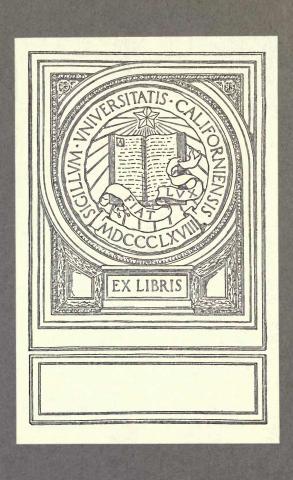
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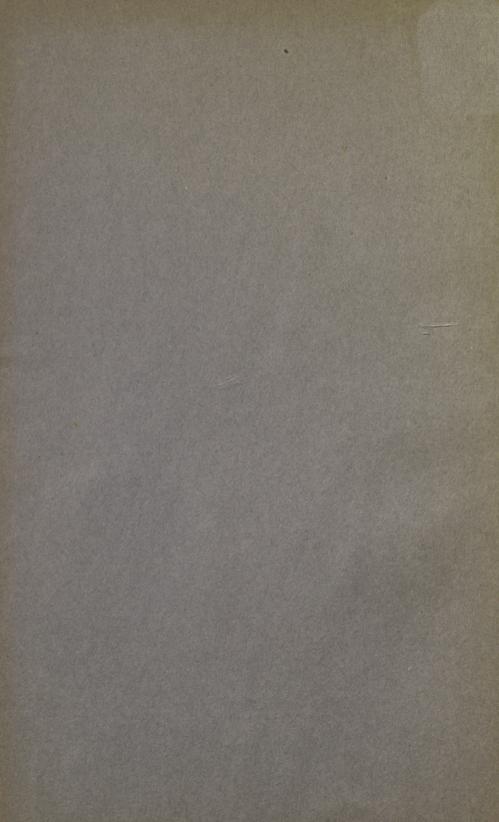
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## Methods for the Computation of Triangulation on the Grid System

In a system of Map Projection in which points are located by rectangular coordinates, the solution of the triangles resulting from a survey may be greatly simplified by the use of certain methods of computation, which for the most part have been developed since the beginning of the War. The grid system as used in France has been fully described in a pamphlet on "Military Geodesy in France", and will not be discussed in this paper.

#### Y-AZIMUTH AND DISTANCE

Consider two points, A and Y B, joined by the line AB. The coordinates of A are  $x_A$ ,  $y_A$ ; and those of B are  $x_B$ ,  $y_B$ . Now the Y-azimuth of the line AB is its inclination to the Y-line through A, measured clockwise around the circle from the north. It is generally called  $V_{AB}$ . It can be seen that the Y-azimuth of the line BA, or  $V_{BA}$ , is equal to  $200^G$   $+V_{AB}$ .

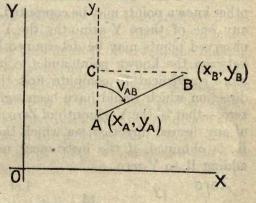


Figure 1.

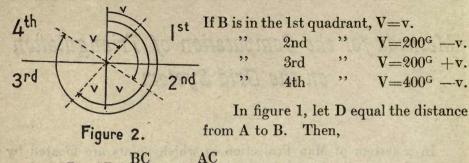
Let Ay be the Y-line through A, and drop the perpendicular BC from B to Ay.  $BC=x_A-x_B$ , and  $AC=y_A-y_B$ . In the right triangle ABC,

tan CAB=BC/AC=
$$(x_A-x_B)/(y_A-y_B)$$
.

If angle CAB is called v, we have 
$$\tan v = \frac{(x_A - x_B)}{(y_A - y_B)}$$
 (Eq. 1)

When the differences  $(x_A-x_B)$ ,  $(y_A-y_B)$  are taken in magnitude without regard to sign, the angle v thus computed is the small angle by which line AB is inclined to the Y-line. The Y-azimuth is

easily derived from angle v, if the respective positions of A and B are noted.



or  $D = \frac{x_A - x_B}{\sin y} = \frac{y_A - y_B}{\cos y}$ 

sin v cos v (Eq. 2) Y-AZIMUTH OF THE ZERO

Suppose the instrument has been set up at a known point, and a set of readings has been taken on several other points, both known and unknown. The Y-azimuth from the instrument to each of the other known points may be computed, by means of Equation 1. From any one of these Y-azimuths the Y-azimuth to one of the unknown observed points may be determined by means of the angle observed between the known point and the unknown point. It is, however, more convenient to compute first the Y-azimuth of the imaginary direction which would have been sighted if the instrument had read zero,—that is, the Y-azimuth of Zero, or V-zero. Then the Y-azimuth of any desired direction, on which the reading of the instrument was R, is obtained, if the instrument used is graduated clockwise, by adding R to V-zero.

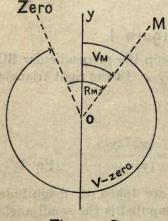


Figure 3.

Let x,y be the coordinates of the point occupied, and  $x_M,y_M$   $x_N,y_N$  the coordinates of the known sighted points.

$$\begin{array}{ll} tan \ v_M \!\!=\!\! (x_M \!\!-\!\! x)/\!(y_M \!\!-\!\! y) \\ tan \ v_N \!\!=\!\! (x_N \!\!-\!\! x)/\!(y_N \!\!-\!\! y) \end{array}$$

From  $v_M$  and  $v_N$  we determine the Y-azimuths to the points M and N, namely  $V_M$  and  $V_N$ . Let  $R_M$  and  $R_N$  be the corresponding readings on the instrument.

 $V_{M}$ =angle yOM V-zero=angle y-O-zero.  $R_{M}$ =angle zero-O-M. Then the angle y-O-zero=yOM+M-O-zero = $V_M$ +400<sup>G</sup>- $R_M$ .

Or, V-zero= $V_M$ - $R_M$ . Similarly, V-zero= $V_N$ - $R_N$ .

If there has been no error in observing or reading angles, the differences between the values of V-zero may show the degree of reliability of the sighted points. When the operation under consideration concerns local tertiary triangulation, the arithmetic mean is adopted. If more accuracy is desired, we can give the different observations weights which are proportional to the distances to the observed points, since angular error caused by linear error in sighting the points is inversly proportional to their distances. Thus, let V-zero<sub>A</sub> and V-zero<sub>B</sub> be the values of V-zero deduced from  $V_A$  and  $V_B$ . And let  $V_A$  and  $V_B$ , the distances to points A and B, be to each other as 3:4. Then, instead of adopting  $V_B$  as the value of V-zero, we should adopt  $V_B$  adopting  $V_B$  as the value of V-zero, we should adopt  $V_B$  and  $V_B$  are represented by  $V_B$  as the value of V-zero, we should adopt  $V_B$  and  $V_B$  and  $V_B$  as the value of V-zero,

#### LOCATION OF A POINT BY INTERSECTION METHOD

The principal characteristic of the method of computation to be described here is the use of an approximate point, or the "Approximate Point Method." Instead of taking the angles as observed, and making a direct analytical solution of the problem, we make a preliminary graphical solution, by actually plotting the known points and observed angles to a small scale, the intersection of the several plotted sights locating the unknown point. The coordinates of this point are then scaled off as accurately as the scale of the plotting will permit. These coordinates define a certain point on the map, which is near the true position of the unknown point, and hence is called the "approximate point".

