

Surveying - Traverse



Introduction

- Almost all surveying requires some calculations to reduce measurements into a more helpful form for determining distance, earthwork volumes, land areas, etc.
- A traverse is developed by measuring the distance and angles between points that find the boundary of a site
- We will learn several different techniques to compute the area inside a traverse

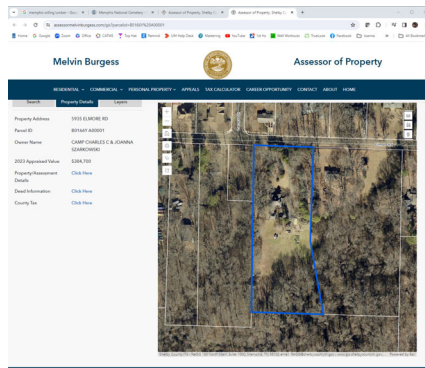
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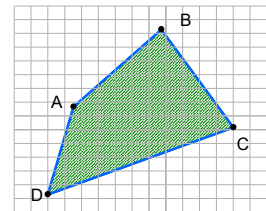
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Methods of Computing Area

- A simple method that is useful for rough area estimates is a **graphical method**
- In this method, the traverse is plotted to scale on graph paper, and the number of squares inside the traverse are counted

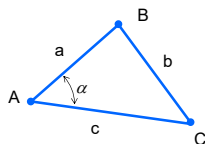


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Methods of Computing Area



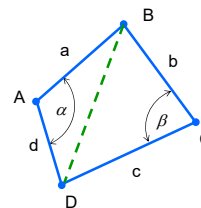
$$\text{Area } ABC = \frac{1}{2} ac \sin \alpha$$

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Methods of Computing Area



$$\text{Area } ABD = \frac{1}{2} ad \sin \alpha$$

$$\text{Area } BCD = \frac{1}{2} bc \sin \beta$$

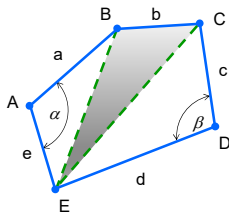
$$\text{Area } ABCD = \text{Area } ABD + \text{Area } BCD$$

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Methods of Computing Area



$$\text{Area } ABE = \frac{1}{2}ae \sin \alpha$$

$$\text{Area } CDE = \frac{1}{2}cd \sin \beta$$

- To compute **Area BCD** more data is required

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Balancing Angles

- Before the areas of a piece of land can be computed, it is necessary to have a **closed traverse**
- The **interior angles** of a **closed traverse** should total:

$$(n - 2)(180^\circ)$$

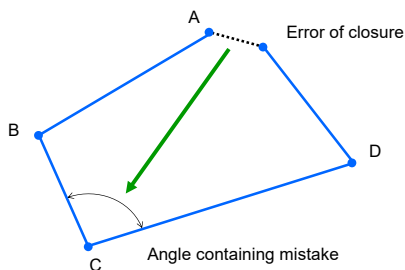
where n is the number of sides of the traverse

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Balancing Angles



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Balancing Angles

- A surveying heuristic is that the total angle should not vary from the correct value by more than the square root of the number of angles measured times the precision of the instrument
- For example, in an eight-sided traverse using a 1' transit, the maximum error is:

$$\pm 1' \sqrt{8} = \pm 2.83' = \pm 3'$$

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Balancing Angles

- If the angles do not close by a reasonable amount, mistakes in measuring have been made
- If an error of 1' is made, the surveyor may correct one angle by 1'
- If an error of 2' is made, the surveyor may correct two angles by 1' each
- If an error of 3' is made in a 12-sided traverse, the surveyor may correct each angle by 3'/12 or 15"

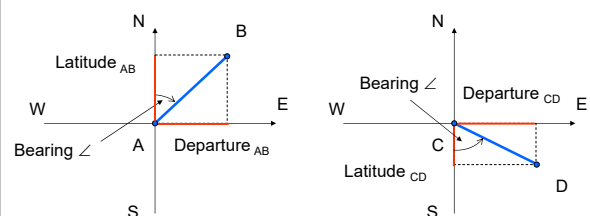
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Latitudes and Departures

- The **closure** of a traverse is checked by computing the latitudes and departures of each of its sides



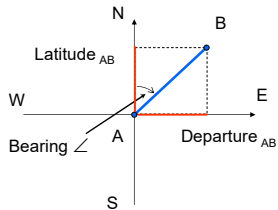
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Latitudes and Departures

- The **latitude** of a line is its projection on the north-south meridian



- The **departure** of a line is its projection on the east-west line
- A northeasterly bearing has: + latitude and + departure

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Error of Closure

- Consider the following statement:

"If you start at one corner of a closed traverse and walk its lines until you return to your starting point, you will have walked as far north as you walked south and as far east as you have walked west."

