

# Traverse/Compass surveying

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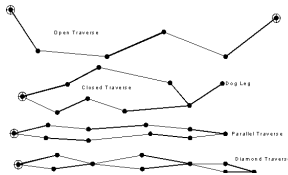
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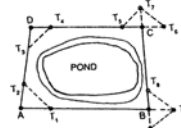
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$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(C)$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\text{Then } \angle BAC = 30^\circ$$

$$\text{Here } AP = AQ = 15 \text{ m}$$

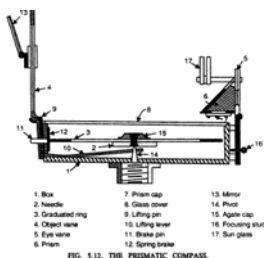
In triangle PAR,

$$\sin \theta = \frac{PR}{AP} = \frac{2PR}{2AP} = \frac{PR}{AP} = \frac{15}{30}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{15}{30}$$

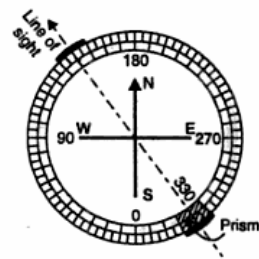
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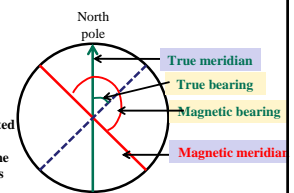
1. Box
2. Needle
3. Graduated ring
4. Object vane
5. Eye vane
6. Prism
7. Prism cap
8. Glass cover
9. Lifting pin
10. Lifting lever
11. Shade pin
12. Spring brass
13. Mirror
14. Pin
15. Adjust cap
16. Focusing shut
17. Sun glass

FIG. 5.12. THE PRISMATIC COMPASS.



## Compass traversing: Important Definition

- True meridian:** Line or plane passing through geographical north pole and geographical south pole

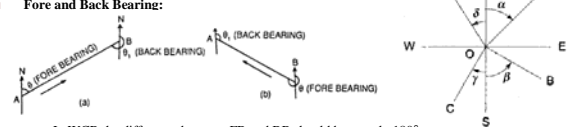


- Magnetic meridian:** When the magnetic needle is suspended freely and balanced properly, unaffected by magnetic substances, it indicates a direction. This direction is known as magnetic meridian. The angle between the magnetic meridian and a line is known as magnetic bearing or simple bearing of the line.

## Terms

- **Arbitrary meridian:** Convenient direction is assumed as a meridian.
- **Grid meridian:** Sometimes for preparing a map some authoritative agencies assume several lines parallel to the true meridian for a particular zone these lines are termed as grid meridian.
- **Designation of magnetic bearing**
  - Whole circle bearing (WCB)
  - Quadrantal bearing (QB)
- **WCB:** The magnetic bearing of a line measured **clockwise from the North Pole** towards the line is known as WCB. Varies  $0-360^\circ$

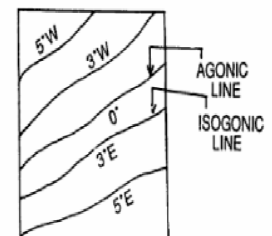
- **Quadrantal Bearing:** The magnetic bearing of a line measured clockwise or anticlockwise from NP or SP (whichever is nearer to the line) towards the east or west is known as QB. This system consists of 4-quadrants NE, SE, NW, SW. The values lie between  $0-90^\circ$ 
  - QB of OA = N a E
- **Reduced Bearing:** When the whole circle bearing of a line is converted to quadrantal bearing it is termed as reduced bearing.
- **Fore and Back Bearing:**



- In WCB the difference between FB and BB should be exactly  $180^\circ$
- $BB = FB \pm 180^\circ$
- Use the +ve sign when  $FB < 180^\circ$
- Use the -ve sign when  $FB > 180^\circ$

- **Magnetic declination:** The horizontal angle between the magnetic meridian and true meridian is known as magnetic declination.
- **Dip of the magnetic needle:** If the needle is perfectly balanced before magnetisation, it does not remain in the balanced position after it is magnetised. This is due to the magnetic influence of the earth. The needle is found to be inclined towards the pole. This **inclination of the needle with the horizontal** is known as dip of the magnetic needle.
- **Local Attraction**
- **Method of correction for traverse:**
  - **First method:** Sum of the interior angle should be equal to  $(2n-4) \times 90$ . If not then distribute the total error equally to all interior angles of the traverse. Then starting from unaffected line the bearings of all the lines are corrected using corrected interior angles.
  - **Second method:** Unaffected line is first detected. Then, commencing from the unaffected line, the bearing of other affected lines are corrected by finding the amount of correction at each station.

- **Isogonic Line:** Lines pass through the equal declination known as isogonic lines.
- **Agonic Line:** Lines pass through the zero declination known as agonic line.

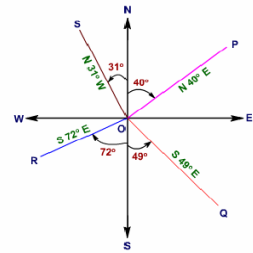


## Vaiation of Magnetic Declination

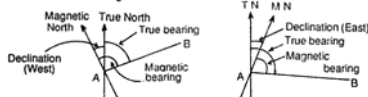
1. Secular Variation: After every 100 years or so magnetic meridian swings from one direction to the opposite direction and hence declination varies.
2. Annual Variation: Magnetic declination varies due to the rotation of the earth. The amount of variation is about 1 to 2 minutes
3. Diurnal Variation: Magnetic declination varies due to rotation of its earth on its own axis. The amount of variation 3 to 12 minutes.
4. Irregular Variation: Variation due to some natural causes such as earth quake, volcanic eruptions and so on. The variation is known as "Irregular Variation"

## Reduced Bearing

**Reduced Bearing:** The reduced bearing (R.B) also known as quadrantal bearing (Q.B) of a line is defined by the acute angle which the line makes with the meridian. Thus, it depends on the quadrant in which the line presents. It is measured in clockwise or anti-clockwise direction either from the North or from the South limb of the meridian whichever is nearer and thus provides minimum angle. reduced bearing of a line is designated by the direction from which it is measured (i.e., either N for North or S for South) followed by the value of the angle at the end, the direction to which it is measured (i.e., either E for East or W for West).



Remember the following:



Determination of true bearing and magnetic bearing:

- (a) True bearing = magnetic bearing  $\pm$  declination

Note [use the positive sign when declination east,  
and the negative sign when declination west.]

- (b) Magnetic bearing = true bearing  $\pm$  declination

Note [Use the positive sign when declination west,  
and the negative sign when declination east.]

## Problems:

- Convert the following WCBs to QBs
  - (a) WCB of AB =  $45^{\circ}30'$   
(Ans  $45^{\circ}30'$ )
  - (b) WCB of BC =  $125^{\circ}45'$   
(Ans  $180 - 125^{\circ}45' = 54^{\circ}15'$ )
- Fore bearing of the following lines are given. Find back bearing
  - AB =  $S 30^{\circ}30' E$
  - BC =  $N 40^{\circ}30' W$
- The magnetic bearing of a line AB is  $135^{\circ}30'$  what will be the true bearing, if the declination is  $5^{\circ}15' W$ .

## Problem

The interior angle of close traverse are given below  $\angle A=120^\circ$ ,  $\angle B=95^\circ$ ,  $\angle C=60^\circ$ ,  $\angle D=85^\circ$ . The measured bearing of line AB is  $50^\circ$ . Find bearings of other lines.

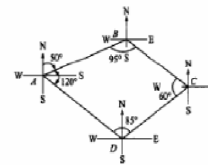
**Solution:** Figure 4.10 shows the traverse of the example 4.6.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bearing of } AD &= 50^\circ + 120^\circ = 170^\circ \\ \text{Bearing of } DC &= \text{Bearing } AD + 85^\circ \\ &= 170^\circ + 85^\circ \\ &= 170^\circ + 85^\circ - 180^\circ = 75^\circ \\ \text{Bearing } CB &= \text{Bearing of } DC + 60^\circ + 180^\circ \\ &= 75^\circ + 60^\circ + 180^\circ \\ &= 315^\circ \\ \text{Bearing } BC &= 315^\circ - 180^\circ = 135^\circ \end{aligned}$$

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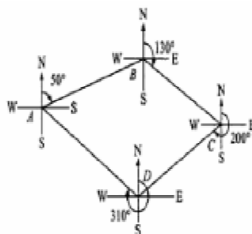
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bearing of } AB &= \text{Bearing of } CB + 95^\circ - 180^\circ \\ &= 315^\circ + 95^\circ - 180^\circ = 230^\circ \end{aligned}$$

Bearing  $AB = 230^\circ - 180^\circ = 50^\circ$  which is the given bearing of  $AB$ .



## Problems

- The WCB of the following Lines are obtained by a prismatic compass calculate the interior angles



**Solution:** Now from Figure 4.8, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \angle A &= \text{WCB of } AD - \text{WCB of } AB \\ &= (310^\circ - 180^\circ) - 50^\circ \end{aligned}$$

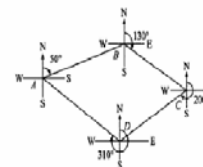


Figure 4.8 Plotted traverse of Example 4.4.

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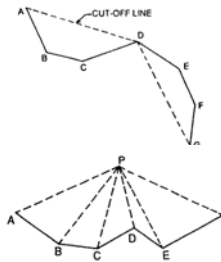
$$\begin{aligned} (310^\circ - 180^\circ) &= 130^\circ \text{ is FB of } AD \\ &= 130^\circ - 50^\circ = 80^\circ \\ \angle B &= \text{bearing of } BA - \text{Bearing of } BC \\ &= (180^\circ + 50^\circ) - 130^\circ = 100^\circ \\ \angle C &= \text{Bearing } CB - \text{Bearing } CD \\ &= (180^\circ + 130^\circ) - 200^\circ \end{aligned}$$

### Checks on traverse: Closed traverse

- Check on closed traverse:
  - Sum of the measured interior angles  $(2n-4) \times 90^\circ$
  - Sum of the measured exterior angles  $(2n+4) \times 90^\circ$
  - The algebraic sum of the deflection angles should be equal to  $360^\circ$ . Right hand deflection is considered +ve, left hand deflection -ve
- Check on linear measurement
  - The lines should be measured once each on two different days (along opposite directions). Both measurement should tally.
  - Linear measurement should also be taken by the stadia method. The measurement by chaining and stadia method should tally.

