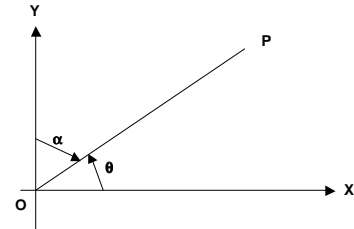


LINE-LINE INTERSECTION

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EQUATION OF A LINE

- Slope



$$m = \tan \theta = \cot \alpha = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

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EQUATION OF A LINE

- Ratios of difference in coordinates between 2 points on straight line are equal

- General equation:
$$\frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

- Rearrange:

$$aX + bY + c = 0$$

– where: $a = y_1 - y_2$
 $b = x_2 - x_1$, and
 $c = x_1(y_2 - y_1) - y_1(x_2 - x_1)$

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EQUATION OF A LINE - EXAMPLE

- Write equation of line passing through A(4,-3) and B(10,5)

- Solution: $a = y_A - y_B = -3 - 5 = -8$

$$b = x_B - x_A = 10 - 4 = 6$$

$$c = x_A(y_B - y_A) - y_A(x_B - x_A) \\ = 4(5 - (-3)) - (-3)(10 - 4) = 50$$

- Equation of line:

$$\underline{-4x + 3y + 25 = 0}$$

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EQUATION OF A LINE - EXAMPLE

- Alternative solution:

$$\frac{y+3}{5+3} = \frac{x-4}{10-4} \Rightarrow \frac{y+3}{8} = \frac{x-4}{6}$$

$$6y + 18 = 8x - 32 \Rightarrow -8x + 6y + 50 = 0$$

$$\underline{-4x + 3y + 25 = 0}$$

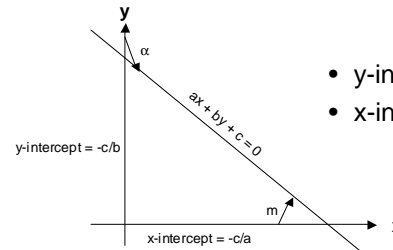
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GEOMETRY OF A STRAIGHT LINE

- Slope:

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad \text{or} \quad m = -\frac{a}{b}$$



- y-intercept: $-c/b$
- x-intercept: $-c/a$

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GEOMETRY OF A STRAIGHT LINE

- Azimuth

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{x_2 - x_1}{y_2 - y_1} \right] = \tan^{-1} \left(-\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

- From example

$$m = -\frac{(-8)}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left[-\frac{6}{(-8)} \right] = \tan^{-1}(0.75) = 36^\circ 52' 12''$$

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GEOMETRY OF A STRAIGHT LINE

- Expand relationship by looking at slope and coordinates of one point

$$y - y_1 = \cot \alpha (x - x_1)$$

- Rearrange $-\cot \alpha * x + y - y_1 + \cot \alpha * x_1 = 0$

- Then $ax + by + c = 0$

– where $a = -\cot \alpha = -m$

$$b = 1$$

$$c = x_1 \cot \alpha - y_1 = mx_1 - y_1$$

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GEOMETRY OF A STRAIGHT LINE

- From example

$$a = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$b = 1$$

- Equation of line: $= \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)4 - (-3) = \frac{16}{3} + \frac{9}{3} = \frac{25}{3}$

$$-\frac{4x}{3} + y + \frac{25}{3} = 0$$

$$-4x + 3y + 25 = 0$$



SOLVING LINEAR EQUATIONS

- Equation for 2 lines

$$4x + 5y + 12 = 0$$

$$12x + 30y + 20 = 0$$

- First, multiply first equation by 3 and add it to the second

$$-12x - 15y - 36 = 0$$

$$+12x + 30y + 20 = 0$$

$$15y - 16 = 0$$

$$y = \frac{16}{15}$$

SOLVING LINEAR EQUATIONS

- Solve for x $4x + 5\left(\frac{16}{15}\right) + 12 = 0$

$$4x + \frac{16}{3} + 12 = 0$$

$$12x = -52$$

$$x = -\frac{52}{12} = -\frac{13}{3}$$

- Check results

$$12x + 30y + 20 = 0$$

$$12\left(-\frac{13}{3}\right) + 30\left(\frac{16}{15}\right) + 20 = 0$$

$$-52 + 32 + 20 = 0$$

$$0 = 0 \text{ (check)}$$

SOLVING LINEAR EQUATIONS

- Alternatively, isolate one variable, like x in first equation $4x + 5y + 12 = 0$

$$4x = -5y - 12$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{4}y - 3$$

- Substitute into the second equation

$$12\left(-\frac{5}{4}y - 3\right) + 30y + 20 = 0$$

$$-15y - 36 + 30y + 20 = 0$$

$$15y = 16 \Rightarrow y = \frac{16}{15}$$

LINE-LINE INTERSECTION

- 3 Methods
 - Simultaneous solution of the equations of 2 intersecting lines
 - Using the triangle solution
 - Base angle method



