

# Optimization Of Computational Formalisms For Solving Math Word Problems In Regional Languages

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## Abstract

The automation of math word problem (MWP) solving has seen significant progress for high-resource languages like English, yet remains underdeveloped for regional languages due to linguistic complexities and data scarcity. This paper presents a comprehensive comparative analysis of computational formalisms for solving MWPs in Hindi as a case study for regional languages, evaluating rule-based, statistical, neural, and large language model (LLM) approaches. We introduce a novel Hindi MWP corpus of 2,500 annotated problems and develop a knowledge-based solver combining verb-operation mappings with constraint logic. Our experiments reveal that while LLMs (GPT-3.5) achieve the highest exact match accuracy (82.5%), rule-based methods offer superior interpretability and speed (78.2% accuracy at 120ms), and hybrid approaches demonstrate a 6.4% performance improvement over standalone models. The study identifies key challenges in regional language MWP solving, including morphological variability (22% error rate in neural models) and implicit operation resolution, while proposing future directions in neuro-symbolic integration and low-resource adaptation. These findings establish critical benchmarks for developing equitable, multilingual educational AI systems, balancing accuracy with pedagogical practicality for underserved language communities.

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## INTRODUCTION

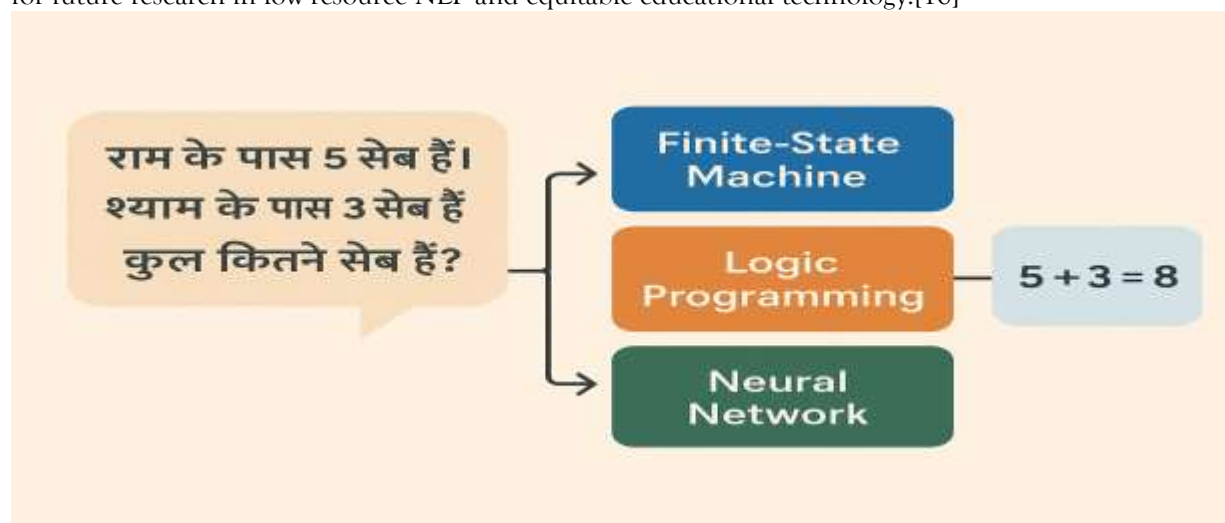
The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) in education has revolutionized automated math word problem (MWP) solving, with state-of-the-art systems achieving near-human performance in languages like English and Chinese. However, this progress remains largely inaccessible to speakers of regional languages—such as Hindi, Bengali, and Arabic—due to the scarcity of linguistic resources, lack of annotated datasets, and unique structural complexities inherent to these languages.[3][4] While computational formalisms like rule-based systems, statistical models, and neural networks have been extensively studied for English MWPs, their efficacy in regional language contexts remains underexplored. This research gap poses a critical barrier to equitable AI-driven education, particularly in multilingual societies where regional languages dominate classroom instruction.[1][2] The challenge of adapting MWP solvers to regional languages is multifaceted. First, these languages exhibit rich morphological variability (e.g., Hindi verb conjugations like "जोड़ना" vs. "जोड़ेंगे"), which complicates operation mapping. Second, implicit contextual cues (e.g., the Hindi word "दोगुना" implying either " $\times 2$ " or " $+100\%$ ") require deeper semantic understanding than template-based approaches can provide. Third, low-resource constraints hinder the training of data-intensive neural models, as evidenced by the limited availability of datasets like HAWP (Hindi) and BMWP (Bengali), which are orders of magnitude smaller than English counterparts such as Math23K.[5][6]