### Checks on traverse: Open traverse

- Taking cut-off lines: measured the bearings and lengths of cut off lines after plotting and tally with actual values.
- Taking an auxiliary point: Take P permanent point as auxiliary point measured bearings and lengths of P from each traverse point. If survey is accurate, while plotting all the measured bearing of P should meet at P.



### 3.3 PRINCIPLE OF COMPASS SURVEYING

The principle of compass surveying is traversing, which involves a series of connected lines. The magnetic bearings of the lines are measured by prismatic compass and the distances of the lines are measured by chain. Such survey does not require the formation of a network of triangles.

Interior details are located by taking offsets from the main survey lines. Sometimes subsidiary lines may be taken for locating these details.

Compass surveying is recommended when:

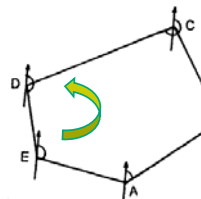
1. A large area to be surveyed
2. The course of a river or coast line is to be surveyed and
3. The area is crowded with many details and triangulation is not possible

Compass surveying is not recommended for areas where local attraction is suspected due to the presence of magnetic substances like steel structures, iron ore deposits, electric cables conveying current, and so on.

### Problems

**Problem 5** A closed traverse is conducted with five stations A, B, C, D and E taken in anticlockwise order, in the form of a regular pentagon. If the FB of AB is  $30^\circ 0'$ , find the FBs of the other sides.

$$\text{Interior angle of pentagon} = \frac{(2N-4) \times 90^\circ}{5} = \frac{540^\circ}{5} = 108^\circ$$



$$\text{FB of AB} = 30^\circ 0'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FB of BC} &= \text{BB of AB} + \angle B \\ &= (30^\circ 0' + 180^\circ 0') + 108^\circ 0' \\ &= 210^\circ 0' + 108^\circ 0' = 318^\circ 0' \end{aligned}$$

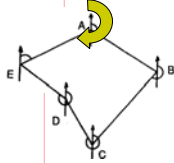
$$\begin{aligned} \text{FB of CD} &= \text{BB of BC} + \angle C \\ &= (318^\circ 0' - 180^\circ 0') + 108^\circ 0' \\ &= 138^\circ 0' + 108^\circ 0' = 246^\circ 0' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FB of DE} &= \text{BB of CD} + \angle D \\ &= (246^\circ 0' - 180^\circ 0') + 108^\circ 0' \\ &= 66^\circ 0' + 108^\circ 0' = 174^\circ 0' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FB of EA} &= \text{BB of DE} - \text{exterior } \angle E \\ &= (174^\circ 0' + 180^\circ 0') - (360^\circ 0' - 108^\circ 0') \\ &= 354^\circ 0' - 252^\circ = 102^\circ 0' \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 8** The following are the bearings observed in traversing, with a compass, in an area where local attraction was suspected. Calculate the interior angles of the traverse and correct them if necessary.

Line	FB	BB
AB	150°0'	330°0'
BC	230°30'	48°0'
CD	306°15'	127°45'
DE	298°00'	120°00'
EA	49°30'	229°30'



- (a) Interior  $\angle A = \text{BB of EA} - \text{FB of AB}$   
 $= 229^\circ30' - 150^\circ0' = 79^\circ30'$
- (b) Interior  $\angle B = \text{BB of AB} - \text{FB of BC}$   
 $= 330^\circ0' - 230^\circ30' = 99^\circ30'$   
 Exterior  $\angle C = \text{FB of CD} - \text{BB of BC}$   
 $= 306^\circ15' - 48^\circ0' = 258^\circ15'$
- (c) Interior  $\angle C = 360^\circ0' - 258^\circ15' = 101^\circ45'$   
 Exterior  $\angle D = \text{FB of DE} - \text{BB of CD}$   
 $= 298^\circ00' - 127^\circ45' = 170^\circ15'$
- (d) Interior  $\angle D = 360^\circ0' - 170^\circ15' = 189^\circ45'$
- (e) Interior  $\angle E = \text{BB of DE} - \text{FB of EA}$   
 $= 120^\circ00' - 49^\circ30' = 70^\circ30'$

Check Sum of interior angles =  $\angle A + \angle B + \angle C + \angle D + \angle E$   
 $= 541^\circ0'$

But, the sum of angles should be  $(2N - 4) \times 90^\circ = 540^\circ0'$

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Here, Error =  $541^\circ - 540^\circ = +1^\circ$

Correction per angle =  $-\frac{60'}{5} = -12'$

The error should equally distributed among all the angles.

Angle	Calculated value	Correction	Corrected value
$\angle A$	79°30'	-12'	79°18'
$\angle B$	99°30'	-12'	99°18'
$\angle C$	101°45'	-12'	101°33'
$\angle D$	189°45'	-12'	189°33'
$\angle E$	70°30'	-12'	70°18'
Total = 541°0'			540°00'

## Problems

**Example 3.2** Determine the value of included angles in a closed compass traverse ABCD (Fig. 3.11) conducted in clockwise direction, given the following fore bearings of the respective lines.

Line	F.B.
AB	40°
BC	70°
CD	210°
DA	280°

Included angle at A =  $280 - 180 - 40 = 60$

= FB of DA - 180 - FB of AB

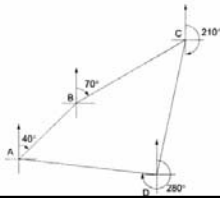
Included angle at B =  $40 + 180 - 70 = 150$

= FB of AB + 180 - FB of BC

Included angle at C =  $70 + 180 - 210$

= FB of BC + 180 - FB of CD

Formula: FB of previous line + 180 - FB of next line



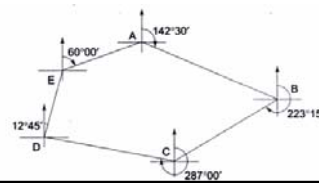
**Example 3.3** Following are the bearings taken in a closed compass traverse.

Line	F.B.	B.B.
AB	S37°30'E	N37°30'W
BC	S43°15'W	N44°15'E
CD	N73°00'W	S72°15'E
DE	N12°45'E	S13°15'W
EA	N60°00'E	S59°00'W

Compute the interior angles and correct them for observational errors.

**Solution** Refer to Fig. 3.12. Convert the quadrantal bearings to whole circle bearings.

Lines	F.B.	B.B.
AB	142°30'	322°30'
BC	223°15'	44°15'
CD	287°00'	107°45'
DE	12°45'	193°15'
EA	60°00'	239°00'



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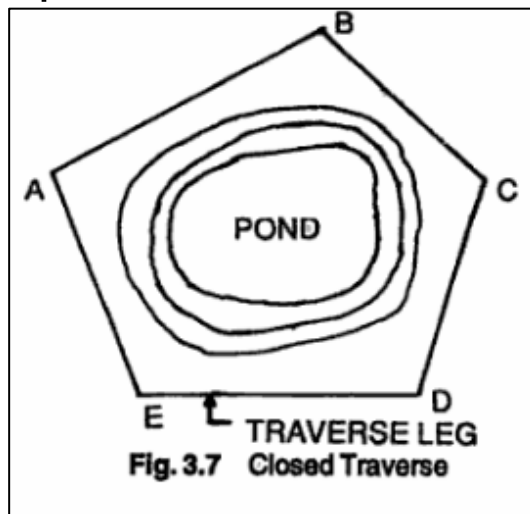
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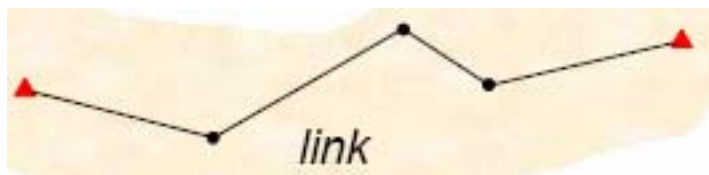
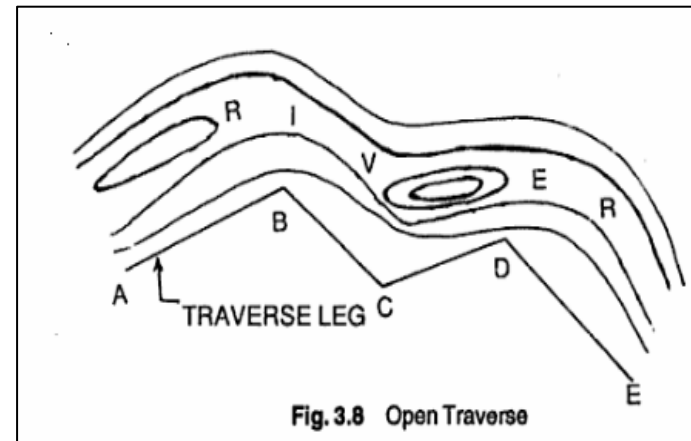
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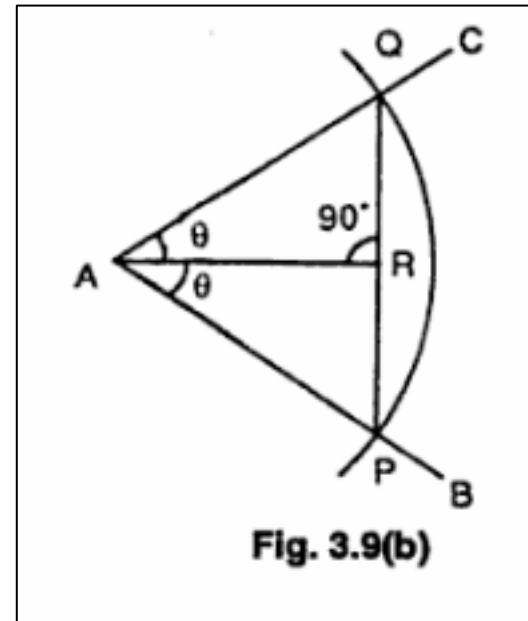
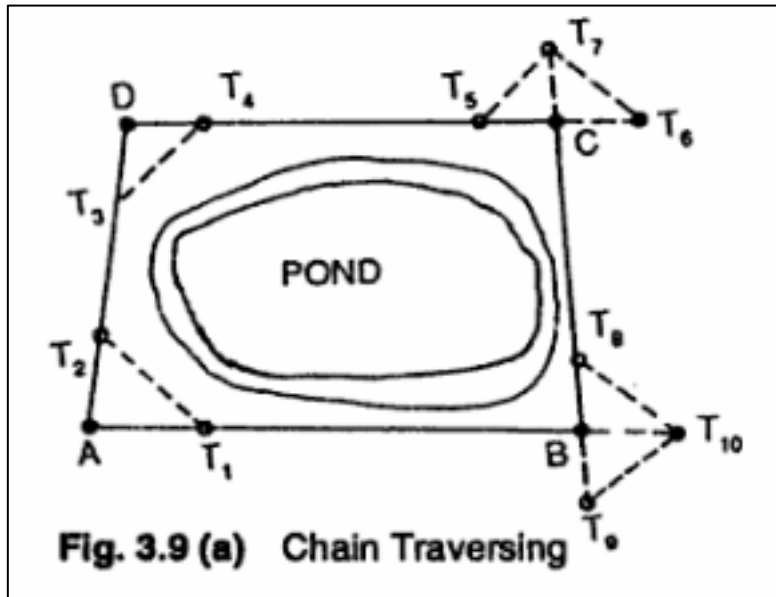


# Methods of Traversing

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2. Compass Traversing (by free needle)
3. Theodolite Traversing (by fast needle)
4. Plane Table Traversing (by plane table)

# Chain Traversing



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(C)$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

# Compass Traversing

- In this method, the **fore and back bearings** of the traverse legs are measured by prismatic compass and the sides of the traverse by chain or tape. Then the observed bearings are verified and necessary corrections for local attraction are applied. In this method closing errors may occur when traverse is plotted.