- Therefore $\sum \text{latitudes} = 0$ and $\sum \text{departures} = 0$

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Error of Closure

- When latitudes are added together, the resulting error is called the **error in latitudes (E_L)**
- The error resulting from adding departures together is called the **error in departures (E_D)**

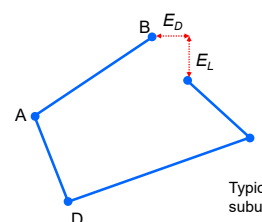
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Error of Closure

- If the measured bearings and distances are plotted on a sheet of paper, the figure will not close because of E_L and E_D



Error of closure

$$E_{\text{closure}} = \sqrt{(E_L)^2 + (E_D)^2}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{E_{\text{closure}}}{\text{perimeter}}$$

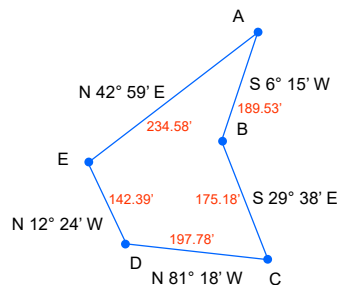
Typical precision: 1/5,000 for rural land, 1/7,500 for suburban land, and 1/10,000 for urban land

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Latitudes and Departures - Example

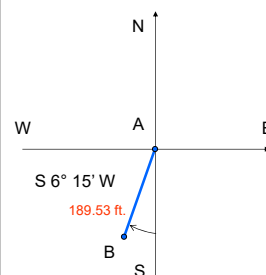


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Latitudes and Departures - Example



Departure_{AB}

$$\begin{aligned} -W &= -(189.53 \text{ ft.}) \sin(6'15'') \\ &= -(189.53 \text{ ft.}) \sin(6.25^\circ) \\ &= -20.63 \text{ ft.} \end{aligned}$$

Latitude_{AB}

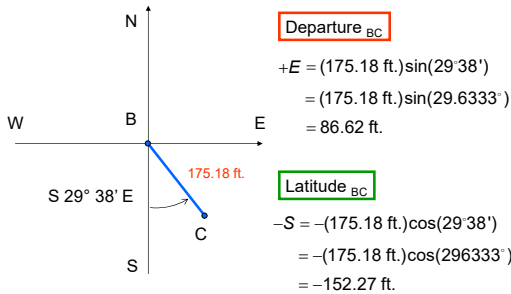
$$\begin{aligned} -S &= -(189.53 \text{ ft.}) \cos(6'15'') \\ &= -(189.53 \text{ ft.}) \cos(6.25^\circ) \\ &= -188.40 \text{ ft.} \end{aligned}$$

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Latitudes and Departures - Example



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Latitudes and Departures - Example

Side	Bearing			Length (ft.)	Latitude	Departure
	degree	minutes				
AB	S	6	15	W	189.53	-188.403
BC	S	29	38	E	175.18	-152.268
CD	N	81	18	W	197.78	86.617
DE	N	12	24	W	142.39	
EA	N	42	59	E	234.58	

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EA	N	42	59	E	234.58	159.933
				939.46	-0.079	-0.163

$$E_{closure} = \sqrt{(E_L)^2 + (E_D)^2} = \sqrt{(-0.079)^2 + (-0.163)^2} = 0.182 \text{ ft.}$$

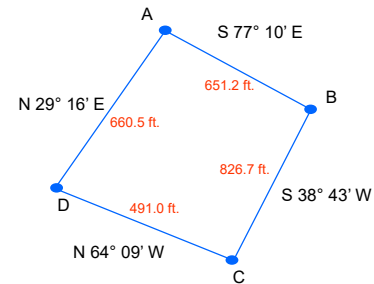
$$\text{Precision} = \frac{E_{closure}}{\text{perimeter}} = \frac{0.182 \text{ ft.}}{939.46 \text{ ft.}} = \frac{1}{5,175}$$

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Group Example Problem 1



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Group Example Problem 1

$$E_{closure} = \sqrt{(E_L)^2 + (E_D)^2} = \sqrt{(0.601)^2 + (-1.110)^2} = 1.262 \text{ ft.}$$

Side	Bearing			Length (ft.)	Latitude	Departure
	degree	minutes				
AB	S	77	10	E	651.2	
BC	S	38	43	W	826.7	
CD	N	64	9	W	491.0	
DE	N	29	16	E	660.5	

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{E_{closure}}{\text{perimeter}} = \frac{1.262 \text{ ft.}}{2,629.4 \text{ ft.}} = 4.800 \times 10^{-4} = \frac{1}{2,083}$$

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AB	S	77	10	E	651.2	-144.642
BC	S	38	43	W	826.7	-645.031
CD	N	64	9	W	491.0	214.084
DE	N	29	16	E	660.5	576.190
				2629.4	0.601	-1.110

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Balancing Latitudes and Departures



- Balancing the latitudes and departures of a traverse attempts to obtain more probable values for the locations of the corners of the traverse
- A popular method for balancing errors is called the **compass** or the **Bowditch rule**
- The "**Bowditch rule**," devised by Nathaniel Bowditch, surveyor, navigator, and mathematician, was a proposed solution to the problem of compass traverse adjustment, which was posed in the American journal *The Analyst* in 1807.