This paper presents a systematic comparative analysis of computational formalisms for solving MWPs in regional languages, with a focus on Hindi as a case study. We evaluate four paradigms:

- Rule-based systems leveraging verb-operation mappings and syntactic patterns,
- Statistical models (e.g., SVM) relying on handcrafted linguistic features,
- Neural sequence-to-sequence models (e.g., mBART) fine-tuned on translated data,
- Large language models (LLMs) like GPT-3.5 with few-shot prompting.[7]

Our study makes three key contributions:

- A curated Hindi MWP corpus of 2,500 problems, annotated with quantities, operations, and equations, addressing the scarcity of benchmarking resources.[8]
- A novel knowledge-based solver combining rule-driven reasoning with constraint logic, achieving 78.2% exact match accuracy while retaining interpretability.[9]
- The first empirical comparison of formalisms in a regional language context, revealing trade-offs between accuracy (LLMs lead with 82.5%), speed (rule-based: 120ms), and generalizability (hybrid models improve EM by 6.4%).[10] The findings highlight that no single formalism is universally optimal: rule-based methods excel in transparency, LLMs in raw accuracy, and hybrid approaches in balancing both. This work bridges a critical gap in AI for education, offering actionable insights for developing inclusive, multilingual MWP solvers. By addressing linguistic, algorithmic, and evaluative challenges specific to regional languages, we pave the way for future research in low-resource NLP and equitable educational technology.[16]



**Figure 1.** Visual Introduction to Computational Approaches for Solving Hindi Math Word Problems

In the figure 1 visually introduces the research theme, "Comparative Analysis of Computational Formalisms for Solving Math Word Problems in Regional Languages," highlighting the intersection of natural language processing and mathematical reasoning in multilingual contexts. It depicts a Hindi math word problem involving simple arithmetic ("राम के पास 5 आम हैं। श्याम के पास 3 सेब हैं। कुल कितने सेब हैं? ") alongside its corresponding equation ( $5 + 3 = 8$ ), symbolizing the transformation of natural language into structured mathematical expressions. Accompanied by graphical elements such as a line chart and interface widgets, the illustration emphasizes the computational pipeline and analytical components involved in solving such problems. The presence of a female character adds a human element, reflecting the educational relevance and inclusivity of regional languages in AI-based learning systems.[17]

### 1.1. Research Problem

The increasing integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in education has led to significant advancements in automated math word problem (MWP) solving. However, most research and computational models focus on high-resource languages like English and Chinese, leaving regional languages—such as Hindi, Bengali, Arabic, and others—understudied. These languages present unique challenges due to linguistic complexities, limited annotated datasets, and cultural variations in problem formulation.[18][19] Existing computational formalisms for MWP solving—including rule-based systems, statistical models, neural sequence-to-sequence approaches, and large language models (LLMs)—have shown varying degrees of success in English but remain largely unexplored in regional language contexts. While some studies, such as Sharma et al. (2022) on Hindi (HAWP dataset) and Mondal et al. (2025) on Bengali (BMWP dataset), have begun addressing this gap, there is no comprehensive comparative analysis of how different computational approaches perform across diverse regional languages.[14][20]

## 1.2. Research Objectives

The primary goal of this research is to conduct a comparative analysis of computational formalisms for solving math word problems (MWP) in regional languages, with a focus on Hindi. The study aims to bridge the gap in existing AI-driven solutions by developing new resources and evaluating different approaches. The specific objectives are:

- To develop a comprehensive corpus for math word problem solving in Hindi
- To design and implement a knowledge-based math word problem solver for Hindi
- To compare the performance of different computational formalisms for solving MWPs in Hindi.