The next step is to compute the corrections to apply to the coordinates of the approximate point in order to obtain the true coordinates

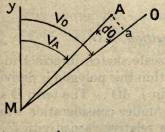


Figure 4.

of the desired point. Let us call A the approximate point and O the desired point. In Figure 4, let M be one of the known points from which O has been sighted. The reading on O is equal to R. The V-zero at M having already been determined, we can calculate the Y-azimuth of the observed direction, MO, by the formula,

 $V_0 = V$ -zero + R.

This angle is equal to angle yMO in Figure 4. The Y-azimuth from M to the approximate point A may be calculated, as explained on P.5 (Eq.1), since the coordinates of both M and A are known. This gives us V<sub>A</sub>, which is angle yMA.

Now from A drop a perpendicular, Aa, to the line MO. The angle AMa, or dO, is equal to angle yMO minus angle yMA, or to V<sub>O</sub>—V<sub>A</sub>. Then we have, in the triangle AMa, Aa=MA-sin dO.

The distance MA, or D, may be calculated from the coordinates of M and A, as shown on P. 6 (Eq. 2). If dO is less than three grades, we can replace sin dO by dO(in minutes)xsin 1', or dO' sin 1'.

Hence, Aa=DdO' sin 1'. (Eq. 3)

Now, since Aa has been computed and the direction Vo is known, we can plot on a large scale sketch the locus containing O as determined by the observation at M. Such a locus can be drawn for each intersection observation taken on the desired point from the other known points. The common intersection of these loci gives the desired point O. From the coordinates of A the coordinates of O may be determined by scaling from the large scale sketch the differences in their X and Y coordinates. The intersections of the above loci, however, usually give a triangle or polygon of error, due to discrepancies in the original observed angles, or in the coordinates of the known points. The selection of the desired point within this polygon of error will be discussed below.

Remarks.—(1) The above reasoning is independent of the distance between A and O. It is, however, necessary to construct point A as accurately as possible so as to draw the sketch showing O to a large scale.

(2) In field triangulation, the instruments used allow angular measurements within 1' or 2'. Five decimals are therefore sufficient in computing  $v_A$  by logarithms. If the construction has been carefully made, Aa is smaller than  $10^{\rm m}$ , and four decimals are accurate enough for this part of the computation.

#### To Select the Most Probable Position of O

If the loci when plotted on the large scale sketch intersect in a polygon, the most probable position of O within this polygon is derived from the examination of the quantities D sin 1' dO'. The term D sin 1' represents the displacement of the locus under consideration when the Y-azimuth changes by 1'. Hence the relative "sensitivities" of the loci may be considered as being proportional to the distances from the known points to the desired point.

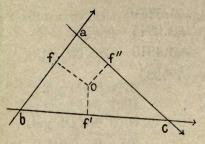


Figure 5.

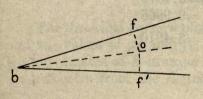


Figure 6.

Suppose for instance, in Figure 5, that the triangle of error abc is obtained. The problem is to locate O in such a manner that the perpendicular distances to the loci will be respectively proportional to the sensitivities of the loci; or so that

of 
$$D = of'/D' = of''/D''$$
,

where D, D' and D" are distances from A to the known points, from which observations were taken. The graphical location of O may be made by replacing the triangle of error by a smaller similar triangle within, its sides distant from the original loci by amounts respectively proportional to D, D' and D".

Another method is to replace two loci by a single line, such that

of 
$$D = of'/D'$$
. (Figure 6.)

#### **EXAMPLE OF INTERSECTION METHOD**

The formulas are 
$$\tan v = (x_M - x_A)/(y_M - y_A)$$
 (Eq. 1)  
 $D = (x_M - x_A)/\sin v_M = (y_M - y_A)/\cos v_M$  (Eq. 2)  
 $Aa = q = D \sin 1' dO'$ . (Eq. 3)

From stations S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub> and S<sub>3</sub> point O has been sighted.

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Data.	Sight from	X	Y	V-zero	R
	$S_1$	29 010	441 344	311 <sup>G</sup> :181	96 <sup>G</sup> .775
	$S_2$	32 423	442 474	297 .457	38 .837
	$S_3$	26 608	440 566	8 .440	31 .480

The coordinates of the approximate point A derived from graphcal location are:

$$x=29 395 y=444 417$$

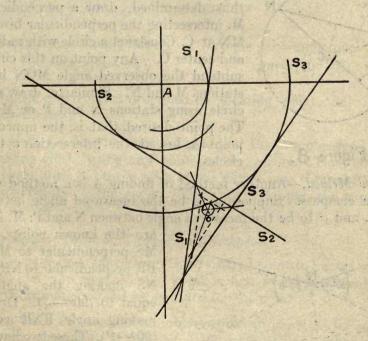
Computation

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\log(x_S-x_A)=2.58546
    \log(x_S-x_A)=2.58546
                              \log \sin v = 9.0945
    \log(y_S-y_A)=3.48756
      \log \tan v = 9.09790
                                log D
                                         =3.4910
        \log D = 3.4910
                                       v = 7^{\circ}.935
                      V = 7^{G}.935
V-zero=311^{G}.181
                          0 = 7.956
   R = 96.775
   0 = -7.956
                         d0 = 2'.1
  \log D = 3.4910
                             \log(y_S-y_A)=3.4876
  \log \sin 1' = 6.1961
                             \log \cos v = 9.9966
  \log dO' = 0.3222
                              \log D = 3.4910
   \log q = 0.0093
        q = 1^{m}.0
S2.
      x_5 = 32 423
                         v_s = 442 474
                          y_A = 444 417
     x_A = 29 395
(x_S-x_A) = 3 028
                    (y_S-y_A)=
                                1 943
                                \log(x_S-x_A)=3.4812
 \log(x_S-x_A)=3.48116
                                   \log \sin v = 9.9251
  \log(y_S-y_A)=3.28847
                                     \log D = 3.5561
    \log \tan v = 0.19269
                \log D = 3.5561 \quad v = 63^{G}.681
V-zero = 297^{\circ}.457
                          V = 336^{G}.319
    R = 38.837
                           0 = 336.294
                                   2'.5
    0 = 336.294
                         d0 =
  \log D = 3.5561
                             \log(y_S - y_A) = 3.2885
  \log \sin 1' = 6.1961
                               \log \cos v = 9.7324
  \log dO' = 0.3979
  \log q = 0.1501
                                  \log D = 3.5561
  q = 1^{m}.4
S3.
                          v_{S} = 440 566
      x_{5}=26 608
                          y_A = 444 417
      x_A = 29 395
                    (y_S-y_A) = 3.851
(x_S-x_A) = 2.787
  \log(x_S-x_A)=3.44514
                                 \log(x_S - x_A) =
                                                 3.4451
  \log(y_S-y_A)=3.58557
                                   \log \sin v = 9.7681
                                     \log D = 3.6770
    \log \tan v = 9.85957
                                          v = 39^{\circ}.882
                   \log D = 3.6770
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$$\begin{array}{c} \log (y_S - y_A) = 3.5856 \\ \log \cos v = 9.9086 \\ \log D = \overline{3.6770} \end{array}$$

$$q = 2^{m}.8$$

The three loci are now plotted to a large scale as shown in Figure 7, and the values of Ax and Ay, which are the quantities to be added to the coordinates of A in order to find the coordinates of O, are measured directly from the sketch.