# Theodolite Traversing

- In such traversing the **horizontal angles** between the traverse legs are measured by theodolite. The lengths of the legs are measured by chain or by employing the stadia method. The magnetic bearings of the other sides are calculated. The independent coordinates of all the traverse stations then found out. This method is very accurate.



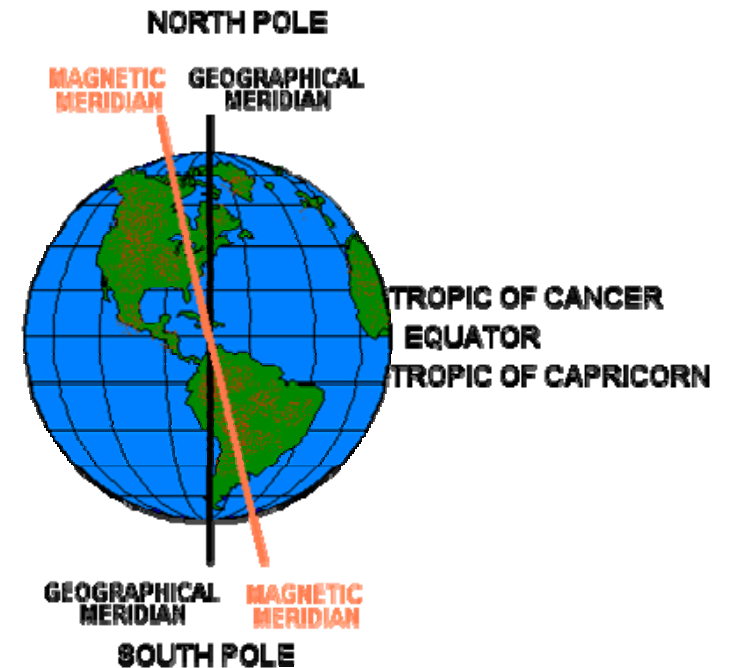
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# Terms

## Bearing

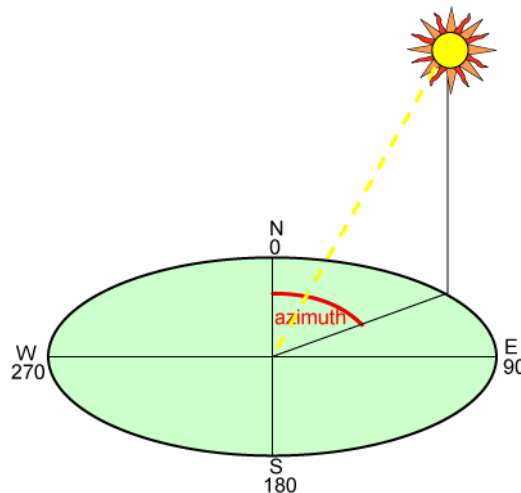
Bearing of line is its direction relative to meridians like magnetic, true or arbitrary meridians and are expressed in angles.



## True Meridian and True Bearing/Azimuth

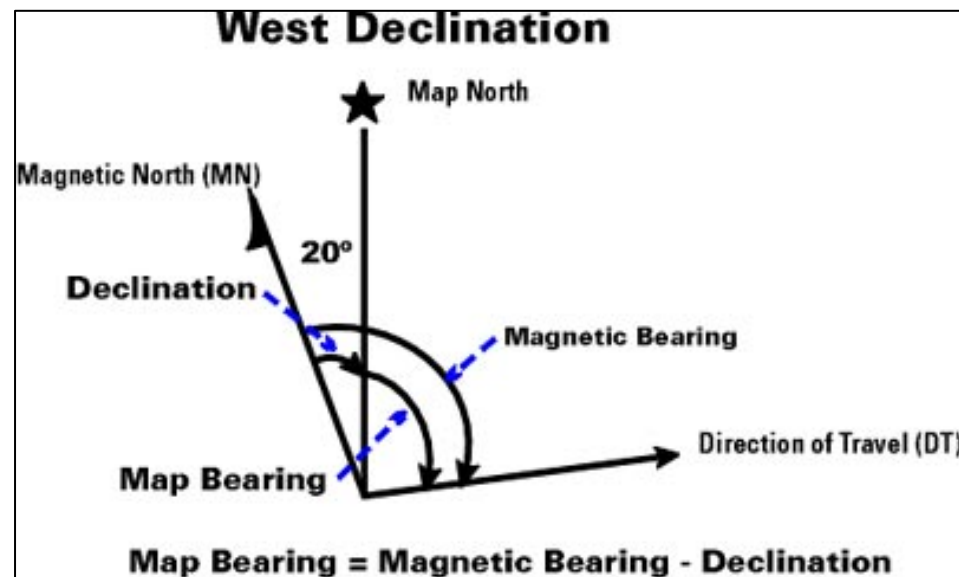
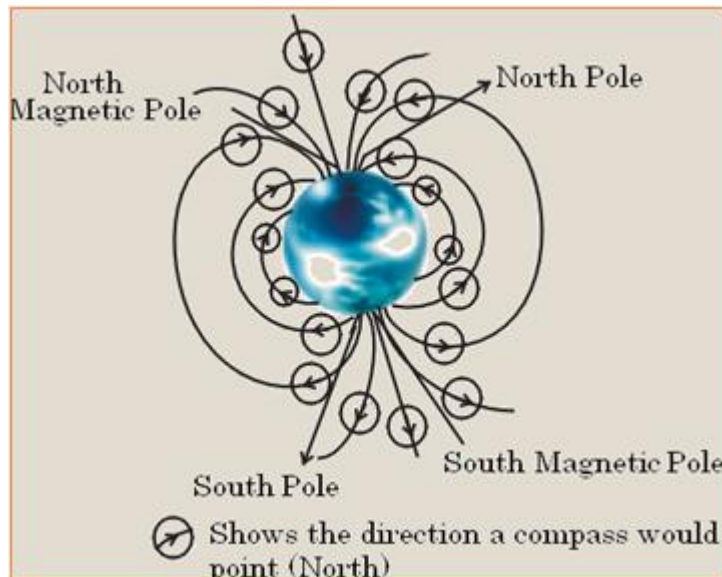
The line or plane passing through the geographical north pole, geographical south pole and any point on surface of the earth is known as the true meridian or geographical meridian. The true meridian at a station is Constant. The true meridians passing through different points on the earth's surface are not parallel, but converge towards the pole. But for surveys in small areas, the true meridians passing through the different points are assumed parallel.

**True Bearing:** Angle between true meridian and a line is known as “True Bearing” of the line. It is also known as the “Azimuth”



## Magnetic Meridian and Magnetic Bearing:

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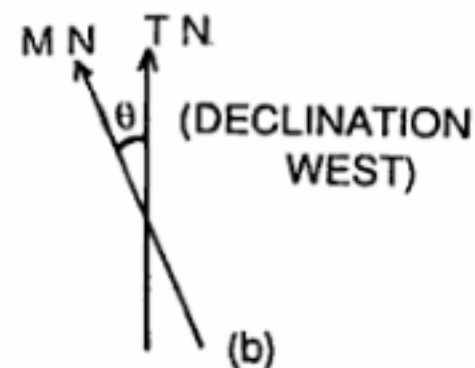
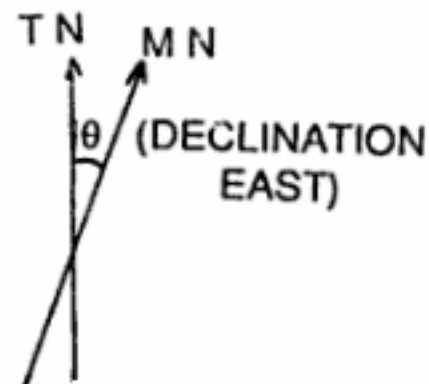


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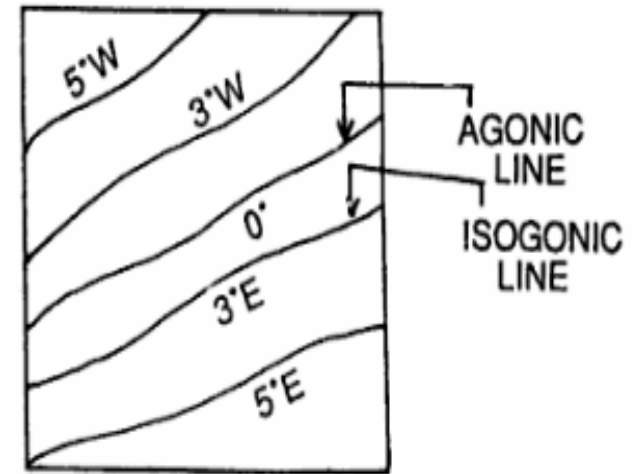
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When a north end of the magnetic needle is pointed towards the west side of the true meridian the position is termed “Declination West”

When the north end of the magnetic needle is pointed towards the east side of the true meridian the position is termed as “Declination East”



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- Agonic Line: Lines pass through the zero declination known as agonic line.