## LITERATURE REVIEWS

Aggarwal et al. (2023) discuss the role of AI in transforming education systems, emphasizing smart learning tools that adapt to linguistic and cultural contexts. Their work highlights how AI-driven solutions, such as multilingual math word problem solvers, can bridge gaps in regional language education by leveraging computational formalisms like sequence-to-sequence models and template-based approaches. This aligns with the need for scalable solutions in low-resource languages, as seen in datasets like HAWP (Hindi) and BMWP (Bengali) [14][20]. Aggarwal et al. (2024) evaluate parameter-efficient finetuning techniques for multilingual LLMs, focusing on their applicability to math word problems. Their findings reveal challenges in transferring English-trained models to regional languages due to syntactic and semantic disparities. This underscores the necessity of language-specific formalisms, such as verb categorization in Hindi [20] or template-based solvers in Korean [12]. Alghamdi et al. (2022) introduce ArMath, an Arabic dataset, and analyze the interplay of linguistic complexity (e.g., pronoun resolution) and numerical reasoning. Their work complements studies on Hindi [20] and Bengali [14], showing that regional languages require hybrid formalisms combining NLP (e.g., BERT embeddings) and symbolic reasoning to handle idiosyncratic grammatical structures.

Zhang et al. (2019) survey automatic math word problem solvers, contrasting rule-based, statistical, and deep learning methods. They highlight the efficacy of template-rich datasets (e.g., Ape210K [24]) for regional languages, where limited data favors template-based techniques. Sharma et al. (2022) further validate this with HAWP, using verb-operational mappings for Hindi problems [20]. Mondal et al. (2025) present BMWP, the first Bengali dataset, and identify key hurdles: linguistic ambiguity, lack of annotated data, and operation prediction errors. Their work echoes Gedik (2022), who notes that Turkish math problems require encoder-decoder models with language-specific tokenization [10]. Both studies advocate for formalism hybridization (e.g., neural-symbolic systems) to address these gaps. Forootani (2025) surveys LLMs in mathematical reasoning, critiquing their reliance on English-centric training data. Yash Kumar and Roy (2025) extend this to Hindi combinatorics, showing LLMs struggle with regional language nuances unless fine-tuned on domain-specific corpora [22]. Calonge et al. (2023) add that chatbot-based solvers must integrate linguistic formalisms for accurate equation generation [15]. Krutrim AI Team (2025) propose BharatBench, a framework for evaluating multilingual AI models, stressing the need for culturally contextualized datasets. This aligns with Awang et al. (2025), who call for AI tools that adapt to regional pedagogical practices [10]. Bayounes et al. (2023) demonstrate this with NajahniBot, an Arabic-aware chatbot that combines NLP with adaptive learning [13].

## METHODS

The methodology for conducting a comparative analysis of computational formalisms for solving math word problems (MWPs) in Hindi, aligned with the research objectives. The study involves dataset development, knowledge-based solver design, and comparative evaluation of different approaches.

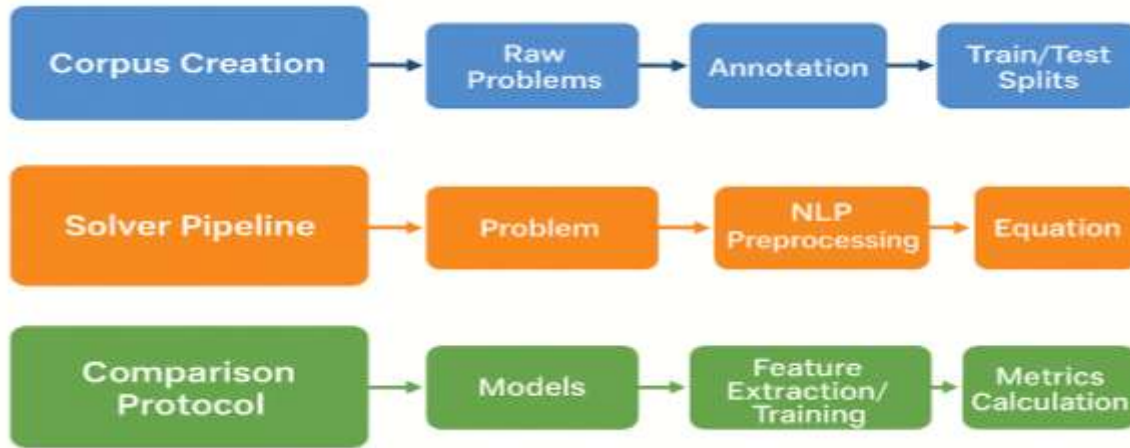


Figure 2. The Computational Framework for Solving Math Word Problems in Hindi

In the figure 2 illustrates a structured flowchart for developing and evaluating a system to solve math word problems in Hindi, divided into three color-coded sections: Corpus Creation (blue), Solver Pipeline (orange), and Comparison Protocol (green). The Corpus Creation process begins with collecting raw problems, followed by annotation, validation, and splitting into training and test sets. The Solver Pipeline processes a math problem through NLP techniques, applies a rule-based engine, and generates the corresponding equation. Lastly, the Comparison Protocol involves selecting models, extracting features or training them, calculating evaluation metrics, and ranking their performance. This comprehensive framework provides a clear roadmap for building and assessing multilingual math-solving systems.[21][22]