Scale:- 1 cm = 0.8 m

Figure 7.

$$x_A=29 395.0$$
  $y_A=444 417.0$   $y_S=+1.0$   $y_O=444 414.3$   $y_O=444 414.3$ 

#### LOCATION OF A POINT BY THE THREE-POINT METHOD

Determination of the approximate point A .-

If from the desired point observations are taken on known points, M, N and P, the point is located by the Three-Point Method. In this method, as in the intersection problem, we make use of an "approximate point", A, in order to determine the true coordinates of the desired point, O. We now consider the graphical methods of determining the approximate point.

1st Method.—Two circles can be plotted; one being the locus of all points which will subtend the observed angle MON, and the other

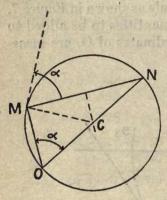


Figure 8.

the locus of all points which will subtend the observed angle NOP. Each circle may be drawn as follows: at M, lay off the observed angle MON, as the angle . To the line thus determined, draw a perpendicular at M, intersecting the perpendicular bisector of MN at C. Construct a circle with radius MC, and center C. Any point on this circle will subtend the observed angle MON between stations M and N. Similarly, draw another circle using stations N and P or M and P. The point desired, that is, the approximate point A, lies at the intersection o the two circles.

2nd Method.—Another method of finding A is a method without using a compass. Suppose & to be the measured angle between M and N, and (3 to be the measured angle between N and P; M, N and P

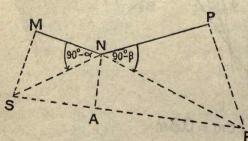
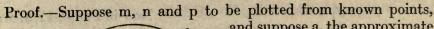


Figure 9.

are the known points. Draw MS perpendicular to MN, and PR perpendicular to NP. Draw NS making the angle MNS equal to (90°—4). Draw NR making angle PNR equal to (90°—(3). These two lines intersect MS and PR in S and R. Draw RS. Draw NA, from N perpendicular to RS. Then A represents the approximate point.



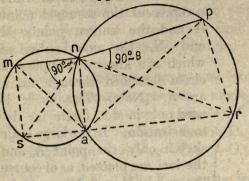


Figure 10.

and suppose a, the approximate point, to be already located. Suppose circles mna and npa to be drawn. Draw ms perpendicular to mn, cutting the circle at s, and draw pr perpendicular to np cutting the other circle at r. Draw as and ar. Since smn and npr are right angles, ns and nr are diameters. Hence angles nas and nar are right angles, and sar is a straight line,

Now angle man=
$$\checkmark$$
 nap= $(^3$  nap= $(^3$  par= $90^\circ$ — $(^3$ 

$$nap = (^3)$$
 $par = 90^{\circ} - (^3)$ 

But angle mas=angle mns. Hence, "
$$mns=(90^{\circ}-4)$$
.

Angle par=angle pnr 
$$"pnr=(90^{\circ}-(3)."$$

Therefore the construction described for locating point "a" is geometrically correct.

3rd Method.—Another method is to plot the two observed angles upon tracing cloth, using any point as the vertex. Then shift the tracing cloth until the three sides of the angles pass throught he corresponding points on the paper. Then prick through the paper the position of "a."

#### Determination of point by Three-Point Method .-

Sights have been taken from O the desired point to known stations M, N, P, etc. An approximate point is first found graphically and definite coordinates xA and yA assumed for the point A.

Then next we consider the observations in pairs, as for instance the two known points M and N. The problem is to draw a locus containing O by means of a distance computed from A. This locus is drawn on a large scale figure. The same operation is performed with the observations on N and P, giving another locus which intersects the first one in the desired point. Then the values of Ax and My or the amounts to be added to xA and yA to obtain the coordinates of O, are scaled from this large scale drawing. In case a check is made, or several three-point problems observed, a point O is chosen from the triangle or polygon of error as explained later.

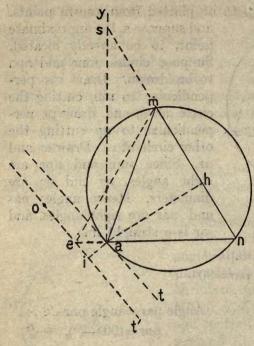


Figure 11.

Now in Figure 11, a, m and n represent the assumed point A and the known points M and N, the coordinates of which are known. Suppose a circle described through m, n and a. (Note.—This circle is used only in this figure for demonstration. In the large scale sketch only the point A and the loci are plotted, as of course the points M and N would be off the sketch).

Through a, draw a tangent at. Suppose o to be the location of the desired point. The problem now is to compute the displacement ai of the circle, so that the tangent or the circle (they coincide in the large scale sketch) will pass through o. Also, as points a

and o are close together, tangent t'o to circle nmo may be considered as parallel to at.

Draw ah perpendicular to mn, and ai perpendicular to at and ot'. Prolong na to meet ot' in e, and draw em. Now, in the triangles amh and aei, the angle aei (=angle nat) is measured by arc na/2 as is also angle amh. And the triangles are right triangles. Therefore they are similar. Hence,

ai/ah=ae/am or ai=ah-ae/am. or q, the displacement desired, equals ah-ae/am.

arc in the same circle.

Now let us consider the triangle aem.

am/sin aem=ae/sin ame.

But we have assumed that the circle mon coincides with the tangent in the vicinity of o, when the sketch is to a large scale. Therefore the angle men is equal to angle mon, being measured by one-half the same

Angle men=angle mon  $=R_N-R_M$ ; where  $R_M$  and  $R_N$  are the readings of the instrument at O, on M and N respectively.

(Eq. 4)

Angle men=R<sub>N</sub>-R<sub>M</sub>. Call R<sub>N</sub>-R<sub>M</sub> the observed angle, O. Then, angle men=0. Hence sin aem=sin 0. by Equation (4), Now, since am/sin aem=ae/sin ame (Eq. 5) am/sin O=ae/sin ema we have.

Now, angle man=angle ema+angle mea. or angle ema=angle man-angle mea =angle man-O. =(Yan-Yam)-0.angle ema  $=(V_{AN}-V_{AM})-0$ .

VAN and VAM, the Y-azimuths from A to N and M respectively, are easily computed since the coordinates of A, N and M are known, from the formula: Carlo die

$$\begin{array}{c} \tan V_{AN} = \underline{x}_N - \underline{x}_A \\ \overline{y}_N - \overline{y}_A \end{array}$$

$$\tan V_{AM} = \underline{x}_M - \underline{x}_A \\ \overline{y}_M - \overline{y}_A \end{array}$$

Call the angle ema, dO. That is, dO=(V<sub>AN</sub>-V<sub>AM</sub>)-O. In words, dO is the difference between the two values: (1) the difference between the computed Y-azimuths to M and N from A; and (2) the observed angle at O between M and N.

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Now, q=ah-ae/am (from above) or calling ah=h; q=h-ae/am. But from Eq. 5, above ae/am=sin ema/sin O. Hence, q=h-sin ema/sin O. q=h-sin dO/sin O.

Or, when dO is small,

$$q = \frac{h}{\sin O}$$
-sin 1' dO (in minutes). (Eq. 6)

Next, let us work out another formula for h. am/sin mna=mn/sin man. Call am=d; an=d'; mn=D. Then, d/sin mna=D/sin man. Or, d/D = sin mna/sin man. Multiply by d'.

Then, dd'/D=d' sin mna/sin man. dd'/D=h/sin man. Or,

Hence, sin man=sin dO cos O+cos dO sin O.

But, when dO is very small, sin dO=zero; and cos dO=1 (approximately).

Hence, sin man=sin O.