# Variation of Magnetic Declination

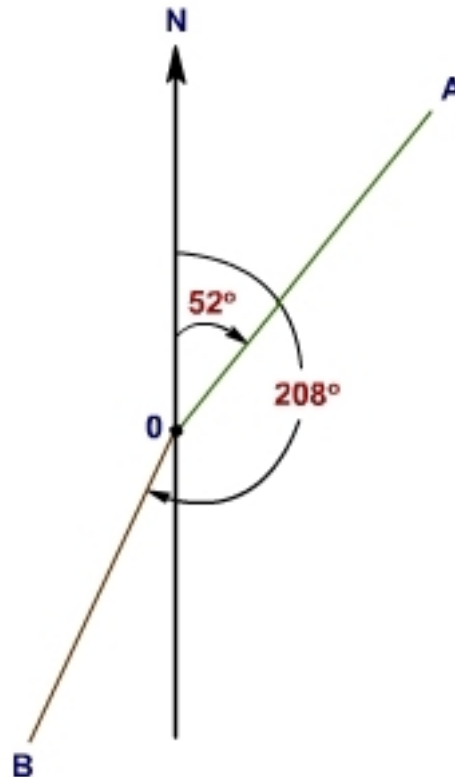
1. Secular Variation: After every 100 years or so magnetic meridian swings from one direction to the opposite direction and hence declination varies.
2. Annual Variation: Magnetic declination varies due to the rotation of the earth. The amount of variation is about 1 to 2 minutes
3. Diurnal Variation: Magnetic declination varies due to rotation of its earth on its own axis. The amount of variation 3 to 12 minutes.
4. Irregular Variation: Variation due to some natural causes such as earth quake, volcanic eruptions and so on. The variation is known as “Irregular Variation”

- **Arbitrary Meridian:** Sometimes for the survey of a small area, a convenient direction is assumed as a meridian, known as arbitrary meridian.

The angle between arbitrary meridian and a line is known as **arbitrary bearing** of the line.

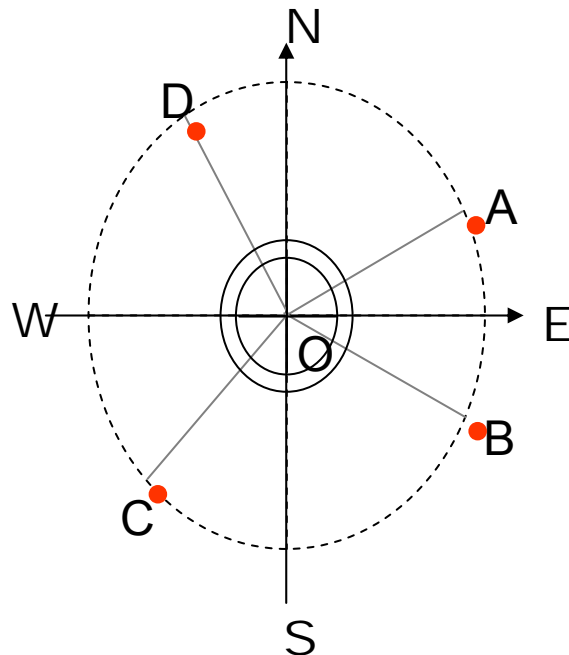
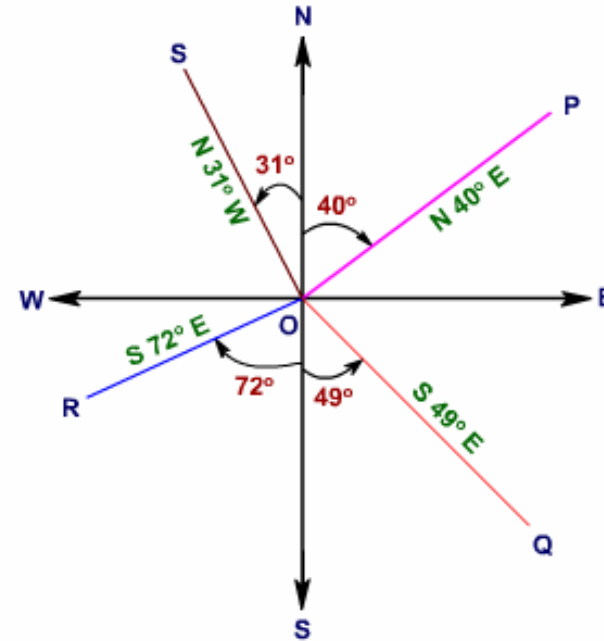


**Whole Circle Bearing:** The whole circle bearing (W.C.B) of a line is the horizontal angle measured clockwise from the North limb of the meridian. It varies from  $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$



**Reduced Bearing:**The reduced bearing (R.B) also known as quadrantal bearing(Q.B) of a line is defined by the **acute angle** which the line makes with the meridian. Thus, it depends on the quadrant in which the line presents. It is measured in **clockwise or anti-clockwise** direction either from the North or from the South limb of the meridian whichever is nearer and thus provides minimum angle.

reduced bearing of a line is designated by the **direction from which it is** measured (i.e., either N for North or S for South) followed by the value of the angle at the end, the direction to which it is measured (i.e., either E for East or W for West).



From O, the reduced bearing

A: **N70°E**

B: **S75°E**

C: **S42°W**

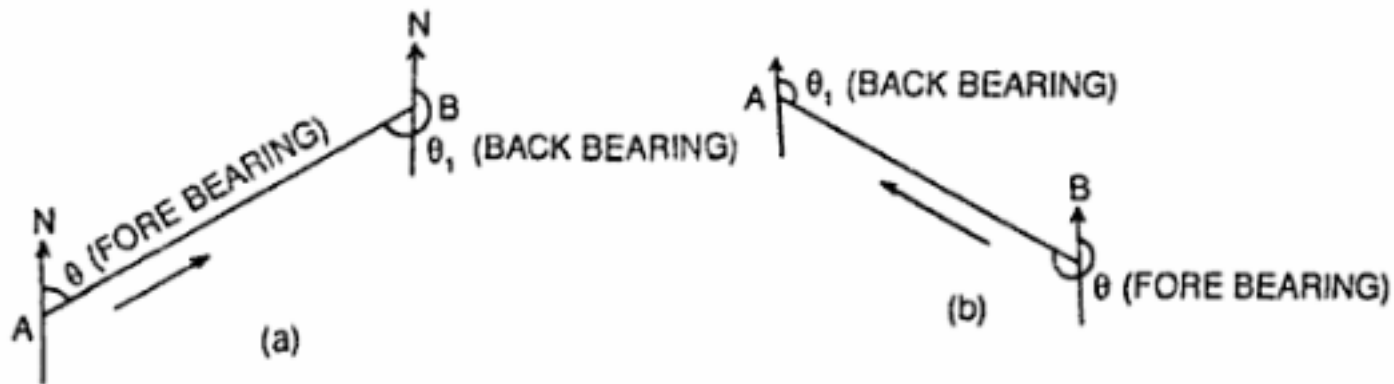
D: **N37°W**

**Fore bearing or Forward Bearing:** The bearing of a line measured in the forward direction (i.e., along the progress of survey) is known as fore bearing.

$$\text{Fore bearing} = \text{Back bearing} \pm 180^\circ$$

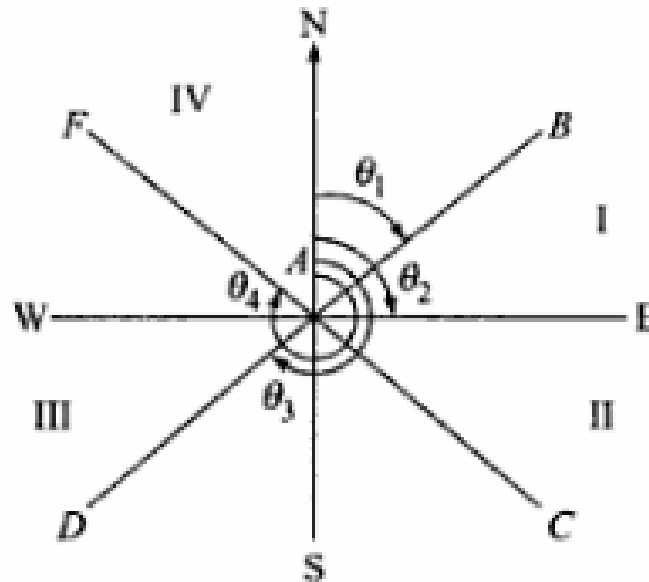
**Back Bearing:** The bearing of a line measured in the backward direction (i.e., opposite to the direction of progress of survey) is known as back bearing.

$$\text{Back Bearing} = \text{Fore Bearing} \pm 180^\circ$$



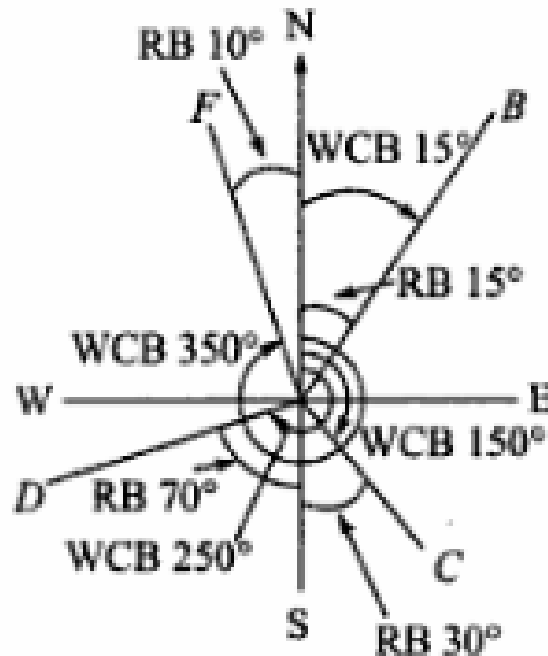
# Problem1 (WCB, RB)

The whole circle bearing of line AB=30°, AC=140°, AD=210° and AF=300° Convert them to RB



