

## CLOSED TRAVERSE COMPUTATIONS

### GENERAL PROCEDURE

1. CALCULATE THE INTERIOR ANGLES USING THE DATA COLLECTED IN THE FIELD
2. CHECK FOR ANGULAR ERROR, COMPARE TO THE ALLOWABLE ERROR CRITERION AND CORRECT THE ANGLES
3. COMPUTE THE BEARINGS OF THE LINES USING THE CORRECTED ANGLES
4. CALCULATE THE LATITUDE AND DEPARTURE OF EVERY LINE ON THE TRAVERSE
5. CALCULATE THE ERROR OF CLOSURE AND COMPARE TO THE DESIRED PRECISION OF THE TRAVERSE
6. CORRECT THE ERROR BY BALANCING LATITUDES AND DEPARTURES THROUGH THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE LATITUDE AND DEPARTURE OF EVERY LINE OF THE TRAVERSE
7. CALCULATE THE TOTAL LATITUDE AND TOTAL DEPARTURE OF EVERY POINT AND PLOT THE TRAVERSE
8. RECALCULATE BEARINGS AND DISTANCES FOR ALL LINES

CALCULATE THE INTERIOR ANGLES USING THE DATA COLLECTED IN  
THE FIELD

DIRECTIONAL DATA

B.S. AND F.S. AT EACH POINT

CALCULATE THE ANGLE BETWEEN THE TWO LINES  
WHICH IS INTERIOR TO THE TRAVERSE

ANGULAR DATA

INTERIOR ANGLE MEASURED

NO CALCULATION REQUIRED

EXTERIOR ANGLE MEASURED

$360 - \text{MEASURED ANGLE}$

DEFLECTION ANGLE MEASURED

$180 \pm \text{MEASURED ANGLE}$

CHECK FOR ANGULAR ERROR, COMPARE TO THE ALLOWABLE ERROR  
CRITERION AND CORRECT THE ANGLES

CHECK FOR ANGULAR ERROR

$$E = | \sum A_i - (N - 2)(180) |$$

COMPARE TO THE ALLOWABLE ERROR, WHERE IT SHOULD BE  
FOUND THAT

$$E \leq \sqrt{N} \epsilon$$

$\epsilon$ : NEAREST VALUE TO WHICH AN  
ANGLE IS RECORDED (USE  $\epsilon/2$   
IF THE ANGLE IS DOUBLED)

$N$ : THE NUMBER OF STATIONS IN  
THE TRAVERSE

$A_i$ : THE INTERIOR ANGLE FOR  
STATION  $i$

CORRECT THE ANGLES,  $A_i$ , BY DISTRIBUTING THE ERROR  
AMONG THEM SO THAT

$$\sum A_i = (N-2)(180)$$

PROCEDURE

1. DISTRIBUTE THE ERROR MORE OR LESS  
EVENLY OVER ALL OF THE TRAVERSE POINTS
2. DISTRIBUTE THE ERROR AMONG THOSE  
STATIONS WHERE THE ERROR MOST LIKELY  
OCCURRED

BOTH PROCEDURES REQUIRE GOOD JUDGMENT

ADD ADJUSTMENTS IN MULTIPLES OF  $\epsilon$  -  
DO NOT END UP WITH ANGULAR VALUES THAT  
SUGGEST ANGLES WERE MEASURED TO A VALUE  
SMALLER THAN  $\epsilon$