Substituting this in Equation 7 above gives

$$\frac{\mathrm{dd'}}{\mathrm{D}} = \frac{\mathrm{h}}{\sin \mathrm{O}} \tag{Eq. 8}$$

Substitute Equation 8 in Equation 6, and we have,

$$q = \frac{dd'}{D} \sin 1' dO'.$$
 (Eq. 9)

This formula gives the required value of the displacement of the circle; and since the circle and its tangent coincide near O for the large scale sketch, the locus containing the required point is a line whose distance from A is given by the above formula for q.

Values d, d' and D are easily found from the coordinates of M, N and A; and dO, equal to  $(V_{AN}-V_{AM})$ —O, is easily found since O is measured and  $V_{AN}$  and  $V_{AM}$  can easily be found from the coordinates of M, N and A.

The distance from A to the line containing O is, then, computed. It remains to find its direction. It should be remembered that since o and a are close together, it was stated that we can consider at and ot' parallel.

Angle 
$$Yat = Yan + nat = Van + nat = Van + amn$$
.

Produce nm to meet aY in s. Then, amn=asm+sam=asm+Vam.

Hence, Angle Yat=
$$V_{AN}+V_{AM}+$$
angle asm = $V_{AN}+V_{AM}+(180^{\circ}-V_{MN})$  = $V_{AN}+V_{AM}-V_{MN}$ 

Calling angle Yat, the Y-azimuth of the tangent "at", Vs, we have

$$V_S = V_{AM} + V_{AN} - V_{MN} \qquad (Eq. 10)$$

The three Y-azimuths  $V_{AM}$ ,  $V_{AN}$  and  $V_{MN}$  may easily be computed from the coordinates of M, N and A.

The following two formulas, then, by giving the distance q of the tangent from A, and the direction  $V_{\rm S}$  of the tangent, locate this locus containing O:

$$q = \frac{dd'}{D} \sin 1' dO' \qquad (Eq. 9)$$

$$V_{S}=V_{AM}+V_{AN}-V_{MN} \qquad (Eq. 10)$$

Remarks.—(1) When the point O is determined by the intersection of several of these lines, the point is finally chosen from the triangle or polygon of error. This is done remembering that since

$$q = \frac{dd'}{D} \sin 1' dO',$$

the sensitivity of any of these lines is

$$\frac{\mathrm{dd'}}{\mathrm{D}}\sin 1',$$

which is the change in q for a change of 1' in dO. The sensitivity and weight are reciprocal values. Obviously, the sensitivities of loci are directly proportional to their respective values for dd'/D.

- (2) Three known points locate the desired point. Four give one check.
- (3) To check the computations, if there are three points only, three lines may be obtained by choosing three of the different pairs of known points. For instance, if the known points are M, N and P, by taking the angle on M and N one locus is obtained; on M and P another; on N and P a third. If the work is correct these three lines should intersect in a point, for the three points M, N and P are only sufficient to locate the desired point without check.
- (4) Measurements of d, d' and D on the board are sufficiently accurate, if graphical drawing has been carefully carried on, that is if A is close to point O. It is to be remembered that four decimal places are sufficient in the logarithms when computing q, and that, consequently, a great accuracy is not essential in these data. Their computation is only necessary when points to be located are points of primary triangulation, or when some of the points used are not contained on the board.
- (5) The position of the locus relative to the approximate point (that is, the side of the circle of radius q on which the locus is plotted) must be determined by examination of the plotted positions of the known points. Determine by inspection the location of the center of the circle through the two known points, M and N, and the approxi-

mate point A. Let O be the angle observed at the true point, between M and N; and let C be the computed angle at A between M and N.  $(C=V_{AM}-V_{AN})$ 

Then if C is greater than O, the locus will lie on the side of A away from the center. If C is smaller than O, the locus will lie on the side of A towards the center.

#### EXAMPLE OF THREE-POINT METHOD

From the desired point O, sights have been taken and readings noted as follows:

M.  $v_M = 461 187$  $\log(x_M - x_A) = 3.76582$  $x_{M} = 44 875$  $\log (y_M - y_A) = 3.41464$  $x_A = 50 707$  $y_A = 463 785$  $\log \tan v_{\rm M} = 0.35118$  $(x_M - x_A) = 5 832$  $(y_M - y_A) = 2598$  $v_{\rm M} = 73^{\rm G}.320$  $V_{\rm M} = 273.320$  $\log (x_M - x_A) = 3.7658$  $\log \sin v_{\rm M} = 9.9607$  $\log D = 3.8051$ 

 $\log (y_M - y_A) = 3.4146$  $\log \cos v_{\rm M} = 9.6095$  $\log D = 3.8051$ 

$$N$$
.  $x_N=49 989$   $y_N=464 141$   $\log (x_N-x_A)=2.85612$   $x_A=50 707$   $y_A=463 785$   $\log (y_N-y_A)=2.55145$   $(x_N-x_A) = 718(y_N-y_A)= 356$   $\log \tan v_N = 0.30467$   $v_N = 70.696$   $v_N = 329.304$ 

 $\log (x_N - x_A) = 2.8561$ log sin v<sub>N</sub> =9.9523log D =2.9038 $\log (y_N - y_A) = 2.5515$ =9.6477log cos VN log D =2.9038

$$\begin{array}{c} \log (x_{Q} - x_{A}) = 3.30514 \\ \log (y_{Q} - y_{A}) = 3.12937 \\ \log \tan v_{Q} = 0.17577 \\ v_{Q} = 62.545 \\ V_{Q} = 262.545 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \log \left( \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{Q}} \!\!-\!\! \mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{A}} \right) = \!\! 3.3051 \\ \log \sin \, \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{Q}} = \!\! 9.9201 \\ \log \, \mathbf{D} = \!\! \overline{3.3850} \\ \log \left( \mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{Q}} \!\!-\!\! \mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{A}} \right) = \!\! 3.1294 \\ \log \, \cos \, \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{Q}} = \!\! 9.7444 \\ \log \, \mathbf{D} = \!\! \overline{3.3850} \end{array}$$

Note.—In the remainder of the computations, the values of D in the formula

$$\frac{dd'}{D} \sin 1' dO'$$

were scaled from the board. The computation of  $V_{MQ}$ ,  $V_{PQ}$  and  $V_{NQ}$  is not given.

The three loci are now plotted, as shown in Figure 12, and the values of Ax and Ay are measured on the sketch.

$$x_A = 50 707.0$$
  $y_A = 463 785.0$   $y_A = 463 785.0$   $y_C = -3.3$   $y_C = -3.3$   $y_C = -3.3$   $y_C = 463 781.7$ 

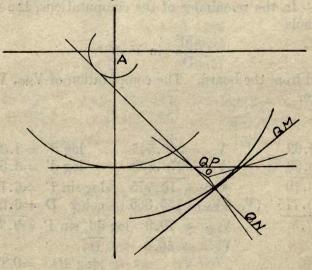


Figure 12.

#### LOCATION OF A POINT BY RECOUPEMENT (Resection)

This procedure is a combination of intersection and the threepoint problem. Sights have been taken to known points from the desired point O, which has also been sighted from other known points. The location of the approximate point is graphically obtained, and that of the desired point derived from computations as explained above. Formulas to be used are:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{q} &= \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathrm{d}'}{D} \cdot \mathrm{d}\mathrm{O'} \cdot \sin \ 1'. \\ \mathbf{q} &= D \cdot \mathrm{d}\mathrm{O'} \cdot \sin \ 1'. \\ \dot{V}_S &= V_{AM} + V_{AN} - V_{MN}. \end{split}$$

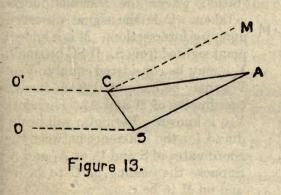
The point is chosen in the polygon obtained, after considering the sensitivities of the several loci.

