house placement of his luminaries and Saturn. With Moon definitely in Cancer, Craig's family is important to him.

Craig has most planets in Cardinal signs. Identifying the qualities of each planet helps us recognise what type of aspect the dynamic activity will be making to the planet or point involved: a square is very different to a trine, for instance.

Craig's Sun makes just one major aspect: a square with Uranus. Moon and Mars are conjunct, trining Uranus. The connection between these four planets is potent, and will be sensitive to dynamics. This may be useful in our rectification process.

¹ charts calculated using Solar Fire Deluxe, v.6.0.27, 2005, Esoteric Technologies, Adelaide, Australia.

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Any natal chart patterns are noted, as are planets within the same degree - such as Neptune, Pluto and Chiron, each at 22 degrees. Also there's a close triplet of Saturn, Venus and Jupiter - 08, 09 and 10 degrees of Libra. This links these archetypes time-wise, so that events may be synonymous with all three within a similar time-frame.

Craig has a high focus on home, family, career and his wife. This suggests several planets angular. In the given time-frame, Moon will be anywhere from 6th to 8th house, with Venus/Jupiter/Saturn in 9th to 11th house.

This first assessment of the planets, signs, houses and aspects, is an important lead-in, as it not only helps identify possible common trigger-points, but also helps to eliminate biases or misleading information.

By listing the degrees of each planet (and Nodes) in order, from 0 to 29, and noting their rulers, we can spot when a given planet will be activated, identifying any planet-based 'hotspots' by using event charts from Craig's list.

Using the nine 'ball-park' chart times, we now can identify the major differences such as sign changes; aspects from Moon to other planets/angles; house placement and rulerships, and anything else altering the flavour. Later we can also measure the distance from the Moon to the first natal planet it will contact by solar arc direction, and see whether this matches up with an event in his life.

The following possibilities fall within the time-frame:

Ascendant between 22 Sagittarius and 14 Aquarius; ruled by Jupiter or Saturn.
Midheaven between 03 Virgo and 07 Scorpio; ruled by Mercury, Venus or Mars.
The combinations will be one of the following:

Mutable Asc & MC - rulers Jupiter & Mercury;
Cardinal Asc & Mutable MC - rulers Saturn & Mercury
Cardinal Asc & MC - rulers Saturn & Venus
Fixed Asc & Cardinal MC - rulers Saturn & Venus
or Fixed Asc & MC - rulers Saturn & Mars.

It's important to be selective from the events list: the comparative significance of events is relative not only to the individual but also to the society we live in - which of course changes. In the words of Darcy Woodall: "Birth isn't so dangerous. Marriage isn't so life-changing."² Craig's marriage may not be as telling as far as dynamics go, as when he leaves his wife. Woodall suggests we let the client decide what events are important to them. Of course we need to beware of flawed memories. As Charles Jayne reminds us, people can formulate all sorts of psychological memory 'blocks', hence the most useful events for rectification purposes are the so-called adverse events: deaths, accidents, operations; loss of position/money/property.³ Craig's list includes some of these, namely:

- 1 Youngest sibling near death - 11 May 1989
- 2 Father has stroke - 20 March 1998
- 3 Breaks leg - 27 March 1998
- 4 Death of father - 23 April 2001
- 5 Death of grandfather - 18 June 2001
- (6 Marriage - 13 Oct 2001 - soon after above events)

² Darcy Woodall: "Rectification Unbound"- lecture at FAA conference in Melbourne, Australia, 22nd Jan 2006

³ Charles Jayne: "The Best of Charles Jayne", Amercian Federation of Astrologers, Inc., Tempe, AZ, 1995; p 140

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Due to close time-frames, we can put 2 and 3 (above) together; and 4, 5 and 6 together. Other ways we can group these is by relating 5 & 6 both to the Descendant: (marriage and grandfather [4th from 4th]); or 2 & 3 as affecting both IC (family) and Asc (physical body).

From this process we see through Craig's events list an inter-relationship between his home and family, his wife, and his career, hence we're looking for a trigger-point at the angles - a common denominator of either quality, rulerships or degrees.

Between midday and 4pm, any of the three qualities could fit this pattern, so we need to refine it further. ...Maybe the ruler of the Asc and the IC are the same planet? This does occur in the earlier birthtimes, where Jupiter rules Asc & IC; Mercury Desc & MC. Now we have something to work from, let's turn to the dynamics...

Utilising Transiting Degrees:

By starting with transits, we develop a framework from which to progress and direct the chart, which will be valuable in testing and fine-tuning the time of birth. Here are themes from Craig's list:

Theme A: leaving home. - suggest IC/MC axis, and Asc/Desc axis.

