

## CE331 Lab 5 : Traverse by Digital Theodolite



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### Objective

#### Lab Exercise 5 : Traverse using Digital Theodolite

- Establish a closed traverse using a digital theodolite
- Adjust closing error using Bowditch's rule

#### Equipment

- Total Station as Digital Theodolite
- Leveling Staff
- Pegs
- Tape
- Compass



### Traversing: Why?

- Map Making



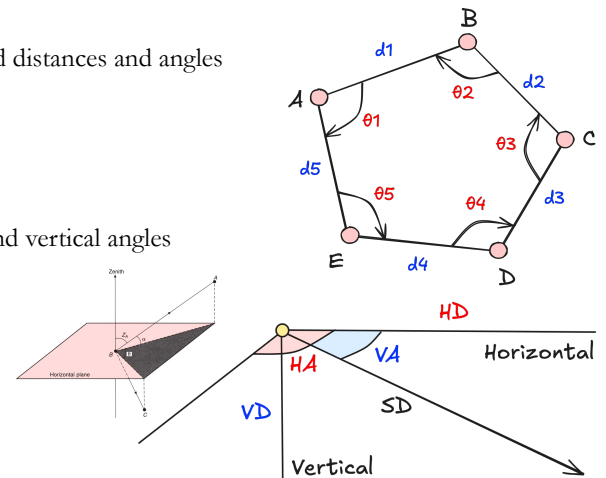
### Traversing: What and How?

#### Traverse

- Control established using measured distances and angles
- Framework of connected lines
- Traverse Measurements
  - Angles
  - Distance
- Theodolite: Measures horizontal and vertical angles
- EDM: Measures distances

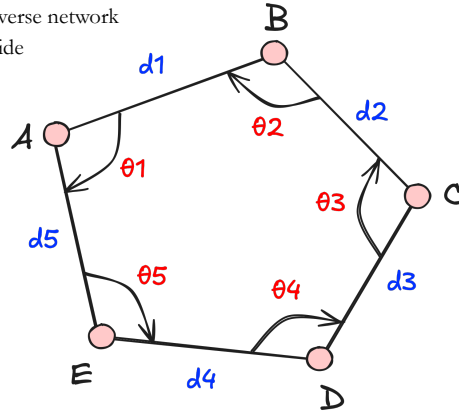
#### Types of Traversing

- Open Traverse : can't apply checks
- Closed Traverse : can apply checks



## Basic Measurements for Traversing

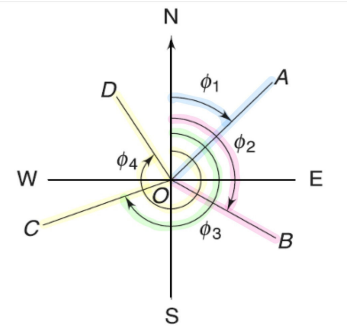
- **Angles**
  - Measure internal or external angles of a polygon traverse network
  - Measure WCB from North using compass for one side
- **Distances**
  - Measure sides of polygon



## Bearing Systems

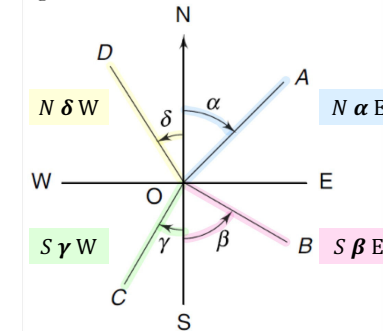
### Whole Circle Bearing (WCB)

- Measurement from North in a clockwise direction ( $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$ )
- Azimuth