#### ECCENTRIC STATIONS

The conditions of fieldwork sometimes require the use of eccentric stations, at a known station or at a desired point. Two methods of computation are possible, and either may be followed out.

I.—Reduce the angles to what they would have been if the meas-

urements had been made at the center.



Let C represent the signal, S the instrument. Let CS, the eccentric distance, equal L. The reading on C is r<sub>0</sub>, on A it is r. Through C draw CM parallel to SA. The problem is to compute what the reading would have been if the plate were transported to C, remaining parallel to its original position.

If SO represents the zero at S, CO' parallel to SO represents the zero at C. The reading at C would have been O'CA.

But in triangle CSA, CS/CA=sin CAS/sin CSA.

Call CA, the distance to the station whose direction is being reduced, D. Then,  $L/D=\sin CAS/\sin (r-r_0)$ .

But angle CAS is equal to angle MCA, or the desired reduction, and we

will call it k. Then, 
$$\sin k = \frac{L \sin (r-r_0)}{D}$$
.

If k be expressed in seconds, and is small, k"  $\sin 1$ " =  $\frac{L \sin (r-r_0)}{D}$ 

$$k'' = \frac{L \sin (r - r_0)}{D \sin 1''}$$

This is the same as the regular U.S. formula for reduction to center.

II.—In the location by recoupement (resection), it may happen that eccentric observations are made at the desired point, but that the observations from the known points are made on the center or the signal.

Incidental to this computation, is the computation of differences in coordinates between center and eccentric station. This operation will be inserted here parenthetically. In the location by recoupement, the signal may be plotted by intersection. The approximate coordinates can be found for C, then, the center. This we will call the point "A<sub>1</sub>". The problem in hand is to compute the coordinates of a corresponding approximate point A for S, the eccentric station. These two points A and A<sub>1</sub> are only approximate points for S and C, but the differences between the coordinates of A and A<sub>1</sub> are correct and are the actual differences between those of S and C.

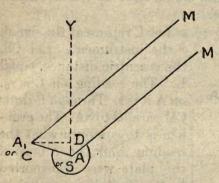


Figure 14.

In the figure, S is the eccentric station where the resection angle is taken. C is the signal observed upon by intersection. M is a known point sighted from S. If SC be small, V<sub>SM</sub> may be considered equal to V<sub>CM</sub>. V<sub>CM</sub> may be computed from known coordinates of M and A<sub>1</sub>. Therefore V<sub>SM</sub> is known. Formulas will be deduced for the difference between the coordinates of S and C, or A<sub>1</sub> and A. Suppose the reading on C to be ro and on M to be r.

$$\begin{array}{c} V_{SC} = V_{SM} - (r - r_0). \\ \text{$// x = CD = SC \ sin \ CSD} \\ = L \ sin \ V_{SC} \\ \text{$// y = DS = SC \ cos \ CSD} \\ = L \ cos \ V_{SC}. \end{array}$$

Then if we are computing the coordinates of S from those of C,

$$x_S=x_C+\Lambda x$$
 or  $x_a=x_{a1}+\Lambda x$   $y_S=y_C+\Lambda y$   $x_a=y_{a1}+\Lambda y$ 

Now, in the location by recoupement, suppose observations from M and N, known points, to be taken on C, the signal at the desired point. Then suppose with the instrument at S, the eccentric station at the unknown point, the angle is measured between two known stations, as N and P. Now, let us find graphically the approximate point  $A_1$ , for the center C, by intersection. By computing S from C as described above, the corresponding approximate point A is found for S, the instrument.

Then the computation is made by computing loci for S, as shown in the following:

A locus containing S can be computed from the angle observed on N and P, by the ordinary three-point method of computation, using approximate point A. Another locus containing S, to be computed from the observations taken from M or N on C is made as follows:—Compute the displacement q, using the point  $A_1$  as the approximate point then draw the locus as if it had been computed for the approximate point A.

The intersection of the two loci containing S gives the location of S on the sketch. Then  $_{A}x$  and  $_{A}y$ , scaled off and added to the coordinates of A, give  $x_{S}$  and  $y_{S}$  desired.

To show why the procedure discussed above is followed out to obtain the locus containing S from the observation from M on C, the following explanation is given:

Using A<sub>1</sub> the approximate point for C, A<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub> is computed as the displacement to the intersection locus, for the angle observed at M, say. OC is this locus, and it contains C. Draw O<sub>1</sub>R parallel to A<sub>1</sub>A, and drop AO perpendicular to OC, cutting O<sub>1</sub>R at R. Then AA<sub>1</sub>O<sub>1</sub>R is a parallelogram. Now draw RS parallel to OC. This is obviously a locus containing S.

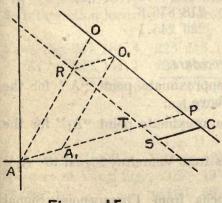


Figure 15.

But  $AR = A_1O_1$ . Hence the *Locus* RS containing S would have been obtained if we had plotted from A as the approximate point the displacement  $A_1O_1$ . Then on a large scale sketch, with A plotted and  $A_1$  not plotted, we can draw loci as follows containing S: Any three-point locus, computed as usual with A as the approximate point. Any intersection locus, with observation made on C, the displacement having been computed from  $A_1$  but plotted from A on this sketch.

The desired point S should be chosen from the triangle or polygon of error, by weighting the loci by the ordinary methods for intersection and three-point problems.

This method of treating the eccentric station computation gives as the result the coordinates of S, the eccentric station. Method No. I is usually followed in case a known station is occupied eccentrically.

#### EXAMPLE OF COMPUTATION OF RECOUPEMENT PROBLEM

#### Computation of Connontroy Signal

#### DATA

At Connontroy Eccentric			Eccentric Distance = 47.0 ft.
Champenoise Church	00o	001	, 0011
Cote 209	211	27	09
Vaurefroy Signal	174	22	20
Connontroy Signal	264	28	51
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Compute loci between: Champenoise Church—Cote 209 Vaurefroy Signal

At Vaurefroy Signal V-zero=1520 19' 45"

56' 59" Connontroy Signal 1200

At Champenois: Signal V-zero=3270 26' 26"

Connontroy Signal 660 341 0411

Approximate Point for Connontroy Eccentric: X= 228 152 Y = 223 435

#### COORDINATES OF KNOWN POINTS

Point	X	Y
Champenoise Church	225 016.7	223 940.3
Champenoise Signal	226 718.4	221 275.0
Cote 209	233 474.3	218 876.3
Vaurefroy Signal	231 183.4	223 245.1

#### Method of Procedure.

- 1. Determine graphically the approximate point "A" for the eccentric of Connontroy. (Given above.)
- 2. Compute the corresponding approximate point "A1" for the center, or Connontroy Signal.
- 3. Compute an intersection locus from Vaurefroy Signal to "A1" or enter.
- 4. Compute an intersection locus from Champenoise Signal to "A1".

### EXAMPLE OF COMPUTATION OF RECOUPEMENT PROBLEM—Continued.

- 5. Compute a three point locus for "A" using Champenoise Church—Cote 209.
- 6. Compute a three point locus for "A'' using Vaurefroy Signal—Cote 209.
  - 7. Plot all loci using either "A" or "A1" as approximate point.
- 1. Approximate point "A" for eccentric=X 228 152
  Y 223 435
- 2. Computation of corresponding approximate point "A1" for center.