Feb 2000 - leaves home with girlfriend

2 Jan 2002 - moves back closer to mum

mid May 2005 - promoted and relocated away from family

19 March 2006 - leaves wife

In each event, involving home and family, Craig's natal Mercury was triggered by quincunxes and squares from transiting outer planets; and natal Jupiter copped quincunxes from transiting Saturn and Uranus. This supports one theory of Jupiter ruling Asc and IC, with Mercury ruling MC and Desc.

These transits emphasised the following degrees:

10-11 degrees (natal Jupiter's degree)

17-18 degrees of Fixed signs - reflecting the quincunxes to Mercury;

and 22-23 degrees in each quality - natal Neptune and Pluto's degree.

Theme B: deaths and father's illness - suggest MC/IC axis, and Asc/Desc axis

20 March 1989 - father has stroke

27 March 1989 - breaks leg

23 April 2001 - father dies

18 June 2001 - grandfather dies

Transiting degree areas were: 10-11 degrees mutable (again)
and 07-08 degrees in each quality.

This latter degree area is not surprising, being natal Saturn's degree.

We're hoping to find a degree-zone which doesn't match the planets, in order to assign it to an angle. So far, the transits reflect the natal planetary degrees. However, as it seems to be the MC/IC axis which is most notably present in the events Craig has chosen, we could try for 10-11 degrees Mutable for this axis.

The time of 12.56pm seems to fit the bill, with Asc at 29Sagittarius, MC at 10 Virgo.

Testing theories:

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Let's cross-check now with a feasibility study: Do the planets in the houses seem right? Do the rulerships of the intermediate house cusps fit? What aspects between planet/s and angle/s are introduced or taken away? This is as much a process of elimination as anything.

So far so good. However when we construct a tri-wheel and quadri-wheel of transits, progressions and solar arc directions around this 'natal' chart, we find the dynamics don't support this time of birth.

Back to the drawing board. We have so far limited our expectations to linking the planets by the angles they would rule. Yet it's still a convincing argument that the same quality links the four angles. So, let's return to the natal aspect grid, and address another option: if we consider cardinal angles rather than mutable ones, we come across an interesting connection with the natal 'definites' (planetary degrees), in that Moon conjuncts Mars, and Venus conjuncts Saturn. Here is the link: with Capricorn rising and Libra midheaven, these natal aspects explain the link between family, wife, career, and home, in Craig's life.

Oh, the joys of a computer, to be able to run up so many options in an instant! Returning to the 'hotspot' degrees, and toying around with various times between 12.40 and 2'ish pm, we can progress each 'birth'time, and carefully track the movement of the angles.

By this method we come to a proposed time of 1.50pm.

Giving a natal Ascendant of 17Capricorn32, and Midheaven 03Libra18, it places Moon/Mars/North Node in 7th (Moon conjunct Descendant), Sun in 8th, and Venus/Saturn/Jupiter and Pluto in 10th. This looks good. More importantly, the dynamics seem to match up quite satisfyingly. Let's concentrate on the death of Craig's father, for the yardstick.

With this time of birth, on 23 April 2001 Progressed Midheaven @ 22Libra22 is partile conjunct natal Pluto (death) in 10th and square natal Mars (4th-ruler) in 7th. Progressed Mars conjuncts natal 8th house cusp. Progressed Ascendant @ 02Aquarius17 opposes natal North Node in 7th. Progressed Venus (10th-ruler) squares natal Nodes, from 10th. Progressed Moon @ 01Aries02 conjuncts natal IC.

Meanwhile, transiting Uranus quincunxes natal Mars. Transiting Neptune opposes natal 8th cusp and PrMars. TrPluto conjuncts natal 12th cusp. And TrMars/Chiron recently quincunxed natal Mars. Finally, by transit Venus (rules natal 10th) conjuncts IC; while TrSun/Mercury conjunct in 4th house Taurus, quincunx natal MC.

Conclusion:

Using the standard 3-hits-for-significance criterion, we have a convincing argument for this birthtime providing not only the rulers of the 4th/10th parental axis, but also the degrees.

When we check other events from Craig's list using this birthtime, it continues to provide a reasonable degree of satisfaction. Out of all the numerous other 'birth-times' tested, is this one which gives the most convincing results, based on the progressed movement of the angles and Moon, and the relevant transits to the house cusps.

Thus a feasible birth-time for Craig is 1.50pm.

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Attached charts: Craig's natal chart + grid for midday (standard aspects)
(flipside has Craig's natal chart + grid for 4pm)
Craig's natal chart + grid for 2pm
(flipside has 3-wheels page with 'ball-parks' noon, 2pm & 4pm)
Craig's natal chart + grid for 12.26pm (to compare against)
(flipside has Tr/Pr/Dir to 12.26 natal on 23 April 01, dad's death)
Craig's natal chart + grid for 1.50pm
(flipside has Tr/Pr/Dir to 1.50pm natal on 23 April 01, dad's death)

Attached notes: list of Craig's natal degrees in order by whole number; etc.

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