FAVOR ADJUSTMENTS TO ANGLES ON STATIONS  
WITH SHORT DISTANCES AND STEEP VERTICAL  
ANGLES

COMPUTE THE BEARINGS OF THE LINES USING THE CORRECTED ANGLES

SELECT A LINE FROM WHICH TO START THE CALCULATIONS

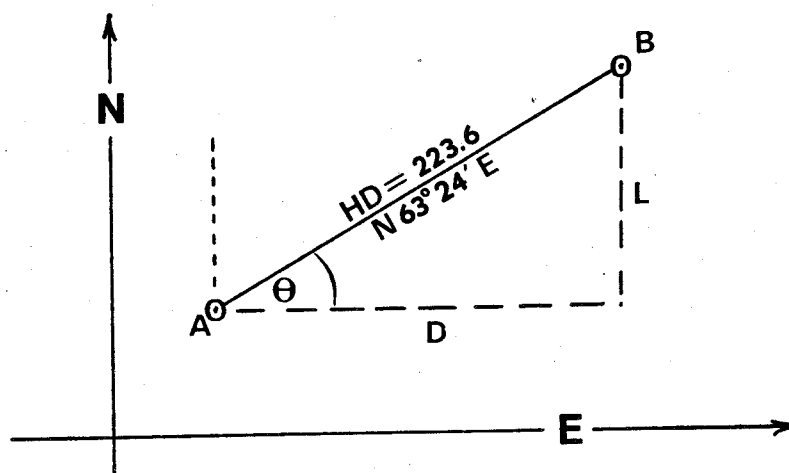
A LINE FOR WHICH THE CORRECT BEARING IS  
KNOWN (SUNSHOT)

A LINE FOR WHICH IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT  
THE BEARING IS CORRECT (B.S. EQUALS THE  
F.S. ALONG THE LINE)

A LINE AND BEARING SELECTED AS BEING  
CONVENIENT (LINE AND BEARING USED ON A  
PREVIOUS SURVEY)

STARTING WITH THE BEARING OF THAT FIRST LINE  
CALCULATE THE BEARINGS OF THE FOLLOWING LINES  
MOVING SEQUENTIALLY AROUND THE TRAVERSE

CALCULATE THE LATITUDE AND DEPARTURE OF EVERY LINE ON THE TRAVERSE



FOR THE DIRECTED LINE  $\vec{AB}$

GIVEN: BEARING  $N 63^\circ 24' E$   
H.D.  $223.6'$

FIND: LATITUDE,  $L$   
DEPARTURE,  $D$

CALCULATIONS:

$$\theta = 90^\circ - 63.4^\circ = 26.6^\circ$$

$$D = (223.6)(\sin 26.6) = 100.1$$

$$L = (223.6)(\cos 26.6) = 199.9$$

NOTE:

$$\text{SIGN } [L] = \begin{cases} + & \text{IF MOVEMENT NORTH} \\ - & \text{IF MOVEMENT SOUTH} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{SIGN } [D] = \begin{cases} + & \text{IF MOVEMENT EAST} \\ - & \text{IF MOVEMENT WEST} \end{cases}$$

E.G. FOR LINE  $\vec{BA}$

$$L = -100.1$$

$$D = -199.9$$

CALCULATE THE ERROR OF CLOSURE AND COMPARE TO DESIRED PRECISION

SUM ALL OF THE LATITUDES AROUND THE TRAVERSE

$$\sum L_i$$

SUM THE DEPARTURES FOR ALL OF THE LINES

$$\sum D_i$$

SUM ALL OF THE HORIZONTAL DISTANCES

$$\sum HD_i$$

CALCULATE THE ERROR OF CLOSURE

$$\text{ERROR OF CLOSURE} = \frac{\sqrt{(\sum L)^2 + (\sum D)^2}}{\sum HD}$$

IT SHOULD BE FOUND THAT

$$\text{ERROR OF CLOSURE} \leq \text{DESIRED PRECISION}$$

CORRECT THE ERROR BY BALANCING LATITUDES AND DEPARTURES  
THROUGH THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE LATITUDE AND DEPARTURE OF  
EVERY LINE OF THE TRAVERSE