"A'' 228 152 223 435 
$$\log$$
. Ax. 3.72610 Cote 209 233 474.3 218 876.3  $\log$ . Ay. 3.65884  $\overline{\phantom{0}}$  5 322.3 4 558.7 0.06726= $\log$ . tan. v v=49° 25′ 09″ V<sub>A</sub>—Cote 209 =130° 34′ 51″ —R on Cote 209 =211 27 09

Approx. V—zero at A,  $\overline{\phantom{0}}$  279 07 42

R on center 264 28 51
 $\overline{\phantom{0}}$  183 36 33 =V<sub>ECC</sub>—Center (approx.)

Eccentric Distance is 47.0 ft.=D. (reduce to meters.)

3. Intersection locus from Vaurefroy Signal to "A1".

 $v=86^{\circ}$  41' 09"  $V_{v-A_1}=273^{\circ}$  18' 51", computed y-azimuth V—zero at Vaur. Sig. =152° 19' 45" R on "A<sub>1</sub>" =120 56 59

273 16 44 = observed y-azimuth.

#### EXAMPLE OF COMPUTATION OF RECOUPEMENT PROBLEM—Continued.

2730 18' 51" computed y-az. observed y-az. 273 16 44 log. D 3.48250 "sin 1" 6.46373 06 00 02 07  $\log dO^{1}$ 0.32566 Sming et Markonage 2.1167' Computed az. greater than observed, log. q 0.27189 therefore locus is on lower part of q=1.87 meters circle. To the tame of the work with the care of the circle.

4. Intersection locus from Champenoise Signal to "A1".

226 718.4 221 275.0 log. AX Champ. Sig. 3.15616 223 420.7 log. лу 66A1 " 228 151.1 3.33157 2 145.7 log.tan.v.9.82459 log. Ax 3.15616 "sin v 9.74453 log. D 3.41163 V<sub>CA1</sub> = 33° 43′ 53″ computed y-azimuth v=33° 43' 53" =3270 26' 26" V—zero at Champ. Sig. = 66R on A<sub>1</sub> 34 04 34 00 30 observed y-azimuth. 33 43 53 computed y-azimuth. Ob at dO = 0016 37 O greater than C. 16.617 dO log. D 3.41163 "sin 1' 6.46373 · Locus on lower part "dO" 1.22055 of circle. log. q 1.09591 = 12.47 meters

5. Computation of three point locus for "A" using Champenoise Church and Cote 209.

225 016.7 223 940.3 log. Ax 3.49628 Champ. Ch. log. Ay 2.70355 228 152 223 435 505.3 "tan v 3 135.3 log. Ax 3.49628 9.99443 "sin v log D. 3.50185 v=80° 50′ 41″ V<sub>A</sub>—c=279° 09′ 19″

## EXAMPLE OF COMPUTATION OF RECOUPEMENT PROBLEM—Continued.

locus.

<sup>6.</sup> Computation of three point locus for "A" using Vaurefroy Sigand Cote 209.

### EXAMPLE OF COMPUTATION OF RECOUPEMENT PROBLEM—Continued.

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Vaur. Sig.
             231 183.4
                         223 245.1
                                      log. Ax 3.48165
                                                        log. 1x 3.48165
  66A >>
             228 152
                         223 435
                                      log. Ay 2.27852
                                                        "sin v 9.99915
             3 031.4
                              189.9
                                     "tan v 1.20313
                                                        IID
                                                              3,48250
    v=86° 24' 56"
                             V<sub>A</sub>—v. Sig.=93° 35' 04"
Cote 209 to "A"
                        see computation in "5"
   v=49° 25' 09"
                         V<sub>A</sub>—Cote 209=130° 34′ 51″
                        \log D = 3.84559
             233 474.3
Cote 209
                         218 876.3
                                      log.
                                           AX 3.36001
Vaur. Sig.
             231 183.4
                          223 245.1
                                      log. Ay 3.64036
                           4 368.8
                                     "tan v 9.71965
               2 290.9
                        log. Ax 3.36001
                       "sin v 9.66690
                        log. D 3.69311
    v=27° 40' 19"
                           V_{c-v}=332^{\circ} 19^{\prime} 41^{\prime\prime}
Cote 209
             2110 271
                                V=130° 34'
                       0911
                                              51"
             174
Vaur. Sig.
                  22
                       20
                               -V = 93
                                         35
                                              04
              37
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                       49
observed
                                     36
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                                              47
                  59
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              36
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    Ob
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                  5.03331
                        log. d
                                    3.48250
                        log. d'
                                    3.84559
                        colog D
                                    6.30689
                        log. S
                                    3,63498
                                              S=4315.0^{m}
                        log. sin 1'
                                    6.46373
                        log. dO'
                                    0.70185
                                    0.80056
                        log. q
                                              q = 6.32^{m}
V+V = 224^{\circ} 09' 55''
              19
                                    Observed angle greater than com-
_V
      =332
                  41
                      direction of
                                    puted angle.
             50
Vs
                  14
                      locus
                                    Locus on lower part of circle.
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#### GRAPH FOR PROBLEM BELOW.

No. 1. Intersection locus, Vaurefroy Signal-A<sub>1</sub>.

No. 2. Intersection locus, Champenoise Signal—A1.

No. 3. Three point locus, Champenoise Church—Cote 209—A.

No. 4. Three point locus, Vaurefroy Signal—Cote 209—A.

Ax=+12.6<sup>m</sup>

Ay=-3.0

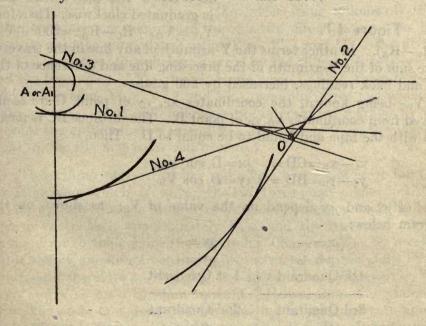


Figure 16.

Scale 1cm.=2m.

#### LOCATION BY TRAVERSING

From a known station point, A, a traverse is carried on passing through the desired point. The question is to determine the coordinates of the successive vertices of the traverse line, and consequently the coordinates of the desired points. Let A, B and C be the vertices of the traverse. The instrument is set up over A, and a round of angles taken to known points, allowing the observer to compute the

coordinates of A if unknown, and determine the V-zero. Point B being included in the sights, the Y-azimuth  $V_{AB}$  of line AB is derived from the corrosponding reading  $R_{\rm B}$ .

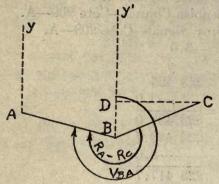


Figure 17.

Set up the instrument over B and sight successively A and C, the corresponding readings being  $R_A$  and  $R_C$ . The Y-azimuth of side BC is

$$V_{BC}$$
=angle y'BC=  
y'BA—CBA= $V_{BA}$ —CBA.

But angle CBA is the difference  $R_C$ — $R_A$  if the instrument used is graduated clockwise. Therefore  $V_{BC}=V_{BA}+R_C$ — $R_A=200^G+V_{AB}$ 

+(R<sub>C</sub>—R<sub>A</sub>). In other terms the Y-azimuth of any line in the traverse is the sum of the Y-azimuth of the preceding line and difference of the fore and back readings, increased by 200 grades.