### Reduced/Quadrantal Bearing (RB/QB)

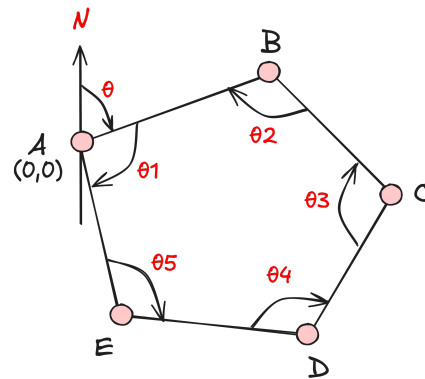
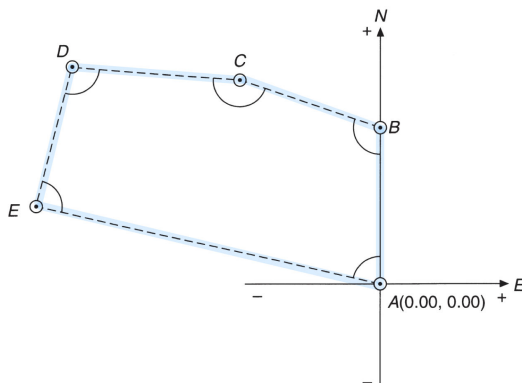
- Measurement from North or South, in either direction ( $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ ).
- Bearing



## WCB Calculation

### Whole Circle Bearing (WCB)

- Use Compass to measure Northing.



## Face Left (FL) and Face Right (FR) Observations

### Face Left (FL) Observation

- Vertical circle is on the left side of the observer.
- Total Station's "+" sign faces right during observation.

### Face Right (FR) Observation

- Vertical circle is on the right side of the observer.
- Total Station's "+" sign faces left during observation.

### Switching between FL and FR

- Rotate the theodolite telescope  $180^\circ$  in azimuth.



## Observation Table for Recording Angles

I.S	Station Observed	Face (L/R)	Horizontal Angle		
			Reading	Corrected Angle	Mean
A	B	L	0° 0' 0"		
	E		$\theta_1$		
	B'				
	Error				
	B		180° 0' 0"		
	E	R	$\theta_1$		
	B'				
	Error				
	C		0° 0' 0"		
	A		$\theta_2$		
B	C'	L			
	Error				
	C		180° 0' 0"		
	A		$\theta_2$		
	C'				
	Error	R			

## Angle Misclosure and Adjustment

### Angle Misclosure

- Sum of interior angles of a closed polygon should ideally be  $\Sigma = (n - 2)180^\circ$
- It will deviate from the theoretical sum due to random error.

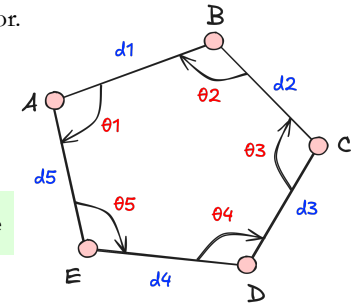
$$\text{Angle Misclosure} = \Sigma \theta_i - (n - 2)180^\circ$$

### Bowditch's Rule for Angle Adjustment

- Correction to internal angle  $i$

$$\text{Correction } (C_i) = \frac{\theta_i}{\Sigma \theta_i} \cdot M = \frac{\text{Internal angle of station } i}{\text{Sum of internal angles}} \cdot \text{Misclosure}$$

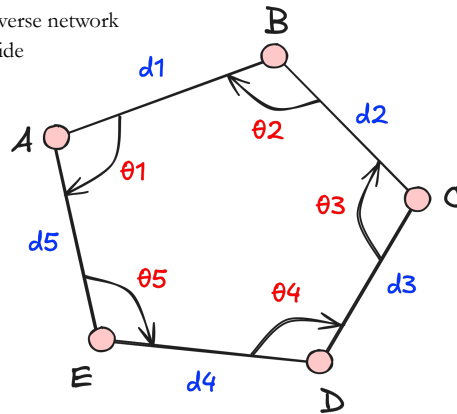
$$\text{Corrected Angle} = \text{Measured Angle} - \text{Correction}$$



We can also measure external angles instead of internal, with their sum ideally being  $\Sigma = (n + 2)180^\circ$