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Balancing Latitudes and Departures



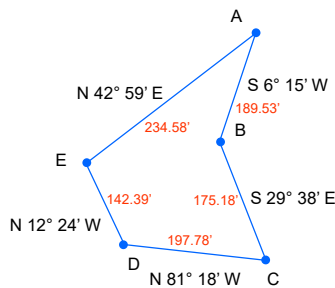
- The **compass** method assumes:
 - angles and distances have the same error
 - errors are accidental
- The rule states:

"The error in latitude (departure) of a line is to the total error in latitude (departure) as the length of the line is the perimeter of the traverse."

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Balancing Latitudes and Departures



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Latitudes and Departures - Example



Recall the results of our example problem

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Latitudes and Departures - Example



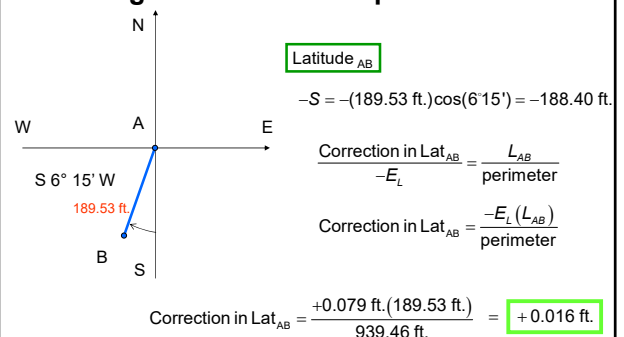
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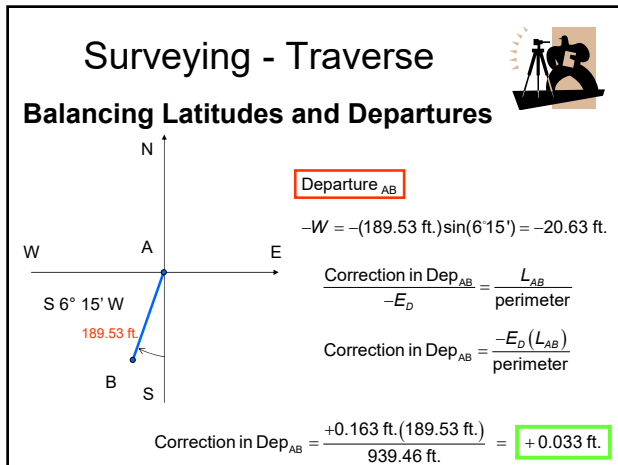
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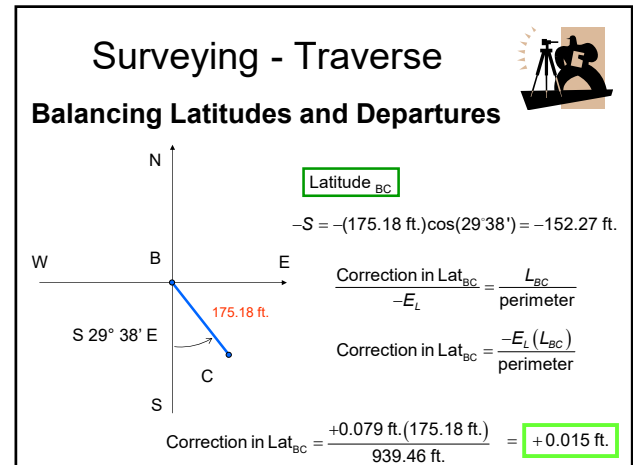
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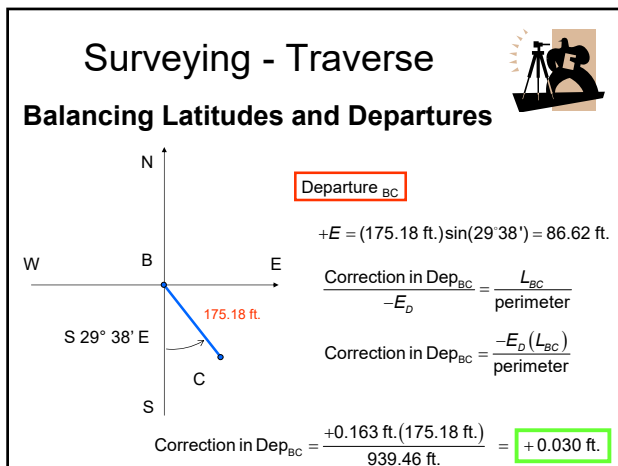
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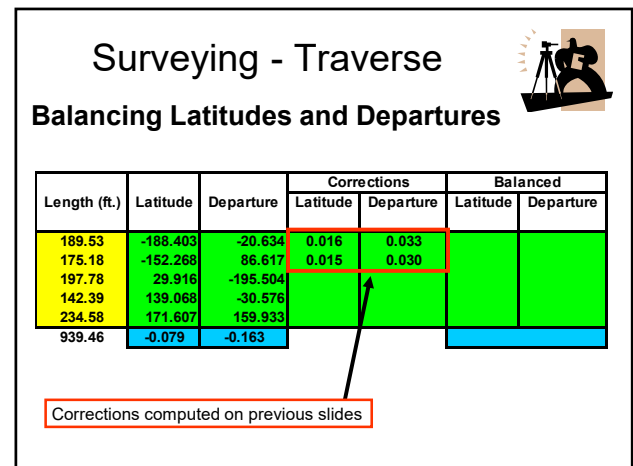
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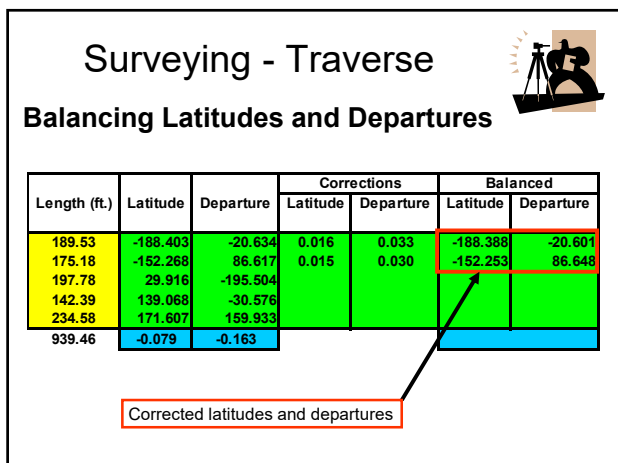
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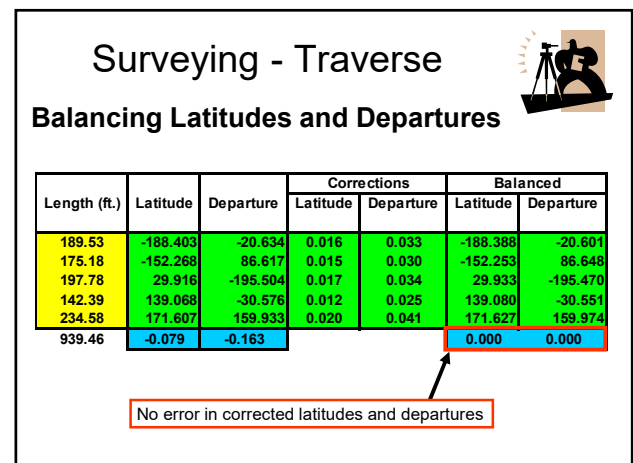
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Balancing Latitudes and Departures