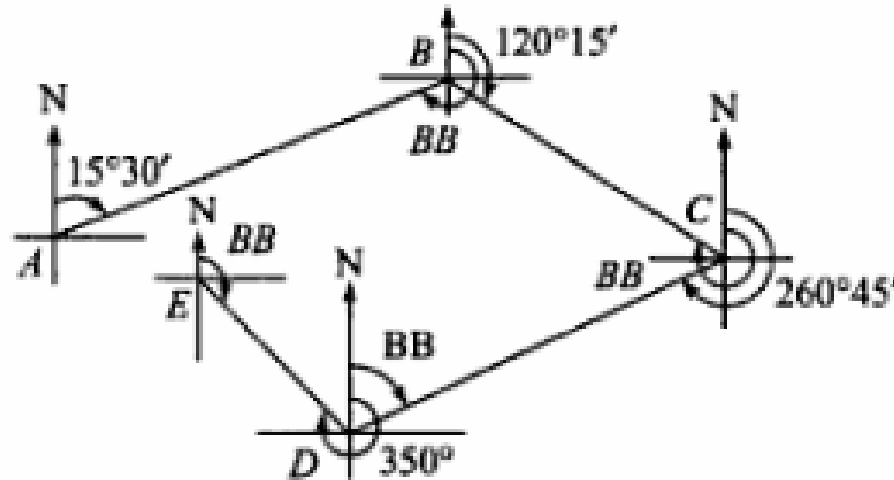
## Problem 2 (WCB, RB)

- Convert the Following RB to WCB:
- i) N 15° E ii) S 30° E iii) S 70° W iv) N 10° W



# Problem 3 (FB, BB)

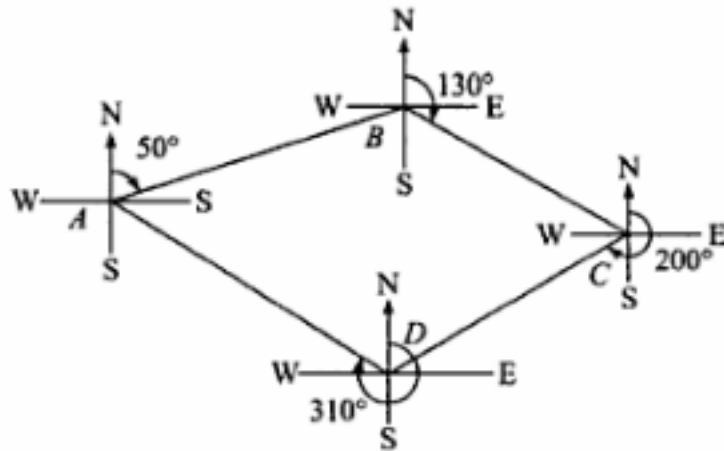
- The following are the observed FB of the lines:
- $AB=15^{\circ}30'$ ,  $BC=120^{\circ}15'$ ,  $CD=260^{\circ}45'$ ,  
 $DE=350^{\circ}$  Find their Back bearing.



# Problem 4

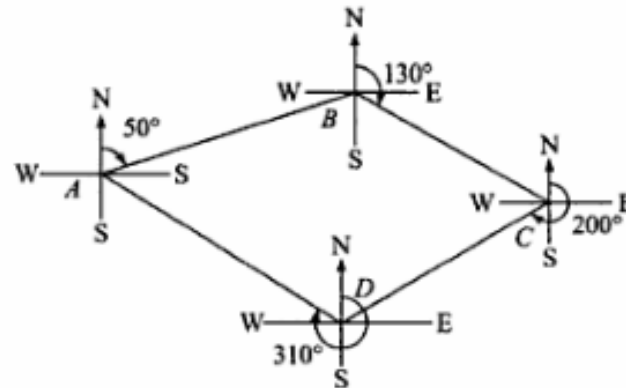
- The WCB of the following Lines are obtained by a prismatic compass calculate the interior angles

Line	WCB
AB	$50^\circ$
BC	$130^\circ$
CD	$200^\circ$
DA	$310^\circ$



**Solution:** Now from Figure 4.8, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\angle A &= \text{WCB of } AD - \text{WCB of } AB \\ &= (310^\circ - 180^\circ) - 50^\circ\end{aligned}$$



**Figure 4.8** Plotted traverse of Example 4.4.

Since

$$\begin{aligned}(310^\circ - 180^\circ) &= 130^\circ \text{ is FB of } AD \\ &= 130^\circ - 50^\circ = 80^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\angle B &= \text{bearing of } BA - \text{Bearing of } BC \\ &= (180^\circ + 50^\circ) - 130^\circ = 100^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\angle C &= \text{Bearing } CB - \text{Bearing } CD \\ &= (180^\circ + 130^\circ) - 200^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$= 310^\circ - 200^\circ = 110^\circ$$

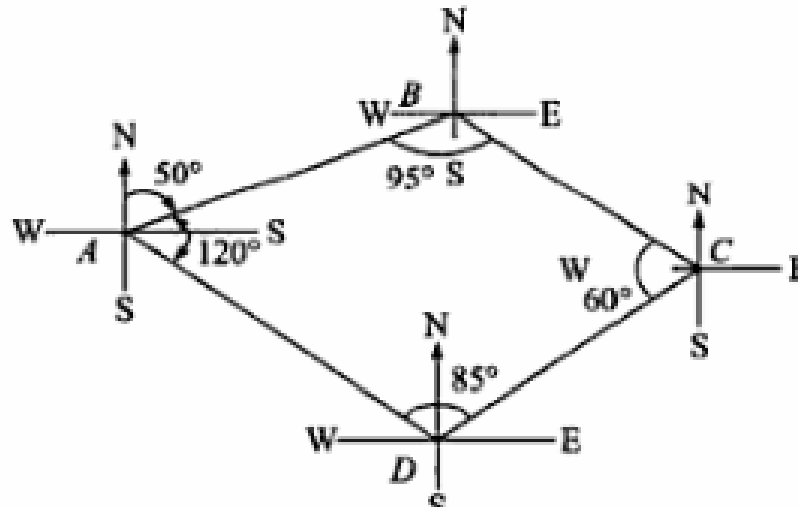
$$\begin{aligned}\angle D &= \text{Bearing } DC - \text{Bearing } DA \\ &= (200^\circ - 180^\circ) - 310^\circ + 360^\circ = 70^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum} &= \angle A + \angle B + \angle C + \angle D = 80^\circ + 100^\circ + 110^\circ + 70^\circ \\ &= 360^\circ\end{aligned}$$



# Problem 5

- The interior angles of close traverse are given below  $\angle A=120^\circ$ ,  $\angle B=95^\circ$ ,  $\angle C=60^\circ$ ,  $\angle D=85^\circ$ . The measured bearing of line AB is  $50^\circ$ . Find bearings of other lines.



**Solution:** Figure 4.10 shows the traverse of the example 4.6.

$$\text{Bearing of } AD = 50^\circ + 120^\circ = 170^\circ$$

$$\text{Bearing of } DC = \text{Bearing } AD + 85^\circ$$

$$= 170^\circ + 85^\circ$$

$$= 170^\circ + 85^\circ - 180^\circ = 75^\circ$$

$$\text{Bearing } CB = \text{Bearing of } DC + 60^\circ + 180^\circ$$

$$= 75^\circ + 60^\circ + 180^\circ$$

$$= 315^\circ$$

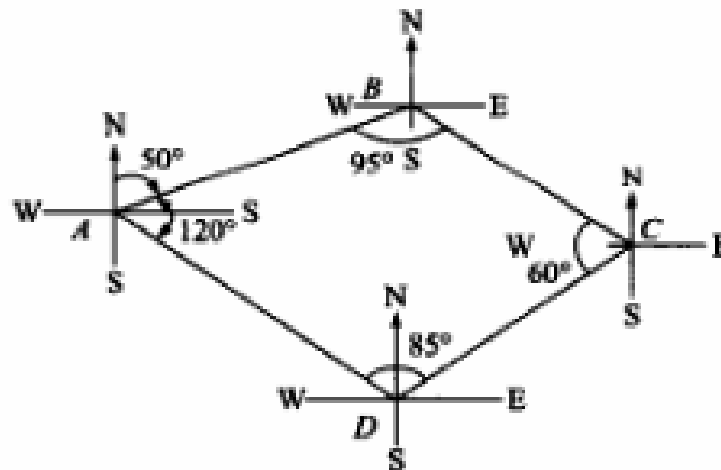
$$\text{Bearing } BC = 315^\circ - 180^\circ = 135^\circ$$

**Check**

$$\text{Bearing of } AB = \text{Bearing of } CB + 95^\circ - 180^\circ$$

$$= 315^\circ + 95^\circ - 180^\circ = 230^\circ$$

Bearing  $AB = 230^\circ - 180^\circ = 50^\circ$  which is the given bearing of  $AB$ .



# TRAVERSE CALCULATIONS

## PROCEDURE FOR TRAVERSE CALCULATIONS (BOWDITCH ANALYTICAL METHOD)

- Adjust angles or directions
- Determine bearings or azimuths
- Calculate and adjust latitudes and departures
- Calculate rectangular coordinates

- Adjustment of Angles

$$\sum \text{Interior Angles} = (n - 2) \times 180^\circ$$

$n$  = the number of interior angles

## DETERMINING BEARINGS OR AZIMUTHS

- Requires the direction of at least one line within the traverse to be known or assumed
- For many purposes, an assumed direction is sufficient
- A magnetic bearing of one of the lines may be measured and used as the reference for determining the other directions
- For boundary surveys, true directions are needed

The general formula that is used to compute the azimuths is:

$$\textit{forward azimuth of line} = \textit{back azimuth of previous line} + \textit{clockwise (internal) angle}$$

The back azimuth of a line is computed from

$$\textit{back azimuth} = \textit{forward azimuth} \pm 180^\circ$$

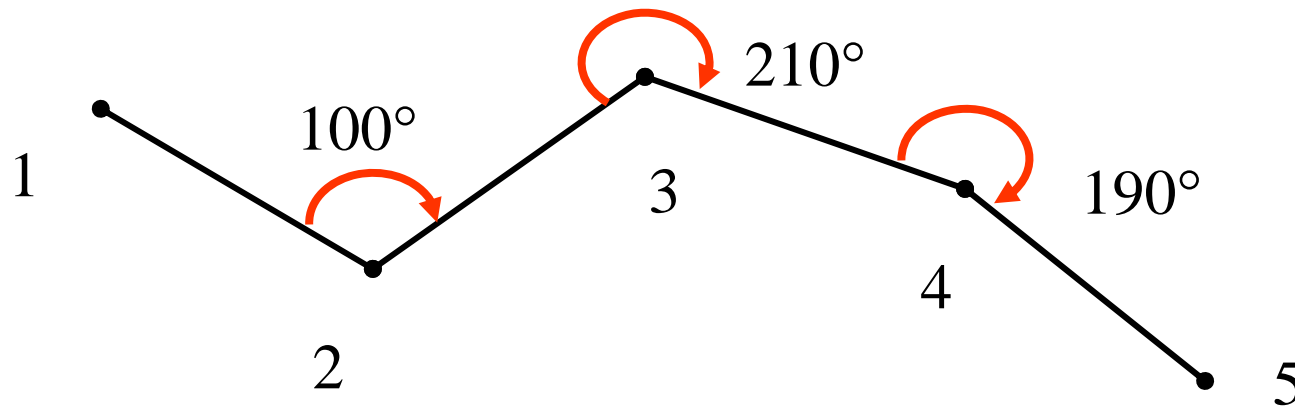
## DETERMINING BEARINGS OR AZIMUTHS

Therefore for a traverse from points 1 to 2 to 3 to 4 to 5, if the angles measured at 2, 3 and 4 are  $100^\circ$ ,  $210^\circ$ , and  $190^\circ$  respectively, and the azimuth of the line from 1 to 2 is given as  $160^\circ$ , then

$$Az_{23} = Az_{21} + \text{angle at 2} = (160^\circ + 180^\circ) + 100^\circ = 440^\circ \equiv 80^\circ$$

$$Az_{34} = Az_{32} + \text{angle at 3} = (80^\circ + 180^\circ) + 210^\circ = 470^\circ \equiv 110^\circ$$