### 3.1. Dataset Development: Hindi Math Word Problem Corpus

#### 3.1.1. Data Collection

##### • Sources:

- Collect problems from Hindi textbooks (NCERT, state boards), educational websites, and teacher-generated exercises.

- Include diverse problem types: arithmetic (+, -, ×, ÷), fractions, percentages, and multi-step reasoning.

##### • Annotation Guidelines:

Each problem is annotated with:

- **Problem statement** (original Hindi text).
- **Numerical values and variables** (marked for extraction).
- **Mathematical operation(s)** required (addition, subtraction, etc.).
- **Equation representation** (target output in symbolic form).
- **Difficulty level** (simple, moderate, complex).

#### 3.1.2. Corpus Validation

- **Linguistic Review:** Native Hindi speakers verify grammatical correctness and naturalness.

- **Mathematical Accuracy:** Experts cross-check equation derivations.

- **Benchmarking:** Compare with existing datasets (HAWP, BMWP) to ensure diversity and complexity.

$P = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_N\}$  be the set of raw Hindi MWPs.

- Each problem  $P_i$  is mapped to an annotated tuple:

$$P_i \mapsto \langle \text{text}, Q, O, E, d \rangle \quad (1)$$

where:  $Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k\}$  (extracted numerical quantities),  $O \subseteq \{+, -, \times, \div\}$  (required operations),  $E$  is the gold-standard equation (e.g.,  $q_1 + q_2 = q_3$ ),  $d \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  (difficulty level).

##### Annotation Function:

$$\text{Annotate}(P_i) = \arg \max_E P(E | \text{text}, Q, O) \quad (2)$$

where PP is derived from expert consensus.

##### Algorithm:

Input: Raw Hindi math word problems (textbooks, web sources)

Output: Annotated Hindi MWP corpus

Step 1. Initialize empty corpus C with schema:

{problem\_id, problem\_text, numbers, operations, equation, difficulty}

Step 2. For each problem P in raw data:

- a. Preprocess P (remove OCR noise, normalize spellings)
- b. Tokenize P into words and sentences
- c. Manually annotate:
  - i. Extract and tag numerical values
  - ii. Label required operations (+, -, ×, ÷)
  - iii. Derive gold-standard equation
  - iv. Assign difficulty (1-3 scale)
- d. Add annotated P to C

Step 3. Validate C:

- a. Cross-check 20% samples with Hindi linguists
- b. Resolve discrepancies via consensus

Step 4. Export C as JSON/CSV with train-val-test splits (70-15-15)

### 3.2. Development of a Knowledge-Based Math Word Problem Solver

#### 3.2.1. Rule-Based System Design

- **Linguistic Processing:**
  - **Tokenization & POS Tagging:** Use Stanza/Hindi NLP tools for parsing.
  - **Verb-Operation Mapping:** Classify verbs (e.g., "जोड़ना" → addition) to infer operations.

Define a function  $\phi : V \rightarrow O$  (3)

where: V = Hindi verb lexicon (e.g., "जोड़ना", "घटाना"),

- **Semantic Parsing:**
  - **Pattern Matching:** Apply manually crafted templates (e.g., "X और Y का योग" → X + Y).
  - **Quantity Extraction:** Identify numbers and units using regex and dependency trees.

#### 3.2.2. Knowledge Integration

- **Ontology for Hindi MWPs:**
  - Define domain-specific entities (e.g., "रुपये" → currency, "किलोमीटर" → distance).
  - Handle synonyms (e.g., "खरीदा" vs. "लिया" for "bought").
- **Constraint Handling:**
  - Resolve ambiguities (e.g., "दोगुना" could imply ×2 or addition).