Combining the latitude and departure calculations with corrections gives:

Side	Bearing degree minutes	Length (ft.)	Latitude	Departure	Corrections		Balanced	
					Latitude	Departure	Latitude	Departure
AB	S 6 15 W	189.53	-188.403	-20.634	0.016	0.033	-188.388	-20.601
BC	S 29 38 E	175.18	-152.269	86.917	0.015	0.030	-152.253	86.948
CD	N 81 18 W	197.78	29.916	-195.504	0.017	0.034	29.933	-195.470
DE	N 12 24 W	142.39	139.068	-30.576	0.012	0.025	139.080	-30.551
EA	N 42 59 E	234.58	171.607	159.933	0.020	0.041	171.627	159.974
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Group Example Problem 2

Balance the latitudes and departures for the following traverse.

Length (ft)	Latitude	Departure	Corrections		Balanced	
			Latitude	Departure	Latitude	Departure
600.0	450.00	339.00				
450.0	-285.00	259.50				
750.0	-164.46	-599.22				
1800.0	0.54	-0.72				

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600.0	450.00	339.00	-0.180	0.240	449.82	339.24
450.0	-285.00	259.50	-0.135	0.180	-285.14	259.68
750.0	-164.46	-599.22	-0.225	0.300	-164.69	-598.92
1800.0	0.54	-0.72			0.00	0.00

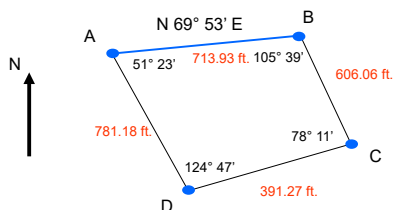
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Group Example Problem 3