#### COMPASS RULE

$$L_i^c = L_i - \left[ \sum L \right] \left[ \frac{HD_i}{\sum HD} \right]$$

$$D_i^c = D_i - \left[ \sum D \right] \left[ \frac{HD_i}{\sum HD} \right]$$

CALCULATE THE TOTAL LATITUDE AND TOTAL DEPARTURE OF EVERY  
POINT AND PLOT THE TRAVERSE

ARBITRARILY ASSIGN A TOTAL LATITUDE AND A TOTAL  
DEPARTURE COORDINATE TO ONE OF THE STATIONS OF  
THE TRAVERSE

CAN BE SELECTED FOR CONVENIENCE OF  
PLOTING

THE USUAL APPROACH IS TO ASSIGN THE  
COORDINATES (10,000 10,000) TO THE  
FIRST STATION ON THE TRAVERSE

$$TD_0 = 10000$$

$$TL_0 = 10000$$

THEN

$$TD_j = TD_0 + \sum_1^j D_i$$

$$TL_j = TL_0 + \sum_1^j L_i$$

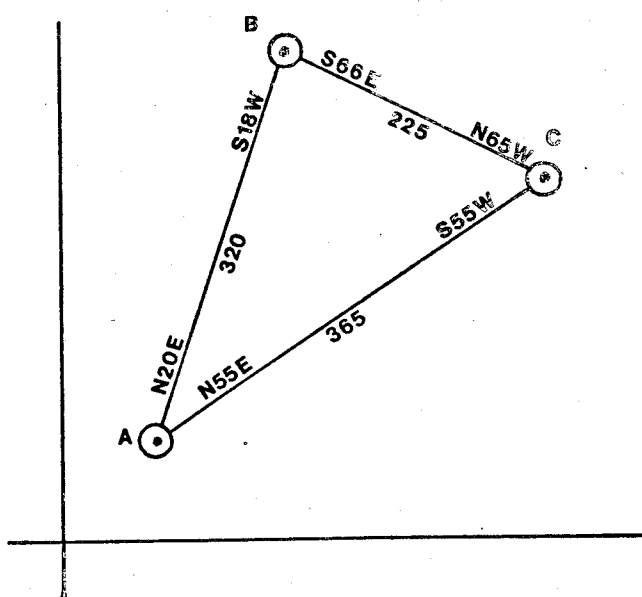
RECALCULATE THE BEARINGS AND DISTANCES FOR ALL OF THE LINES

## CLOSED TRAVERSE EXAMPLE

## FIELD DATA

STA.	H.D.	F.S.	B.S.
A			
	365	S55W	N55E
C			
	225	S66E	N65W
B			
	320	N20E	S18W
A			

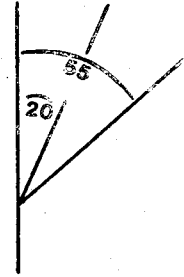
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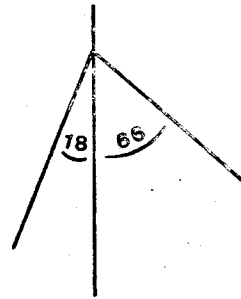
CALCULATE THE INTERIOR ANGLES