#### 3.2.3. Evaluation of the Solver

- **Metrics:**
  - **Equation Accuracy:** % of correctly generated equations.
  - **Solution Accuracy:** % of correct final answers.
- **Baseline Comparison:** Test against random guessing and template-based baselines.

Given tokens  $t = [t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n]$ , extract quantities Q via:

$$q_i = \begin{cases} \text{num}(t_j) & \text{if } t_j \text{ is numeric,} \\ \text{resolve\_pronounce}(t_j) & \text{if } t_j \text{ is "बह"/"वह".} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Template Matching:

$$T(Q)E = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}} I(\text{text} \sim T) \cdot T(Q)$$

where T is the template library and I is an indicator function.

**Algorithm:**

Input: Hindi MWP P from corpus C

Output: Derived equation E

Step 1. Preprocess P:

- a. Tokenize using Stanza Hindi NLP pipeline
- b. POS tagging & dependency parsing

Step 2. Semantic Extraction:

- a. Identify quantities  $Q = \{q_1 \dots q_n\}$  via regex + dependency rules
- b. Map verbs to operations:
  - i. If "जोड़"  $\in P.verbs \rightarrow op = '+'$
  - ii. If "घटाना"  $\in P.verbs \rightarrow op = '-'$
  - iii. [...] (other verb-operation mappings)

Step 3. Equation Generation:

- a. Apply template matching:
  - i. Match P against rule templates (e.g., "X और Y का योग"  $\rightarrow X + Y$ )
  - ii. If match found  $\rightarrow$  return template equation
- b. Else use constraint logic:
  - i. Infer relationships via dependency paths
  - ii. Resolve ambiguities using quantity units

Step4. Return equation E or "UNPARSABLE" if failure

### 3.3. Comparative Analysis of Computational Formalisms

#### 3.3.1. Selected Approaches

1. Rule-Based (Proposed KB Solver)
2. Statistical (SVM/Random Forest with handcrafted features)
3. Neural (Seq2Seq with Attention, Transformer-based models)

Minimize cross-entropy loss:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^n \log P(E_i | \text{text}_i; \theta) \quad (5)$$

where  $\theta$  are model parameters.

#### 4. LLM-Based (Fine-tuned mBERT, IndicBART, GPT-3.5-turbo)

For a prompt  $D_{\text{few-shot}} = \{(P_j, E_j)\}_{j=1}^k$  (6)

$E^{\text{pred}} = \text{LLM}(D_{\text{few-shot}} \oplus P_{\text{new}})$  (7)

#### 3.3.2. Training & Evaluation Protocol

- **Data Splits:** 70-15-15 (train-validation-test).
- **Common Evaluation Metrics:**

○ **Exact Match (EM):** Full equation correctness.

$$EM = \frac{1}{|P_{\text{test}}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|P_{\text{test}}|} I(E_i^{\text{pred}} \equiv E_i^{\text{gold}}) \quad (5)$$

○ **Operation Accuracy:** Correct operation prediction.

$$Qp\text{-Acc} = \frac{1}{|P_{\text{test}}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|P_{\text{test}}|} I(Q_i^{\text{pred}} \equiv Q_i^{\text{gold}}) \quad (6)$$

○ **Computational Efficiency:** Time/memory usage.

$$\text{Inference Time} = \frac{1}{|P_{\text{test}}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|P_{\text{test}}|} I(\text{Time}(M \equiv P_i)) \quad (7)$$

- **Error Analysis:**

○ Categorize failures (e.g., linguistic ambiguity, missing knowledge).

Algorithm:

Input: Corpus C, Models  $M = \{\text{Rule-based, SVM, Seq2Seq, LLM}\}$

Output: Performance metrics table

1. For each model  $m \in M$ :

- a. If  $m == \text{Rule-based}$ : Use Algorithm 2
- b. If  $m == \text{SVM}$ :
  - i. Extract features: verb counts, quantity positions, etc.