In the survey of your assigned site in Project #3, you will have to balance the data collected in the following form:



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Side	Bearing degree minutes	Length (ft.)	Latitude	Departure	Corrections		Balanced	
					Latitude	Departure	Latitude	Departure
AB	N 69 53 E	713.93						
BC		606.06						
CD		391.27						
DA		781.18						

$$E_{\text{closure}} = \frac{\text{ } \text{ft.}}{\text{ }}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{ }}{\text{ }}$$

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Side	Bearing degree minutes	Length (ft.)	Latitude	Departure	Corrections		Balanced	
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AB	N 89° 53' E	713.93	245.944	670.378	-0.115	0.199	245.829	670.575
BC	S 35° 46' E	606.06	-491.750	354.233	-0.098	0.169	-491.857	354.402
CD	S 66° 3' W	391.27	-158.832	-357.582	-0.063	0.109	-158.895	-357.473
DA	N 58° 44' W	781.18	405.450	-567.722	-0.126	0.218	405.323	-567.505
2492.44			0.402	-0.694			0.000	0.000

$E_{\text{closure}} = 0.802 \text{ ft.}$

Precision = $\frac{1}{3,107}$

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Calculating Traverse Area

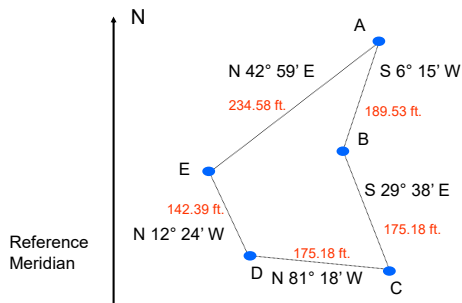
- The best-known procedure for calculating land areas is the **double meridian distance (DMD)** method
- The **meridian distance** of a line is the east-west distance from the midpoint of the line to the reference meridian
- The **meridian distance** is positive (+) to the east and negative (-) to the west

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Calculating Traverse Area



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Calculating Traverse Area

- The most westerly and easterly points of a traverse may be found using the departures of the traverse
- Begin by establishing an arbitrary reference line and using the departure values of each point in the traverse to determine the far westerly point

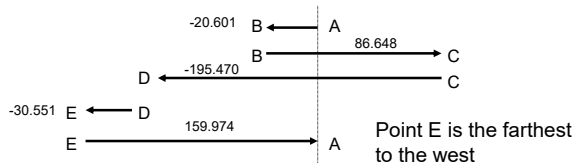
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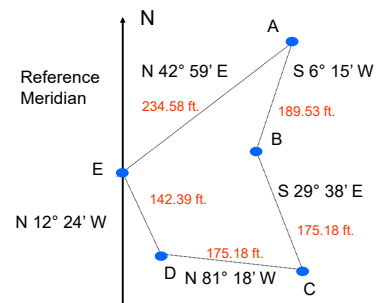


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Calculating Traverse Area

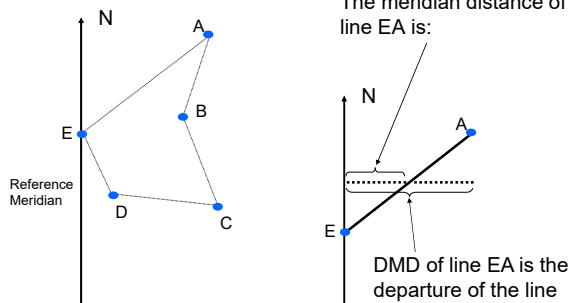


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DMD Calculations

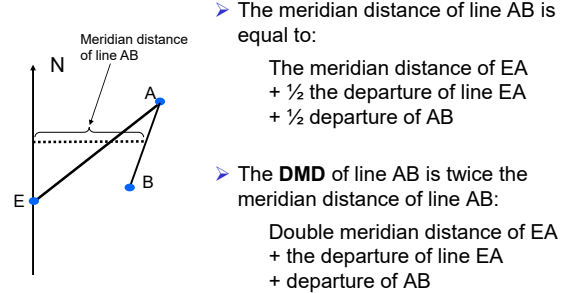


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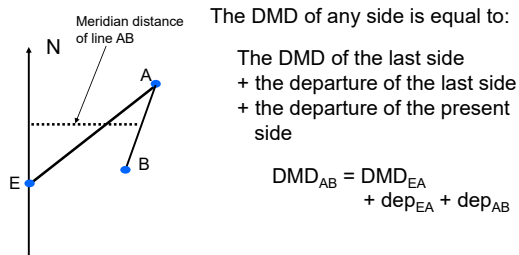


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DMD Calculations



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DMD Calculations

Side	Balanced		DMD
	Latitude	Departure	
AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601
BC	-152.253	86.648	
CD	29.933	-195.470	
DE	139.080	-30.551	
EA	171.627	159.974	

The DMD of line AB is the departure of the line AB.