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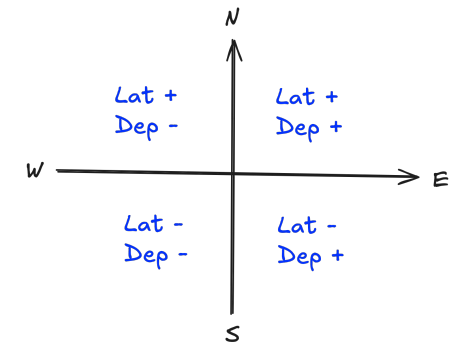
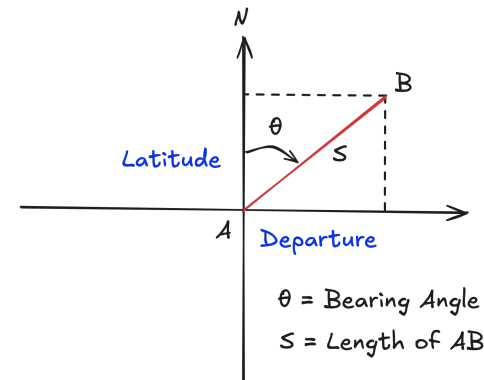
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## Latitude and Departure

$$\text{Latitude } (L) \text{ or Northing } (N) = S \cos \theta$$

$$\text{Departure } (D) \text{ or Easting } (E) = S \sin \theta$$



## Gales Traverse Table

- All traverse computations are tabulated in **Gale's Traverse Table**.

Line	WCB	RB	Length (m)	Latitude			Departure		
				Calculated	Correction	Corrected	Calculated	Correction	Corrected
AB	296° 00' 00"	N 64° 00' 00" W	40	17.53	-1.73	19.26	-35.95	0.23	19.26
BC	321° 45' 32"	N 38° 14' 28" W	32	25.13	-1.39	26.52	-19.81	0.18	26.52
CD	66° 32' 19"	N 66° 32' 19" E	35.05	13.95	-1.52	15.47	32.15	0.20	15.47
DE	120° 43' 42"	S 59° 16' 18" E	30.8	-15.74	-1.34	-14.40	26.48	0.18	-14.40
EA	182° 05' 31"	S 2° 05' 31" W	49	-48.97	-2.12	-46.85	-1.79	0.28	-46.85
$\Sigma$			186.85	-8.1	-8.1	0	1.08	1.08	0

## Distance Misclosure

- Total Latitude and Departure Misclosure

$$\text{Total Latitude Misclosure} = \Sigma L$$

$$\text{Total Departure Misclosure} = \Sigma D$$

- Ideal Case

$$\Sigma L = 0$$

$$\Sigma D = 0$$

- Linear Misclosure or Closing Error

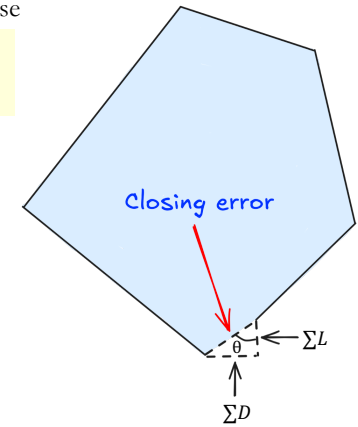
$$\text{Closing Error} = \sqrt{\Sigma L^2 + \Sigma D^2}$$

- Direction of Closing Error

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\Sigma D}{\Sigma L}$$

- Relative Precision

$$\text{Relative Precision} = \frac{\text{Closing Error}}{\text{Traverse Perimeter}}$$



## Traverse Adjustment

### Bowditch's Rule

- Correction to Latitude of side  $i$

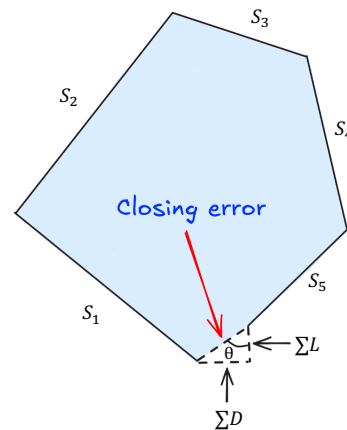
$$C_{L_i} = \frac{S_i}{\Sigma S_i} \cdot \Sigma L = \frac{\text{Length of that side}}{\text{Traverse Perimeter}} \cdot (\text{Total latitude misclosure})$$