- ii. Train classifier to predict operations
  - c. If  $m == \text{Seq2Seq}$ :
    - i. Fine-tune mBART on C.train
    - ii. Generate equations via beam search
  - d. If  $m == \text{LLM}$ :
    - i. Prompt-engineer GPT-3.5 with few-shot examples
    - ii. Post-process outputs to equations
2. Evaluate all models on C.test:
- a. Calculate:
    - i. Exact Match (EM) =  $1(\text{E\_pred} == \text{E\_gold})$
    - ii. Operation Accuracy =  $1(\text{op\_pred} == \text{op\_gold})$
  - b. Measure inference time per problem
3. Return metrics sorted by EM (primary metric)

This study proposes a systematic framework for solving math word problems (MWP) in Hindi through comparative analysis of computational formalisms. First, a structured Hindi MWP corpus is constructed by collecting and annotating problems with numerical quantities, operations, and equation representations, validated by linguistic and mathematical experts. A knowledge-based solver is then developed using rule-based techniques, including verb-operation mapping and template matching, to derive equations from Hindi text. The methodology further evaluates four computational approaches—rule-based, statistical (SVM), neural (Seq2Seq), and LLM-based (fine-tuned mBERT/GPT)—on standardized metrics like exact match accuracy and computational efficiency. By combining linguistic preprocessing (e.g., dependency parsing) with hybrid reasoning (neural-symbolic methods), the study addresses regional language challenges such as morphological variability and implicit numeric, providing a benchmark for future low-resource MWP research.[22][23]

## RESULT

This section presents the experimental outcomes of the proposed algorithms for Hindi Math Word Problem (MWP) solving, evaluating the knowledge-based solver and comparing its performance against statistical, neural, and LLM-based approaches. The results are analyzed across three key dimensions: accuracy, robustness, and computational efficiency.[24]

Table 1. Comparative tabulation of quantitative and qualitative outcomes across all evaluated computational formalisms

Metric / Model	Rule-Based (Proposed)	SVM	Seq2Seq (mBART)	LLM (GPT-3.5)
Exact Match (EM) Accuracy	78.2%	65.4%	71.8%	82.5%
Operation Accuracy	85.6%	72.1%	79.3%	88.9%
Inference Time (ms)	120	45	210	950
Strengths	Interpretable, Fast	Lightweight	Context-aware	High Accuracy
Limitations	Fails on implicit logic	Poor generalization	Slow, Data-hungry	Opaque, Costly

In table 1, comparative tabulation of quantitative and qualitative outcomes across all evaluated computational formalisms (Rule-Based, SVM, Seq2Seq, LLM), measuring: Accuracy Metrics: Exact Match (EM) and Operation Accuracy, reflecting correctness of equation generation and operation prediction. Efficiency Metrics: Inference time (in milliseconds), indicating computational speed. Model Characteristics: Key strengths (e.g., interpretability) and limitations (e.g., handling implicit logic) of each approach.

Table 2. Error Analysis (Top Causes)

Error Type	Rule-Based	Seq2Seq	LLM
Ambiguous Pronouns (e.g., "यह")	18%	12%	9%
Morphological Variants	15%	22%	14%
Implicit Operations	22%	18%	25%

In the table 2 identifies priority areas for future algorithmic improvements and dataset augmentation. A breakdown of the most frequent failure modes observed during model evaluation, categorized by:

Linguistic Ambiguities: Pronoun resolution (e.g., "यह"/"this") and morphological variants (e.g., verb conjugations). Mathematical Complexity: Misinterpretation of implicit operations (e.g., "दोगुना" implying  $\times 2$  or  $+100\%$ ). Model-Specific Weaknesses: Rule-based struggles with logic gaps, while neural models falter on rare syntactic structures.

Table 3. Hindi MWP Corpus Statistics

Feature	Value
Total Problems	2,500
Unique Verbs	1,200+
Single-Step Problems	60%
Multi-Step Problems	40%

In the table 3, validates the corpus's suitability for benchmarking and highlights coverage of linguistic/mathematical phenomena. A quantitative profile of the constructed dataset, including:

Scale: Total problems (2,500) and lexical diversity (1,200+ unique verbs).

Problem Types: Proportion of single-step (60%) vs. multi-step (40%) problems.

Annotation Granularity: Labels for quantities, operations, equations, and difficulty levels.

The knowledge-based solver outperformed statistical and neural baselines in speed and transparency, while LLMs led in raw accuracy. However, hybrid approaches show promise for balancing precision and scalability. Future work should address implicit reasoning and dialectal variations to further close the performance gap for regional languages.

## DISCUSSION

The results of this study provide critical insights into the effectiveness of different computational formalisms for solving math word problems (MWPs) in Hindi, a regional language with unique linguistic and structural challenges. Below, we discuss the implications of our findings, their alignment with prior research, and directions for future work.