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DMD Calculations

Side	Balanced		DMD
	Latitude	Departure	
AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601
BC	-152.253	86.648	45.447
CD	29.933	-195.470	
DE	139.080	-30.551	
EA	171.627	159.974	

The DMD of line BC is the DMD of line AB + the departure of line AB + the departure of line BC.

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DMD Calculations

Side	Balanced		DMD
	Latitude	Departure	
AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601
BC	-152.253	86.648	45.447
CD	29.933	-195.470	-63.375
DE	139.080	-30.551	
EA	171.627	159.974	

The DMD of line CD is the DMD of line BC + the departure of line BC + the departure of line CD.

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DMD Calculations

Side	Balanced		DMD
	Latitude	Departure	
AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601
BC	-152.253	86.648	45.447
CD	29.933	-195.470	-63.375
DE	139.080	-30.551	-289.397
EA	171.627	159.974	

The **DMD** of line DE is the DMD of line CD + the departure of line CD + the departure of line DE.

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DMD Calculations

Side	Balanced		DMD
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AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601
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CD	29.933	-195.470	-63.375
DE	139.080	-30.551	-289.397
EA	171.627	159.974	-159.974

The **DMD** of line EA is the DMD of line DE + the departure of line DE + the departure of line EA.

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DMD Calculations

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AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601
BC	-152.253	86.648	45.447
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Notice that the DMD values can be positive or negative.

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Traverse Area - Double Area

- The sum of the products of each point's DMD and latitude equals twice the area, or the **double area**

Side	Balanced		DMD	Double Areas
	Latitude	Departure		
AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601	3,881
BC	-152.253	86.648	45.447	
CD	29.933	-195.470	-63.375	
DE	139.080	-30.551	-289.397	
EA	171.627	159.974	-159.974	

- The double area for line AB equals the DMD of line AB multiplied by the latitude of line AB

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Traverse Area - Double Area

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Side	Balanced		DMD	Double Areas
	Latitude	Departure		
AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601	3,881
BC	-152.253	86.648	45.447	-6,919
CD	29.933	-195.470	-63.375	
DE	139.080	-30.551	-289.397	
EA	171.627	159.974	-159.974	

- The double area for line BC equals the DMD of line BC multiplied by the latitude of line BC

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Traverse Area - Double Area

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BC	-152.253	86.648	45.447	-6,919
CD	29.933	-195.470	-63.375	-1,897
DE	139.080	-30.551	-289.397	
EA	171.627	159.974	-159.974	

- The double area for line CD equals the DMD of line CD multiplied by the latitude of line CD

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Traverse Area - Double Area

- The sum of the products of each point's DMD and latitude equals twice the area, or the **double area**

Side	Balanced		DMD	Double Areas
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CD	29.933	-195.470	-63.375	-1,897
DE	139.080	-30.551	-289.397	-40,249
EA	171.627	159.974	-159.974	-27,456

- The double area for line DE equals the DMD of line DE multiplied by the latitude of line DE

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Traverse Area - Double Area

- The sum of the products of each point's DMD and latitude equals twice the area, or the **double area**

Side	Balanced		DMD	Double Areas
	Latitude	Departure		
AB	-188.388	-20.601	-20.601	3,881
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DE	139.080	-30.551	-289.397	-40,249
EA	171.627	159.974	-159.974	-27,456

- The double area for line EA equals DMD of line EA multiplied by the latitude of line EA

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Traverse Area - Double Area

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	Latitude	Departure		
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1 acre = 43,560 ft.²

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Surveying - Traverse



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2 Area = -72,641

1 acre = 43,560 ft.²

Area = $\frac{-72,641}{2} = -36,320.5$ ft.²
 Area = 0.834 acre

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Traverse Area - Double Area

- The word "acre" is derived from Old English *æcer* (originally meaning "open field," cognate with Swedish "åker," German "acker," Latin "ager," and Greek "αγρος" (*agros*)).
- The acre was selected as approximately the amount of land that one man, working behind an ox, could till in a day.
- This explains one definition as the area of a rectangle with sides of length one chain (66 ft.) and one furlong (ten chains or 660 ft.).

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Traverse Area - Double Area

- The word "acre" is derived from Old English *æcer* (originally meaning "open field," cognate with Swedish "åker," German "acker," Latin "ager," and Greek "αγρος" (*agros*)).
- A long, narrow strip of land is more efficient to plow than a square plot, since the plow does not have to be turned as often.
- The word "furlong" itself derives from the fact that it is *one furrow long*.