 $V_{BC}$  being known, the coordinates  $x_C$ ,  $y_C$  of point C are easily derived from coordinates  $x_B, y_B$  of point B. The distance BC is measured with the tape and found to be equal to D. Then,

$$x_C$$
— $x_B$ = $CD$ =  $Ax$ = $D$  sin  $V_{BC}$   
 $y_C$ — $y_B$ = $D$ =  $Ay$ = $D$  cos  $V_{BC}$ 

Signs of Ax and Ay depend on the value of  $V_{BC}$ , as shown on the diagram below:

#### COMPUTATION OF THREE-POINT OBSERVATIONS BY THE APPROXIMATE ORIENTATION METHOD

Suppose angles are measured by three-point method at point O, with observations on M, N and P. Obtain a point as near O as possible, by one of the graphical methods already given for finding the approximate point in the three-point problem. Call this point A. With its coordinates and the coordinates of one of the known points, say M, we may compute the Y-azimuth of  $V_{\rm MA}$  or  $V_{\rm AM}$ .

Using the value of V<sub>AM</sub> as an approximate value, V'<sub>OM</sub>, for the Y-azimuth from O to M, compute an approximate V-zero at O. This differs from the correct V-zero by the angle OMA. Using this V-zero, compute from the *observed* angles approximate Y-azimuths to N and P,

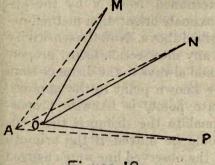


Figure 18.

giving V'<sub>ON</sub> and V'<sub>OP</sub>. (Note:—It is to be remembered that if Y-azimuths had been *computed* from A to M, N and P, they would not differ by these observed angles. Also notice that each of the three approximate Y-azimuths found as stated above differs from its true value by a constant amount, namely the difference between the Y-azimuths V<sub>AM</sub> and V<sub>OM</sub>, the latter being unknown.) From

these, we know the azimuths in the opposite directions over the lines. That is, we have approximate values  $V'_{MO}$ ,  $V'_{NO}$  and  $V'_{PO}$ , the first being  $V_{MA}$  and the others being in error by the difference between  $V_{MA}$  and the true value of  $V_{MO}$ , which is unknown. With these three approximate values  $V'_{MO}$ ,  $V'_{NO}$  and  $V'_{PO}$ , compute three loci, using the approximate point A and following the intersection method. (Note:—Since the approximate value of  $V_{MO}$  is equal to  $V_{MA}$ , the displacement, q, for the first locus will be zero.)

These three intersection loci will give a triangle of error for O on the large scale sketch. However, the two three-point angles furnish no check; and the triangle of error results solely on account of the difference between  $V_{MA}$ , approximately  $V_{MO}$ , and the true value of  $V_{MO}$ , or the error in the assumed orientation. Changing  $V_{MA}$  by a certain value simply amounts to changing V-zero at the desired point by this value, and therefore to changing the approximate Y-azimuths  $V'_{MO}$ ,  $V'_{NO}$  and  $V'_{PO}$  by a constant amount. Hence, from the triangle of error, the point O is determined by moving each locus by an amount proportional to its sensitivity (or proportional to D), all being moved in directions corresponding to changes in the approximate values  $V'_{MO}$ ,  $V'_{NO}$  and  $V'_{PO}$  in the same direction, the movement being such as to reduce the triangle of error to a single point. This then will be the true point O determined from the two angles without check.

This method corresponds exactly to the three-point location as determined with a plane-table. The use of an approximate V-zero corresponds to the approximate orientation of the plane-table, and the selection of the final point in the triangle of error is performed in the same manner as on the plane-table.

Let us now consider how we would use this method in connection with ordinary intersection observations,—that is, in recoupement, or resection. Let Figure 19 represent a portion of the large scale adjustment sketch. BM is the locus determined from M, and BN is the locus

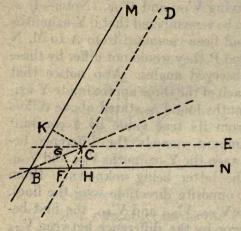


Figure 19.

determined from N by the approximate orientation method described above. Now the sensitivity of any intersection locus, proportional always to the distance from the known point to the approximate point, is likewise proportional to the distance the locus would be moved if the azimuth of the observed line were changed by a certain amount. Suppose we change our original orientation by a certain arbitrary amount, thereby changing V'MO, V'NO and V'PO by the same amount. Then

locus BM is transposed parallel to itself to some position like CD, and BN to CE, the distances CK and CH by which the two loci are transposed being proportional, respectively, to the relative sensitivities or to D<sub>AM</sub> and D<sub>AN</sub>. Draw BC.

Now, in changing the original orientation, we have changed the Y-azimuths of both of the loci by the same amount, and hence have not changed the angle between them. Therefore BC is the locus of all the points at which the same angle would be observed between the two known points M and N. In other words, BC is the three-point locus for the angle observed at O between M and N. The sensitivity of this three-point locus is found as follows:—

Let F be the point at which CD intersects BN. Draw FG perpendicular to BC. Now F represents the point to which B would be moved if we changed the observed Y-azimuth for the intersection locus BM without changing the Y azimuth for BN. This amounts to changing the value of the original angle observed between the two known points M and N by the same amount by which we have changed the observed Y-azimuth for the locus, BM. Therefore F is a point through which the three-point locus, BC, would pass if the observed angle were changed by the given amount, and FG represents the distance by which the three-point locus would be transposed. Therefore FG represents the sensitivity of the three-point locus, and is measured on the same scale as CK and CH.

For example, suppose  $D_{MA}$ =7000, and  $D_{NA}$ =6000. Suppose we make KC equal to some arbitrary distance like 14mm., which is convenient. Then HC must be made equal to 12 mm. in order that BM and BN may be transposed by distances proportional to their sensitivities. These transpositions would result by changing  $V'_{MO}$  and  $V'_{NO}$  by the same amount, or in other words by changing the approximate orientation by a certain amount, this amount being something which we neither know nor wish to know. Then if we find FG equal to 8mm., we know that the relative sensitivity of the three-point locus, BC, is equal to 4000. In other words, the relative sensitivity of the three-point locus is equal to

$$\frac{CH}{D_{NA}}$$
x GF, or to  $\frac{CK}{D_{MA}}$ x GF.

We can now use our three-point locus in connection with any intersection locus. A locus determined by an intersection observation from P, for instance, would be plotted, and its relative sensitivity would be taken as  $D_{PA}$ . And the three-point locus would be combined with the intersection locus, as in the recoupement method.

Remark: It is of greatest importance that each locus be plotted on the proper side of its circle of radius "q", consistent with the computations. In the case of the approximate orientation problem the following rule can be followed:

When "dO" is positive, the line of sight is plotted to the right of the approximate point as one faces the known triangulation station. When "dO" is negative, the line of sight is plotted to the left.

## EXAMPLE OF COMPUTATION.

#### DATA

From the desired point O, sights have been taken and readings noted as follows:

Sight on

M	200	30'	40"	54 895	463 060	Coordinates of Approxi-
P	89	55	05	51 507	459 580	mate Point A.
Q	156	58	47	48 688	462 438	X = 50704
-	217			49 989	464 141	Y = 463.781
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Computations

#### EXAMPLE OF COMPUTATION—Continued

log sin 1' = 6.46373log D = 3.62865

 $\log S = 0.09238$  S, sensitivity=1.237

 $\log dO' = 0.89304$ 

log q =0.98542 q=9.67<sup>m</sup>. Locus plotted on upper right hand side of circle.

