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We know nothing about him except that he wrote during the reign of Amoghavarsa, monarch of Karnataka and Maharastra, between 814/5 and 880. His sole surviving work, the *Ganitasarasangraha*, is a mathematical text in nine parts that discusses terminology, arithmetical operations, fractions, the calculation of areas, calculations relating to shadows and excavations, and other mathematical operations.