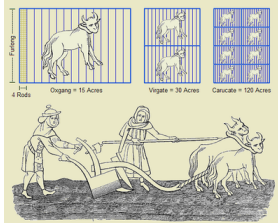
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Traverse Area – Example 4

- Find the area enclosed by the following traverse

Side	Balanced		DMD	Double Areas
	Latitude	Departure		
AB	600.0	200.0		
BC	100.0	400.0		
CD	0.0	100.0		
DE	-400.0	-300.0		
EA	-300.0	-400.0		

2 Area =

1 acre = 43,560 ft.²Area = ft.²
acre

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Traverse Area – Example 4

- Find the area enclosed by the following traverse

Side	Balanced		DMD	Double Areas
	Latitude	Departure		
AB	600.0	200.0	200.0	120,000
BC	100.0	400.0	800.0	80,000
CD	0.0	100.0	1300.0	0
DE	-400.0	-300.0	1100.0	-440,000
EA	-300.0	-400.0	400.0	-120,000

2 Area = -360,000

1 acre = 43,560 ft.²Area = 180,000 ft.²
4.132 acre

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DPD Calculations

- The same procedure used for DMD can be used for the **double parallel distances (DPD)** multiplied by the balanced departures
- The **parallel distance** of a line is the distance from the midpoint of the line to the reference parallel or east-west line

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Rectangular Coordinates

- Rectangular coordinates are a convenient method available for describing the horizontal position of survey points
- With the application of computers, rectangular coordinates are used frequently in engineering projects
- In the US, the **x-axis** corresponds to the east-west direction and the **y-axis** to the north-south direction

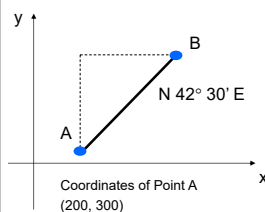
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Rectangular Coordinates Example

In this example, the length of AB is 300 ft., and the bearing is shown in the figure below. Determine the coordinates of point B.



$$\text{Latitude}_{AB} = 300 \text{ ft.} \cos(42^\circ 30') = 221.183 \text{ ft.}$$

$$\text{Departure}_{AB} = 300 \text{ ft.} \sin(42^\circ 30') = 202.677 \text{ ft.}$$

$$x_B = 200 + 202.677 = 402.677 \text{ ft.}$$

$$y_B = 300 + 221.183 = 521.183 \text{ ft.}$$

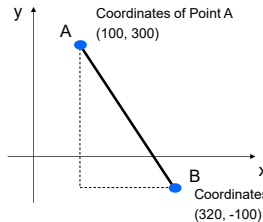
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Rectangular Coordinates Example

In this example, it is assumed that the coordinates of points A and B are known; we want to calculate the latitude and departure for line A.



$$\text{Latitude}_{AB} = y_B - y_A$$

$$\text{Latitude}_{AB} = -400 \text{ ft.}$$

$$\text{Departure}_{AB} = x_B - x_A$$

$$\text{Departure}_{AB} = 220 \text{ ft.}$$

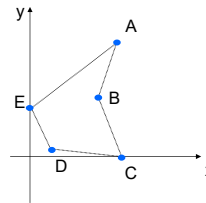
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Rectangular Coordinates Example

Consider our previous example and determine the x- and y-coordinates of all the points.



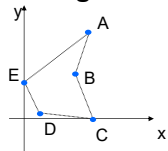
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EA	171.627	159.974

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Rectangular Coordinates Example



➤ x-coordinates

$$E = 0 \text{ ft.}$$

$$A = E + 159.974 = 159.974 \text{ ft.}$$

$$B = A - 20.601 = 139.373 \text{ ft.}$$

$$C = B + 86.648 = 226.021 \text{ ft.}$$

$$D = C - 195.470 = 30.551 \text{ ft.}$$

$$E = D - 30.551 = 0 \text{ ft.}$$

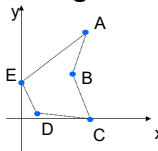
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DE	139.080	-30.551
EA	171.627	159.974

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Rectangular Coordinates Example



➤ y-coordinates

$$C = 0 \text{ ft.}$$

$$D = C + 29.933 \text{ ft.}$$

$$E = D + 139.080 = 169.013 \text{ ft.}$$

$$A = E + 171.627 = 340.640 \text{ ft.}$$

$$B = A - 188.388 = 152.252 \text{ ft.}$$

$$C = B - 152.252 = 0 \text{ ft.}$$

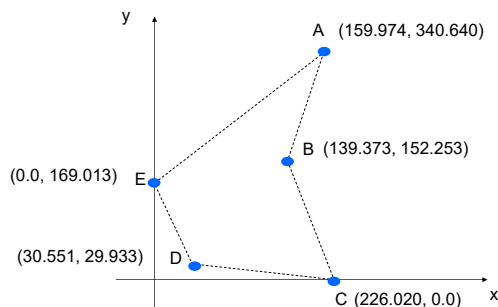
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Rectangular Coordinates Example