$$\text{Corrected Latitude} = \text{Measured Latitude} - \text{Correction}$$

- Correction to Departure of side  $i$

$$C_{D_i} = \frac{S_i}{\Sigma S_i} \cdot \Sigma D = \frac{\text{Length of that side}}{\text{Traverse Perimeter}} \cdot (\text{Total departure misclosure})$$

$$\text{Corrected Departure} = \text{Measured Departure} - \text{Correction}$$



This method is suitable where linear and angular measurements are done with equal precision.

## Quality of Traverse

### Quality of Traverse for Angles

- Tolerance for Angle Misclosure

$$\text{Tolerance (") } = c\sqrt{n}$$

### Quality of Traverse for Distances

- Tolerance for Relative Precision

$$\text{Tolerance (e/p)} = 1:X$$

Quality of Work	Permissible limit of closing error
First Order	$6\sqrt{n}$ "
Second Order	$15\sqrt{n}$ "
Third Order	$30\sqrt{n}$ "

$n = \text{no. of stations}$

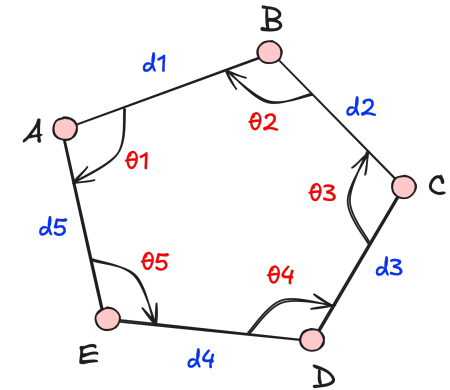
Quality of Work	Permissible limit of relative precision
First Order	1:25000
Second Order	1:10000
Third Order	1:5000

## Procedure

- Initial Settings:
  - Perform initial settings as per the instrument manual for the digital theodolite with a plumb bob.
- Station Setup:
  - Select 5 stations forming a braced quadrilateral with sides 40-50m long.
  - Each group sets up the instrument at one station only.
- Measure Distances:
  - Determine the length of each side using tape and tacheometry before instrument setup.
- Equipment Adjustment:
  - Carry out temporary adjustments: centering and leveling.
- Record Angles:
  - At each station, record all angles (horizontal and vertical).
  - Each group records both face right and face left observations.
  - Close the horizon and apply station adjustments.
  - Each group should use different “ZERO” or initial readings.

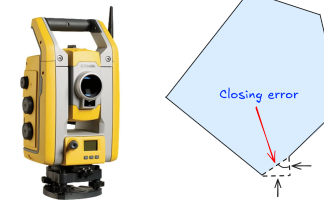
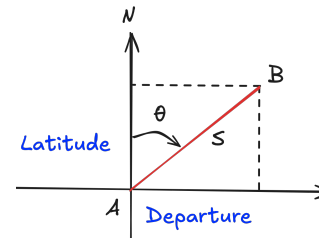
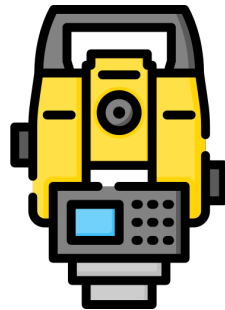
## Procedure

- Move to Next Station:
  - After recording, move to the next station.
  - **Do not move the instrument.**
  - Use the instrument setup by the previous group; repeat angle measurements.
- Error Adjustment:
  - Adjust closing errors using Bowditch's rule. Refer to Gales Traverse Table.



## Deliverables

- Detailed Report with figures and equations
- Observation Table for angles and distances
- Traverse Adjustments for angles and distances
- Closing Error calculations for angles and distances
- Quality of Traverse for angles and distances



Courtesy: Schofield & Brasch; Chilani & Wolf.

Thank you

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