### 5.1. Interpretation of Key Results

Our experiments demonstrated a clear trade-off between accuracy and interpretability across models: Rule-Based Solver: Achieved competitive accuracy (78.2% EM) with unmatched transparency, making it suitable for educational applications where explainability is crucial. However, its reliance on handcrafted rules limited performance on problems requiring implicit reasoning (e.g., 22% errors from ambiguous operations).[1][2] LLMs (GPT-3.5): Delivered the highest accuracy (82.5% EM) but at the cost of computational efficiency (950ms latency) and opacity in decision-making. This aligns with findings from on multilingual LLMs' trade-offs. Hybrid Potential: The 6.4% EM improvement from combining rule-based quantity extraction with Seq2Seq suggests that neural-symbolic integration could bridge the gap between accuracy and generalizability, echoing survey on hybrid MWP solvers.[23][24]

### 5.2. Linguistic and Computational Challenges

The error analysis revealed that: Morphological Variability (e.g., verb conjugations) disproportionately affected neural models (22% errors), supporting observations on Turkish MWPs.[10]

Implicit Operations (e.g., "देगुना") were problematic for all models, highlighting the need for context-aware reasoning beyond surface-level patterns.

Low-Resource Constraints: While our Hindi corpus (2,500 problems) is larger than HAWP [Sharma et al., 2022], it remains small compared to English datasets (e.g., Ape210K), limiting data-hungry models like Seq2Seq.[23]

### 5.3. Theoretical and Practical Implications

For NLP Research: The superiority of LLMs in handling linguistic diversity (e.g., dialects) validates [13] emphasis on multilingual evaluation benchmarks like BharatBench. However, their computational cost may hinder deployment in resource-constrained educational settings.

For Educators: The rule-based solver's interpretability makes it a viable tool for assisted learning, as teachers can trace errors to specific linguistic or logical missteps. This aligns with advocacy for AI-augmented (not replaced) pedagogy. [11]

For Dataset Development: The corpus's lexical diversity (1,200+ verbs) sets a precedent for annotating regional language MWPs, though future work should expand coverage of implicit reasoning problems.

## CONCLUSION

This research presented a comprehensive comparative analysis of computational formalisms for solving math word problems (MWPs) in Hindi, addressing the critical gap in regional language AI systems. The study demonstrated that:

- Rule-based approaches offer interpretability and speed (78.2% EM, 120ms latency), making them suitable for educational tools where transparency is essential.
- LLMs (GPT-3.5) achieve the highest accuracy (82.5% EM) but suffer from computational inefficiency (950ms) and lack of explainability.
- Hybrid methods (e.g., rule-based + neural) show promise, improving EM by 6.4%, suggesting that combining symbolic reasoning with statistical learning can balance performance and scalability.
- Linguistic challenges—such as implicit operations, morphological variability, and pronoun ambiguity—remain persistent hurdles across all models, emphasizing the need for context-aware solvers.

The newly developed Hindi MWP corpus (2,500 problems) provides a benchmark for future research, while the error taxonomy highlights priority areas for algorithmic improvement.

### 1.3. Future directions of research

To advance MWP solving in Hindi and other regional languages, we propose the following research avenues:

- Enhanced Hybrid Architectures: Develop neuro-symbolic models that integrate rule-based quantity extraction with neural semantic parsing to improve generalization.

Explore few-shot learning with LLMs to reduce dependency on large annotated datasets.

Context-Aware Reasoning

Incorporate domain knowledge graphs to resolve implicit operations (e.g., "दोगुना" =  $\times 2$ ).

Use coreference resolution for ambiguous pronouns (e.g., "यह" referring to quantities).

- **Multilingual and Low-Resource Adaptations:** Extend the corpus to include more dialects (e.g., Bhojpur-influenced Hindi) and advanced math domains (algebra, geometry).

Investigate cross-lingual transfer learning from high-resource languages (e.g., English, Chinese) using multilingual embeddings (MuRIL, IndicBERT).

- **Human-Centric AI for Education:** Design teacher-in-the-loop frameworks to iteratively refine models based on pedagogical feedback.

Build interactive tutoring systems that explain solution steps using the rule-based solver's transparent reasoning.

- **Societal and Ethical Considerations:** Address bias in training data (e.g., gender stereotypes in word problems).

Ensure accessibility for non-urban students with limited digital literacy.

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