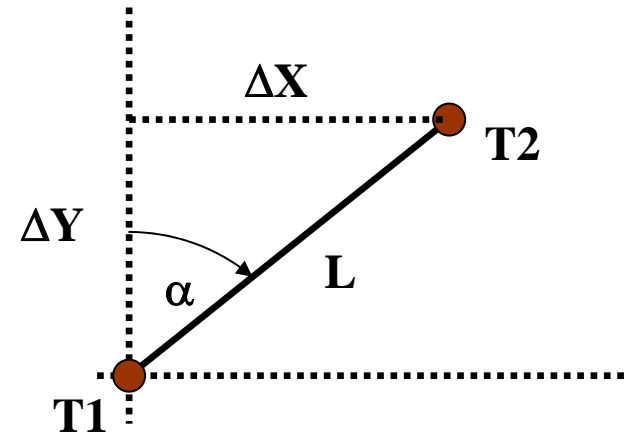
$$Az_{45} = Az_{43} + \text{angle at 4} = (110^\circ + 180^\circ) + 190^\circ = 480^\circ \equiv 120^\circ$$



# Calculation of Latitudes ( $\Delta Y$ ) and Departures ( $\Delta X$ )

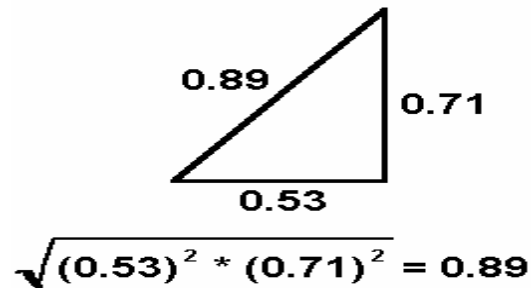
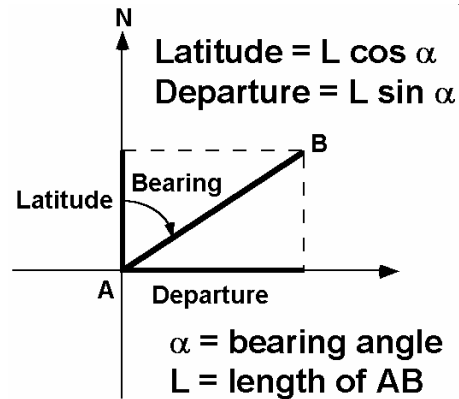
$$\text{Latitude} = L \cos \alpha = \Delta Y$$

$$\text{Departure} = L \sin \alpha = \Delta X$$

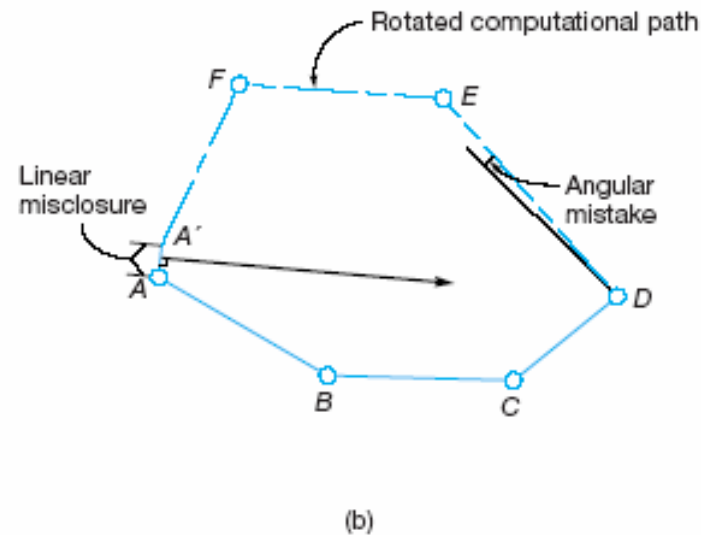
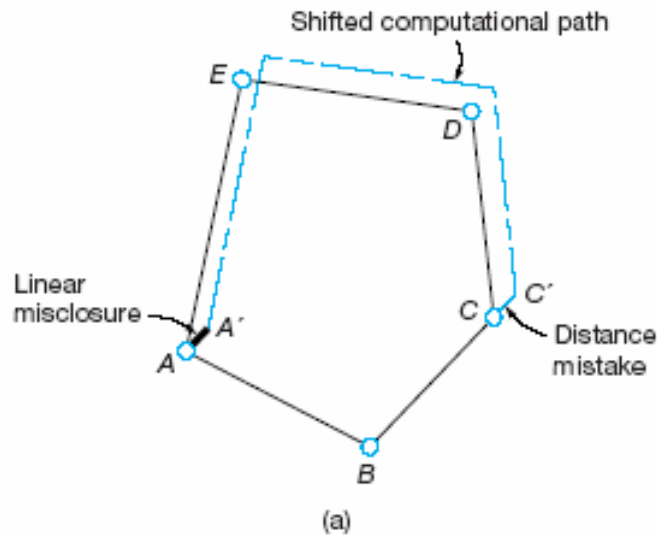


Latitudes and Departures computed for each leg of a traverse

# Linear Misclosure/Closing Error

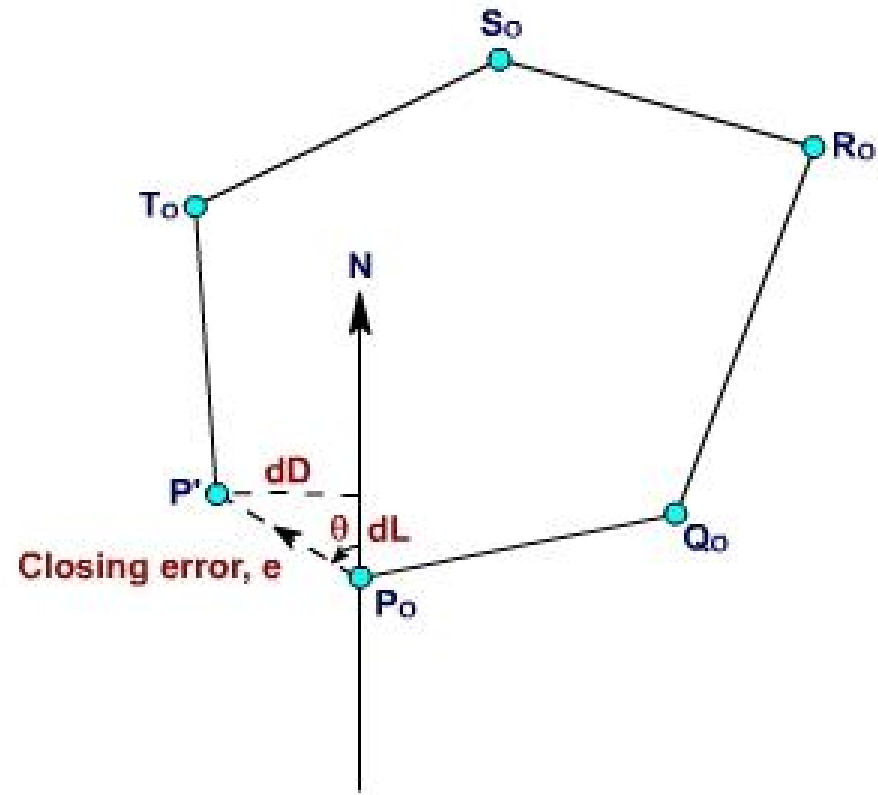


Linear misclosure =  $[(\text{departure misclosure})^2 + (\text{latitude misclosure})^2]^{1/2}$





# Linear Misclosure/ Closing Error



Closing error of a closed loop traverse

## TRAVERSE PRECISION

- The precision of a traverse is expressed as the ratio of linear misclosure divided by the traverse perimeter length.
- expressed in reciprocal form

**relative precision = linear misclosure / traverse length**

**expressed as a number 1 / ?**

**read as 1' foot error per ? feet measured**

**Example:**

**linear misclosure = 0.08 ft.**

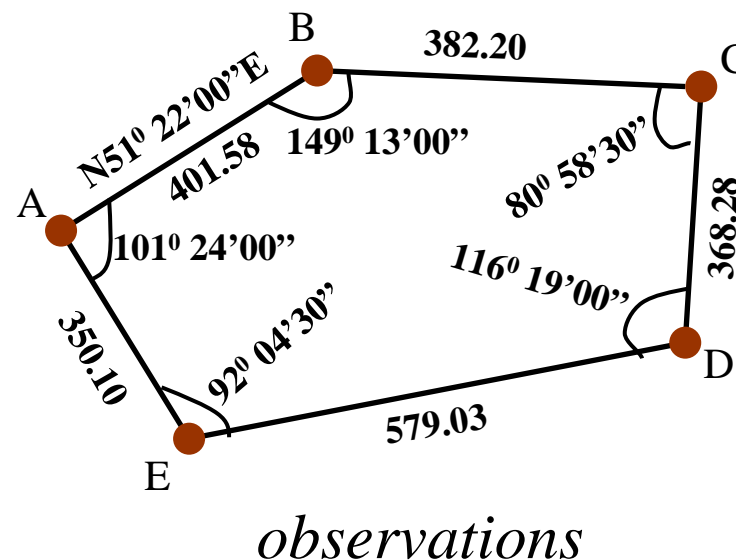
**traverse length = 2466.00 ft.**

**relative precision =  $0.08/2466.00 = 1/30,000$**

**Surveyor would expect 1-foot error for every 30,000 feet surveyed**

# Calculation of Traverse – Step 1

Check Interior Angle Closure	
Observed	Adjusted
A = 101° 24' 00"	101° 24' 12"
B = 149° 13' 00"	149° 13' 12"
C = 80° 58' 30"	80° 58' 42"
D = 116° 19' 00"	116° 19' 12"
E = 92° 04' 30"	92° 04' 42"
<b>Total = 539° 59' 00"</b>	<b>= 540° 00' 00"</b>
Should = 540° 00' 00" = (n-2)*180	
Misclosure = 01' 00" = 60"	
Adjustment = 60/5 = +12" per angle	