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SIMULTANEOUS SOLUTION

- In first equation, isolate variable like y
- Substitute y into 2nd equation, solve for x

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1x + b_1y + c_1 &= 0 \\
 a_2x + b_2y + c_2 &= 0 \\
 a_2x + b_2 \left[\frac{-(a_1x + c_1)}{b_1} \right] + c_2 &= 0 \\
 a_2b_1x - a_1b_2x - b_2c_1 + b_1c_2 &= 0 \\
 (a_2b_1 - a_1b_2)x &= b_2c_1 - b_1c_2 \\
 y &= \frac{-(a_1x + c_1)}{b_1} \\
 x &= \frac{b_2c_1 - b_1c_2}{a_2b_1 - a_1b_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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SIMULTANEOUS SOLUTION

- If slope is given: $y - y_1 = m_1(x - x_1)$
 $y - y_2 = m_2(x - x_2)$

- Then: $a = -m$
 $b = 1$
 $c = mx - y$

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SIMULTANEOUS SOLUTION

- Solve for x and y $x = \frac{m_1x_1 - y_1 - (m_2x_2 - y_2)}{-m_2 - (-m_1)}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{m_1x_1 - m_2x_2 - y_1 + y_2}{m_1 - m_2} \\
 y &= \frac{-(-m_1x + m_1x_1 - y_1)}{1} \\
 &= m_1(x - x_1) + y_1
 \end{aligned}$$

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EXAMPLE

- Given:

$x_1 = 1254.52$	$x_2 = 1477.34$
$y_1 = 2001.94$	$y_2 = 1788.72$
$m_1 = 0.9103909$	$m_2 = -6.4797612$

- Find the point of intersection

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SOLUTION TO EXAMPLE

$$x = \frac{m_1 x_1 - m_2 x_2 - y_1 + y_2}{m_1 - m_2}$$

$$= \frac{(0.9103909)(1254.52) - (-6.4797612)(1477.34) - 2001.94 + 1788.72}{0.9103909 - (-6.4797612)}$$

$$= 1421.04$$

$$y = m_1(x - x_1) + y_1$$

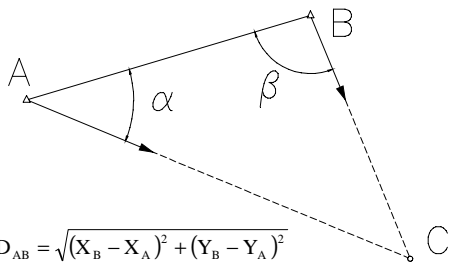
$$= (0.9103909)(1421.04 - 1254.52) + 2001.94$$

$$= 2153.54$$

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TRIANGLE SOLUTION



$$D_{AB} = \sqrt{(X_B - X_A)^2 + (Y_B - Y_A)^2}$$

$$Az_{AB} = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{X_B - X_A}{Y_B - Y_A} \right]$$

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TRIANGLE SOLUTION

- Solve for missing elements of triangle

$$\angle_C = 180^\circ - (\alpha + \beta)$$

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{D_{BC}} = \frac{\sin \beta}{D_{AC}} = \frac{\sin \angle_C}{D_{AB}} \Rightarrow D_{AC} = \sin \beta \left(\frac{D_{AB}}{\sin \angle_C} \right)$$



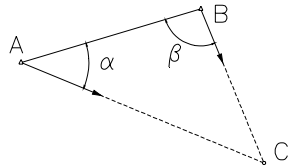
$$D_{BC} = \sin \alpha \left(\frac{D_{AB}}{\sin \angle_C} \right)$$

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BASE ANGLE METHOD

- Direct solution by solving for only the known values
- Method developed by expanding equations used in triangle method



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BASE ANGLE METHOD

- x-coordinate found by

$$X_C = X_A + \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin(\alpha + \beta)} [(X_B - X_A) \cos \alpha + (Y_B - Y_A) \sin \alpha]$$

- or,

$$X_C = \frac{(Y_B - Y_A) + X_A \cot \beta + X_B \cot \alpha}{\cot \alpha + \cot \beta}$$

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BASE ANGLE METHOD

- y-coordinate found by

$$Y_C = Y_A + \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin(\alpha + \beta)} [(Y_B - Y_A) \cos \alpha - (X_B - X_A) \sin \alpha]$$

- or,

$$Y_C = \frac{(X_A - X_B) + Y_A \cot \beta + Y_B \cot \alpha}{\cot \alpha + \cot \beta}$$

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BASE ANGLE METHOD

- It is very important to look at the sign of the angles α and β in applying the base angle method. Standing at point A and looking towards point B, if the azimuths put the intersection to the right then α and β are positive. If they are to the left then α and β are negative.

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