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Group Example Problem 5

Compute the x- and y-coordinates from the following balanced survey data

Side	Bearing degree minutes	Length (ft.)	Latitude	Departure	Balanced		Points	Coordinates	
					Latitude	Departure		x	y
AB	S 6 15 W	189.53	-188.403	-20.634	-188.388	-20.601	A	100.000	100.000
BC	S 29 38 E	175.18	-152.268	86.617	-152.253	86.648	B		
CD	N 81 18 W	197.78	29.916	-195.504	29.933	-195.470	C		
DE	N 12 24 W	142.39	139.068	-30.576	139.080	-30.551	D		
EA	N 42 59 E	234.58	171.607	159.933	171.627	159.974	E		
939.46			-0.078	-0.163	0.000	0.000	A		

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Group Example Problem 5

Compute the x- and y-coordinates from the following balanced survey data

Side	Bearing degree minutes	Length (ft.)	Latitude	Departure	Balanced		Points	Coordinates	
					Latitude	Departure		x	y
AB	S 6 15 W	189.63	-186.403	-20.634	-186.398	-20.601	A	100.000	100.000
BC	S 29 38 E	175.18	-152.268	86.617	-152.253	86.648	B	79.399	-88.388
CD	N 81 18 W	197.78	29.916	-195.504	29.933	-195.470	C	166.047	-240.641
DE	N 12 24 W	142.39	139.068	-30.576	139.080	-30.551	D	-29.423	-210.708
EA	N 42 59 E	234.58	171.607	159.933	171.627	159.974	E	-59.974	-71.627
939.46			-0.079	-0.163	0.000	0.000			

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Area Computed by Coordinates

The area of a traverse can be computed by multiplying each y-coordinate by the difference in the two adjacent x-coordinates.

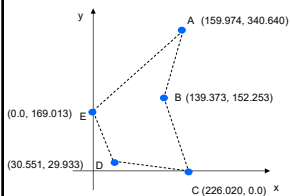
Use this sign convention: + for the next side and - for the last side

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Area Computed by Coordinates



Area = 0.853 acre

Twice the area equals:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 340.640(139.373 - 0.0) \\
 &+ 152.253(226.020 - 159.974) \\
 &+ 0.0(30.551 - 139.373) \\
 &+ 29.933(0.0 - 226.020) \\
 &+ 169.013(159.974 - 30.551) \\
 &= 72,640.433 \text{ ft.}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Area = 36,320.2 ft.²

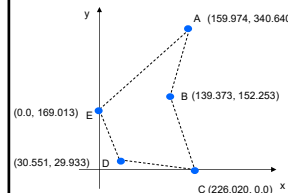
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Area Computed by Coordinates

There is a simple variation of the coordinate method for area computation



$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 X_1 & \rightarrow & X_2 & \rightarrow & X_3 & \rightarrow & X_4 & \rightarrow & X_5 & \rightarrow & X_1 \\
 Y_1 & \leftarrow & Y_2 & \leftarrow & Y_3 & \leftarrow & Y_4 & \leftarrow & Y_5 & \leftarrow & Y_1
 \end{array}$$

Twice the area equals:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= x_1y_2 + x_2y_3 + x_3y_4 + x_4y_5 + x_5y_1 \\
 &- x_2y_1 - x_3y_2 - x_4y_3 - x_5y_4 - x_1y_5
 \end{aligned}$$

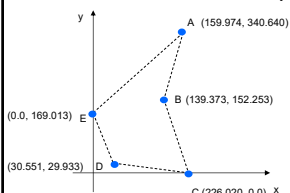
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Area Computed by Coordinates

There is a simple variation of the coordinate method for area computation



Twice the area equals:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &159.974(152.253) + 139.373(0.0) + \\
 &226.020(29.933) + 30.551(169.013) + \\
 &0.0(340.640) \\
 &- 340.640(139.373) - 152.253(226.020) \\
 &- 0.0(30.551) - 29.933(0.0) \\
 &- 169.013(159.974) \\
 &= -72,640 \text{ ft.}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

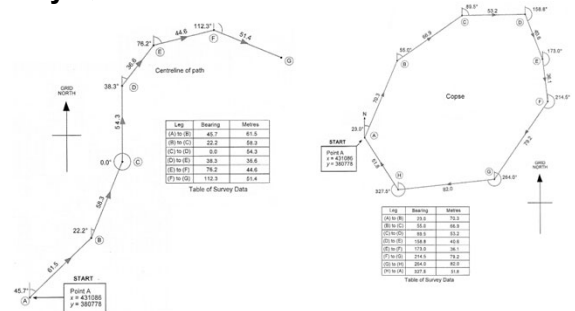
Area = 36,320 ft.²

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End of Surveying - Traverse



Any Questions?



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