# Compute Azimuths – Step 2

$$\alpha_{AB} = 51^{\circ} 22' 00'' \text{ (given)}$$

$$\alpha_{BA} = 231^{\circ} 22' 00''$$

$$B = 149^{\circ} 13' 12''$$

$$\alpha_{BC} = 82^{\circ} 08' 48''$$

$$\alpha_{CB} = 262^{\circ} 08' 48''$$

$$C = 80^{\circ} 58' 42''$$

$$\alpha_{CD} = 181^{\circ} 10' 06''$$

$$\alpha_{DC} = 1^{\circ} 10' 06''$$

$$D = 116^{\circ} 19' 12''$$

$$\alpha_{DE} = 244^{\circ} 50' 54''$$

$$\alpha_{ED} = 64^{\circ} 50' 54''$$

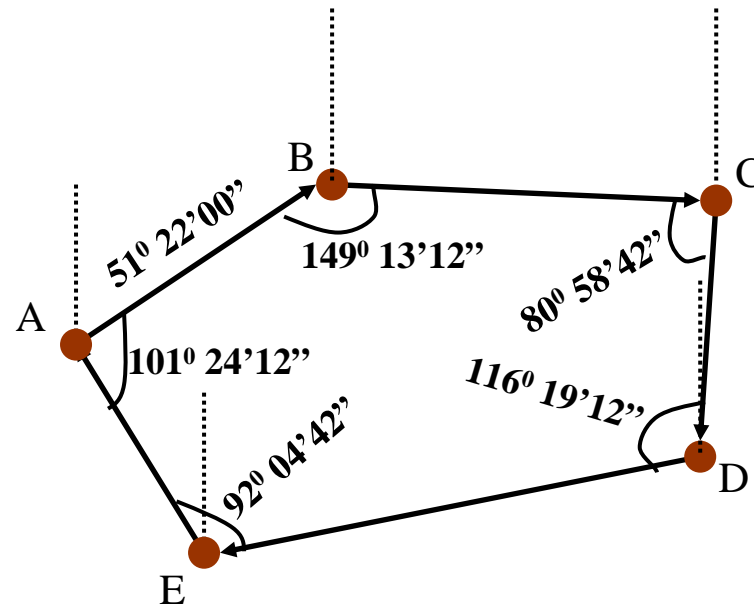
$$E = 92^{\circ} 04' 42''$$

$$\alpha_{EA} = 332^{\circ} 46' 12''$$

$$\alpha_{AE} = 152^{\circ} 46' 12''$$

$$A = 101^{\circ} 24' 12''$$

$$\alpha_{AB} = 51^{\circ} 22' 00'' \text{ Check}$$



## Compute Lats and Deps - Step 3

<u>Leg</u>	<u>Azimuth</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Lat (L<math>\cos\alpha</math>)</u>	<u>Dep (L<math>\sin\alpha</math>)</u>
AB	51° 22' 00"	401.58	<b>250.720</b>	<b>313.697</b>
BC	82° 08' 48"	382.20	<b>52.222</b>	<b>378.615</b>
CD	181° 10' 06"	368.28	<b>-368.203</b>	<b>-7.509</b>
DE	244° 50' 54"	579.03	<b>-246.097</b>	<b>-524.130</b>
EA	332° 46' 12"	350.10	<b>311.301</b>	<b>-160.193</b>
		<u>Total</u>	<b><u>-0.057</u></b>	<b><u>0.480</u></b>

Total Traverse Distance = **2081.19**

Linear Misclosure =  $\sqrt{(0.057)^2 + (0.480)^2}$  = **0.483**

Precision =  $0.483/2081.19 = 1/4305$  ..... **1/4300**

# Compass Rule/Bowditch Adjustment – Step 4

$$\text{Correction to Lats} = - \frac{\text{Traverse leg distance}}{\text{Total traverse distance}} * \text{Lat Misclosure}$$

$$\text{Correction to Deps} = - \frac{\text{Traverse leg distance}}{\text{Total traverse distance}} * \text{Dep Misclosure}$$

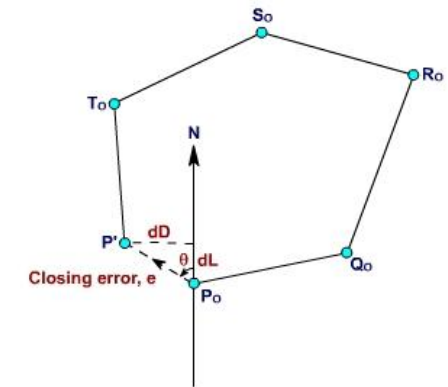
Leg	Lats	Deps	Corrn Lat	Corrn Dep	Adj Lats	Adj Deps
AB	250.720	313.697	<b>0.011</b>	<b>-0.093</b>	<b>250.731</b>	<b>313.604</b>
BC	52.222	378.615	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.088</b>	<b>52.233</b>	<b>378.527</b>
CD	-368.203	-7.509	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.085</b>	<b>-368.193</b>	<b>-7.594</b>
DE	-246.097	-524.130	<b>0.016</b>	<b>-0.134</b>	<b>-246.081</b>	<b>-524.264</b>
EA	311.301	-160.193	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.081</b>	<b>311.311</b>	<b>-160.274</b>
		Total	<b>0.057</b>	<b>-0.480</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.001</b>

Final Lats and Deps should be rounded to 2 decimal places

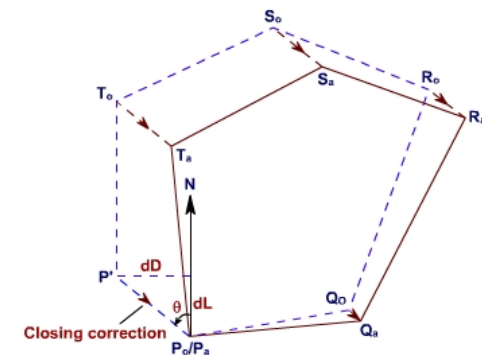
# Bowditch Graphical Method

For rough surveys or traverse of small area, adjustment can also be carried out graphically. In this method of balancing, the locations and thus the coordinates of the stations are adjusted directly. Thus, the amount of correction at any station is proportional to its distance from the initial station.

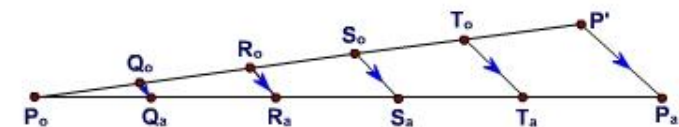
Let  $P_o Q_o R_o S_o T_o P'$  is the graphical plot of a closed-loop traverse PQRSTP. The observed length and direction of traverse sides are such that it fails to get balanced and is depicted in its graphical presentation by an amount  $P_o P'$ . Thus, the closing error of the traverse is  $P_o P'$  (Figure 1). The error  $P_o P'$  is to be distributed to all the sides of the traverse in such a way that the traverse gets closed i.e.,  $P'$  gets coincides with  $P_o$  in its plot. This is carried out by shifting the positions of the station graphically. In order to obtain the length and direction of shifting of the plotted position of stations, first a straight line is required to be drawn, at some scale, representing the perimeter of the plotted traverse. In this case, a horizontal line  $P_o P'$  is drawn [Figure 3]. Mark the traverse stations on this line such as  $Q_o, R_o, S_o$  and  $T_o$  in such a way that distance between them represent the length of the traverse sides at the chosen scale. At the terminating end of the line i.e., at  $P'$ , a line  $P' P_a$  is drawn parallel to the correction for closure and length equal to the amount of error as depicted in the plot of traverse. Now, join  $P_o$  to  $P_a$  and draw lines parallel to  $P' P_a$  at points  $Q_o, R_o, S_o$  and  $T_o$ . The length and direction of  $Q_o Q_a, R_o R_a, S_o S_a$  and  $T_o T_a$  represent the length and direction of errors at  $Q_o, R_o, S_o$  and  $T_o$  respectively. So, shifting equal to  $Q_o Q_a, R_o R_a, S_o S_a$  and  $T_o T_a$  and in the same direction are applied as correction to the positions of stations  $Q_o, R_o, S_o$  and  $T_o$  respectively. These shifting provide the corrected positions of the stations as  $Q_a, R_a, S_a, T_a$  and  $P_a$ . Joining these corrected positions of the stations provide the adjusted traverse  $P_a Q_a R_a, S_a T_a$  [Figure 2].