N.

$$X_{N} = 49 989$$
  $Y_{N} = 464 141 \log (X_{N} - X_{A}) = 2.85431$   $X_{A} = 50 704$   $Y_{A} = 463 781 \log (Y_{N} - Y_{A}) = 2.55630$   $(X_{N} - X_{A}) = 715 (Y_{N} - Y_{A}) = 360 \log \tan v_{N} = 0.29801$   $v_{N} = 63^{\circ} 16^{\circ} 30^{\circ}$ 

 $V_{A-N} = 296 \quad 43 \quad 30$ 

V <sub>A</sub> —N	=2960 43' 30"	$\log (X_N - X_A) = 2.85431$
$-R_N$	$=217 \ 03 \ 47$	$\log \sin v_{\rm N} = 9.95094$
Vz app.	= 79 39 43	$\log D = 2.90337$
—Vz mean	= 79 22 50	$\log (Y_N - Y_A) = 2.55630$
dO	= +16   53	$\log \cos v_{N} = 9.65293$
dO'	= +16.883'	$\log D = 2.90337$

 $\begin{array}{lll} \log \sin 1' &= 6.46373 \\ \log D &= 2.90337 \\ \log S &= \overline{9.36710} \end{array}$  S, sensitivity=0.233

Locus plotted on right hand side of

circle.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \log dO' & = 1.22745 \\ \log q & = \overline{0.59455} & q = 3.93^{m} \end{array}$ 

P.

 $v = 10^{\circ} 49' 17'' V_{A-P} = 169^{\circ} 10' 43''$ 

### EXAMPLE OF COMPUTATION—Continued

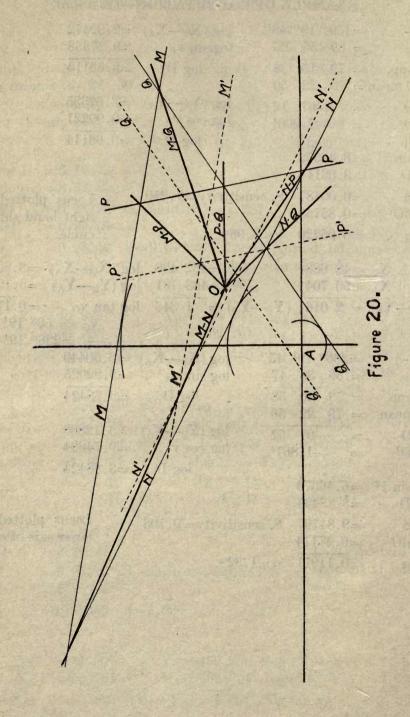
 $\log dO^{I}$ 

log q

=0.27114=0.11911

 $q = 1.32^{m}$ .

lower side of circle



### RADIUS METHOD FOR SOLUTION OF THREE-POINT PROBLEM

The following method was devised as a simplification of the computation for the Three-Point Problem, as previously developed in this paper.

Suppose M and N to be two known points sighted, and let us suppose that we wish to plot the locus which contains the desired point O,

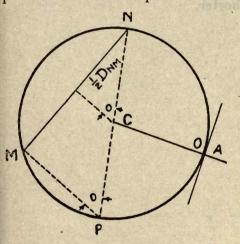


Figure 21.

by virtue of the observed angle MON. Suppose the approximate point A has been graphically determined. Then the coordinates of M, N and A are all known; call them  $x_M$ ,  $y_M$  and  $x_N$ ,  $y_N$  and  $x_N$ ,  $y_N$ 

In case the observed angle exceeds 90°. replace O by (180°–O); or (90°–O) by (90°+O).

From the coordinates of M and N, let us compute the distance  $D_{MN}$  from N to M, and the Y-azimuth  $V_{NM}$  of the line NM. Let us designate by O the angle observed between M and N. If we subtract the complement of O from  $V_{NM}$  we obviously obtain the Y-azimuth  $V_{NC}$  of the line NC. Then calling r the radius of the circle MNO, we have

$$r = \frac{D_{NM}/2}{\sin O}$$

and the differences in coordinates between N and C are

$$\Delta x = r \sin V_{NC}$$
.  $\Delta y = r \cos V_{NC}$ .

These values added to or subtracted from the coordinates of N give those of C, the center of the circle. Call them  $X_C$  and  $Y_C$ .

Next let us compute the Y-azimuth and distance from the approximate point A to C. Now when we come to plot on our large scale adjustment sketch the locus containing O determined by measuring the angle MON, the distance from A to this locus is easily seen to be r—D<sub>AC</sub> and the direction of the locus, or the direction of the circle at

## RADIUS METHOD FOR SOLUTION OF THREE-POINT PROBLEM—Continued.

that point, is  $V_{AC}+90^{\circ}$ . The locus of course becomes a straight line on the adjustment sketch. The proper side of A upon which to plot the locus is shown by the algebraic sign of r— $D_{AC}$ .

The advantages in the method described above are that it is much easier to understand than any of those used heretofore, and that the

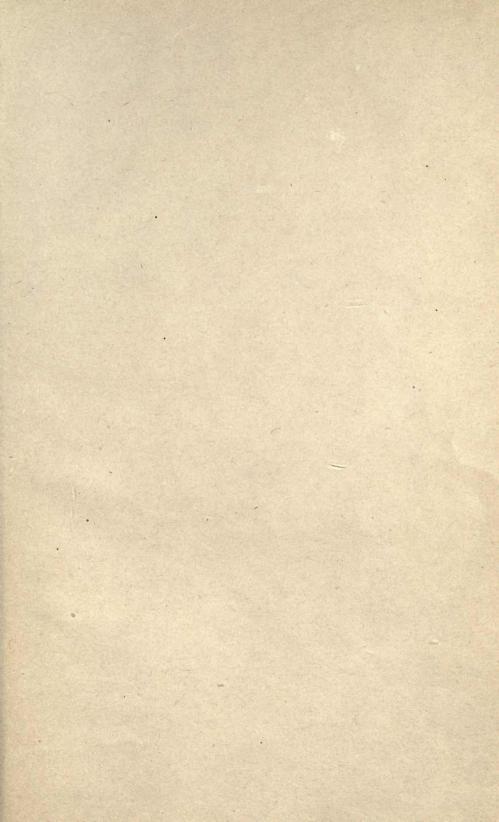
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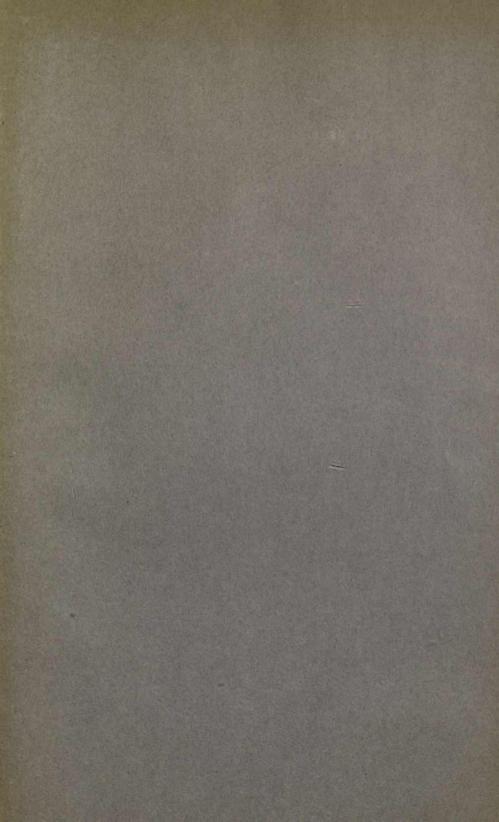


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