CAB



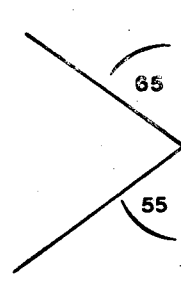
$$55 - 20 = 35$$

ABC



$$66 + 18 = 84$$

BCA



$$180 - (65 + 55) = 60$$

CHECK FOR ANGULAR ERROR AND CORRECT

$$\text{ERROR} = |(35 + 84 + 60) - (3 - 2)(180)|$$

$$\text{ERROR} = 1^\circ$$

IF THE ANGLE WAS READ TO THE NEAREST DEGREE

$$1^\circ \leq (\sqrt{3})(1^\circ)$$

IT IS WITHIN THE ALLOWABLE ERROR

CORRECT THE ANGLES SO THAT

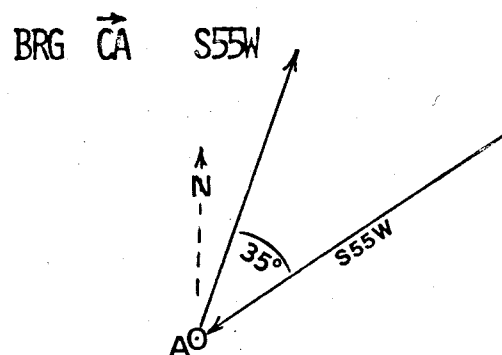
$$\sum A_i = 180^\circ$$

ADD  $1^\circ$  TO THE ANGLE ABC

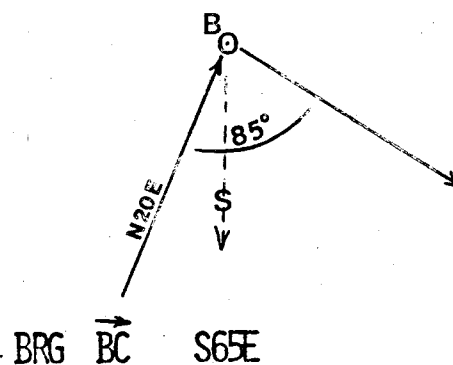
SHORTEST DISTANCES, AND EXAMINATION OF THE DATA  
SUGGESTS THAT THE ERROR OCCURRED THERE

## COMPUTE BEARINGS

DIRECTION  $\vec{AC}$  AGREES WITH  $\vec{CA}$  THEREFORE SELECT THIS  
LINE TO START CALCULATIONS



BRG  $\vec{AB}$  N20E

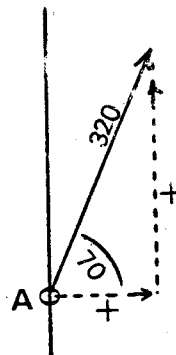


$$LAT = HD * \cos(BRG)$$

$$DEP = HD * \sin(BRG)$$

CALCULATE LATITUDES AND DEPARTURES

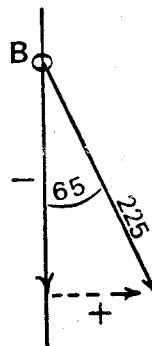
$\vec{AB}$



$$L = (320)(\cos 20^\circ) = 300.7$$

$$D = (320)(\sin 20^\circ) = 109.4$$

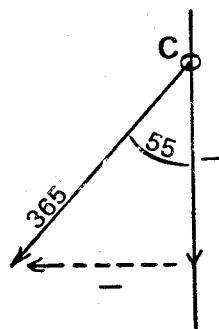
$\vec{BC}$



$$L = - (225)(\cos 65^\circ) = -95.1$$

$$D = (225)(\sin 65^\circ) = 203.9$$

$\vec{CA}$



$$L = - (365)(\cos 55^\circ) = -209.4$$

$$D = - (365)(\sin 55^\circ) = -299.0$$

CALCULATE THE ERROR OF CLOSURE

	LATITUDE OF LINE	DEPARTURE OF LINE	HORIZONTAL DISTANCE
$\vec{AB}$	300.7	109.4	320
$\vec{BC}$	- 95.1	203.9	225
$\vec{CA}$	-209.4	-299.0	365
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TOTAL	- 3.8	14.3	910

$$\text{ERROR OF CLOSURE} = \frac{\sqrt{(-3.8)^2 + (14.3)^2}}{910} = 14.6$$

$$\text{PRECISION} = \frac{1}{62.5} = .016$$

MARGINAL EVEN FOR HAND COMPASS AND PACING

## BALANCE LATITUDES AND DEPARTURES

	L	D	$(HD_i / \sum HD)$	$L^c$	$D^c$
AB	300.7	109.4	.352	302.0	104.4
BC	- 95.1	203.9	.247	- 94.2	200.3
CA	-209.4	-299.0	.401	-207.8	-304.7
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TOTAL	- 3.8	14.3	1.000	0.0	0.0

## CALCULATE TOTAL LATITUDE AND TOTAL DEPARTURE

STA.	TOTAL LATITUDE	TOTAL DEPARTURE
A	200.0	200.0
B	502.0	304.4
C	407.8	504.7
A	200.0	200.0

*(Coordinates)*