Closing error of a closed loop traverse



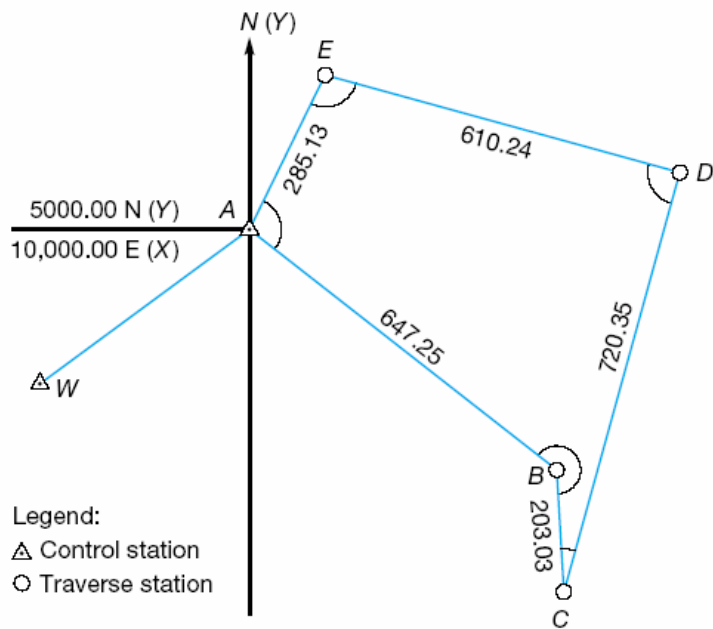
(i)



(ii)

# CALCULATING X AND Y COORDINATES

Given the X and Y coordinates of any starting point A, the X and Y coordinates of the next point B are determined by:



$$Y_B = Y_A + \text{latitude AB}$$

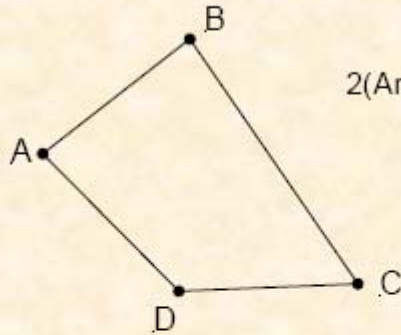
$$X_B = X_A + \text{departure AB}$$



# Area Computation

## I. Area Computation

By coordinates

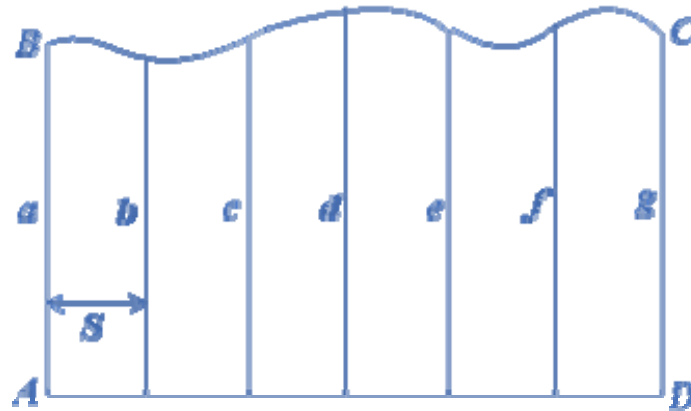


$$2(\text{Area}) = X_B Y_A + X_C Y_B + X_D Y_C + X_A Y_D - X_A Y_B - X_B Y_C - X_C Y_D - X_D Y_A$$

Coordinates	Cross multiplication	
	(↗)	(↘)
$X_A$	$Y_A$	$X_B Y_A$
$X_B$	$Y_B$	$X_C Y_B$ $X_A Y_B$
$X_C$	$Y_C$	$X_D Y_C$ $X_B Y_C$
$X_D$	$Y_D$	$X_A Y_D$ $X_C Y_D$
$X_A$	$Y_A$	$X_D Y_A$
Sums:		$\Sigma(\↗)$ $\Sigma(\↘)$

$$\text{Area} = \left| \frac{\Sigma(\↗) - \Sigma(\↘)}{2} \right|$$

# Simpson's Rule



By Simpson's Rule, the area is

determined as:  $\text{Area} = \frac{S}{3}[A + 2D + 4E]$

Where, A=Sum of the first and the last ordinate

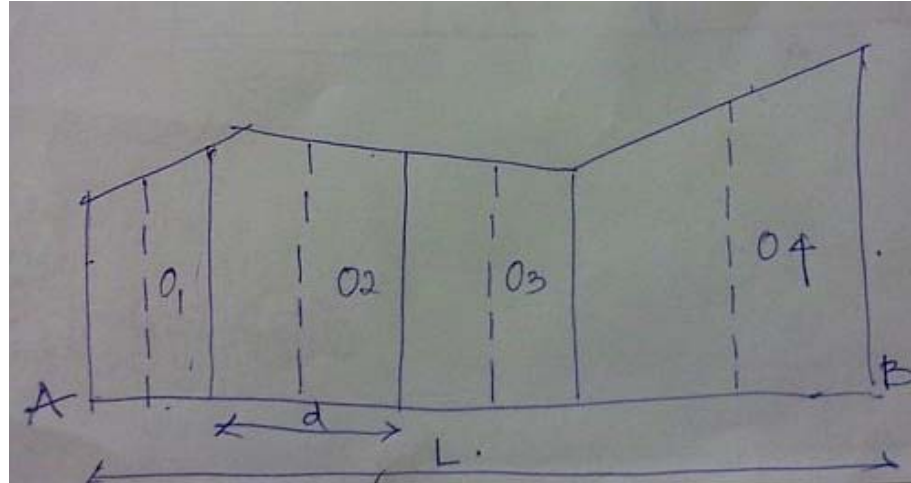
D=Sum of odd ordinates

E=Sum of even ordinates

S=Width of each strip

The area is equal to the sum of the two end ordinates plus four times the sum of the even intermediate plus twice the sum of the odd intermediate ordinates, the whole multiplied by one-third the common interval between them.

# Mid-Ordinate Rule



$$\text{Area} = \frac{[O_1 + O_2 + O_3 + \dots + O_n] * L}{n}$$
$$(O_1 + O_2 + O_3 + \dots + O_n) * d$$

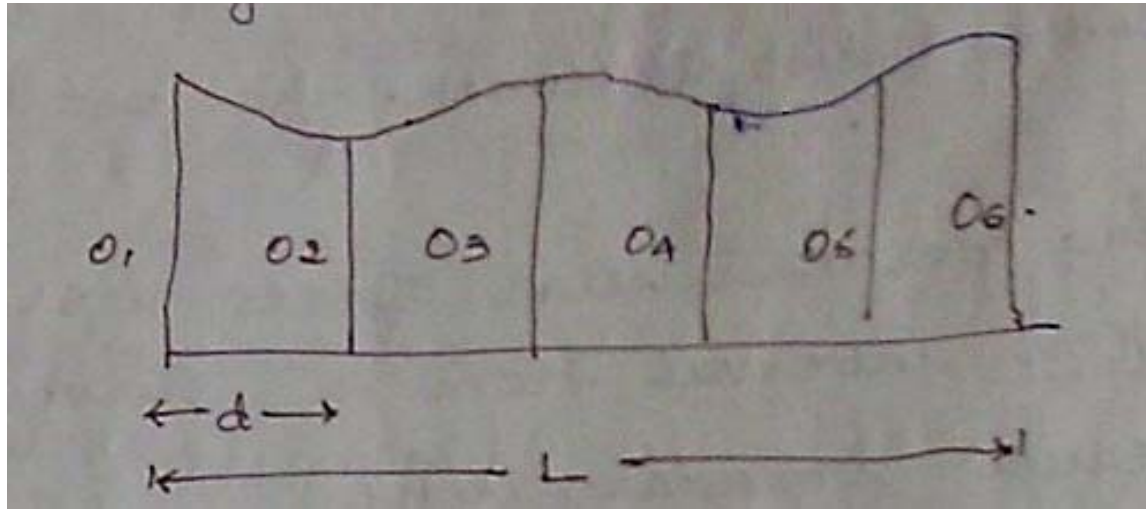
Where:

L = length of baseline

n = number of equal parts, the baseline is divided

d = common distance between the ordinates

# Average Ordinate Rule

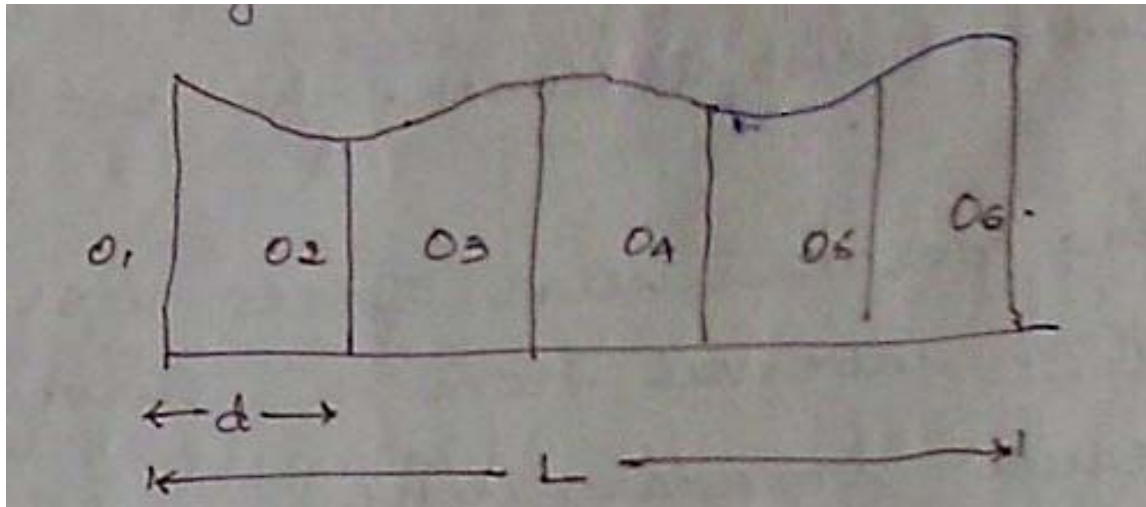


$$\text{Area} = [(O_1 + O_2 + O_3 + \dots + O_n) * L] / (n + 1)$$

- $L$  = length of baseline
- $n$  = number of equal parts (the baseline divided)
- $d$  = common distance

# Trapezoidal Rule

- **$Area = [(O_1 + O_n)/2 + O_2 + \dots + O_{n-1}] * d$**



# Problem

The following perpendicular offsets were taken at 10 meters intervals from a survey line to an irregular boundary line:

3.25, 5.60, 4.20, 6.65, 8.75, 6.20, 3.25, 4.20, 5.65

# Area from Departure and Latitudes

- The Area =  $\frac{1}{2} \sum$  (Total latitude  $\times$  Algebraic Sum of Adjoining Departures)

LEG	LATS	DEP	CORR LAT	CORR DEP	ADJ LAT	ADJ DEP	STATION	TOTAL LAT	Algebraic Sum of Adj. Dep	Double Area
AB	250.720	313.697	<b>0.011</b>	<b>-0.093</b>	<b>250.731</b>	<b>313.604</b>	B	250.731	692.131	173538.6977
BC	52.222	378.615	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.088</b>	<b>52.233</b>	<b>378.527</b>	C	302.964	370.933	3112379.3454
CD	- 368.203	-7.509	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.085</b>	<b>-368.193</b>	<b>-7.594</b>	D	-65.236	-531.854	34696.027544
DE	- 246.097	-524.130	<b>0.016</b>	<b>-0.134</b>	<b>-246.081</b>	<b>-524.264</b>	E	-311.317	-684.538	213108.3165
EA	311.301	-160.193	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.081</b>	<b>311.311</b>	<b>-160.274</b>	A	0	153.504	0
									Total	3533722,387144
									Area	Total/2