

Types of compass

There are 2 types of compass

(1) Prismatic compass

(2) The Surveyor's compass

(1) Prismatic compass

In this compass, the readings are taken with the help of a prism. The following are the essential parts of the compass:

(a) Compass box: The compass box is the circular material box (The metal should be non-magnetic) of dia of 8 to 10 cm. The pivot of the sharp point is provided at the center of the box.

(b) Magnetic needle and graduated ring

The magnetic needle is made up of a broad magnetized iron. The bar is pointed at both ends. The magnetic needle is attached to a graduated aluminium ring.

→ The ring is graduated from 0° to 360° & the graduation is being from the south of the needle. Zero degree is marked on the south, 90° west, 180° north, 270° west. The degree is are again subdivided into half degree. The figures are written upside down. The arrangement of the needle & ring contains an agate cap pivoted on the central pivot point. The rider of the brass or silver coil is provided the needle with the counter balance is dip.

& 2 Small circular holes, one at the bottom of the prism & other at the side of the observer's eye.

d) Dark glasses

Two dark glasses are provided with a prism. The red glass is meant for sighting luminous object at night & the blue glass for reducing the strain of the observer's eye in bright daylight.

e) Adjustable mirror

The mirror is provided with the side bane. The mirror can be lowered or raised & can also be inclined. If any object is too low or too high with respect to the line of the side. The mirror can be adjusted to observe it through reflection.

f) Break pen :-

A break pen is provided just at the side base of the base of the ring. If pressed gently, it stops the oscillation of the ring.

g) Lifting pen

A lifting pen is provided just below the side bane. When the side bane folded, it presses the lifting pen. The lifting pen then lifts the magnetic needle out of the pivot point to prevent damage to the pivot head.

h) Glass cover

A glass cover is provided on the top of the box to protect the aluminium ring from dust.

Assignment - 1

Q. A closed traverse is conducted with 5 stations A, B, C, D & E taken in anticlockwise order on the form of a regular pentagon. If the FB of AB = 30' 0". Find the FB of other side?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Interior angle} &= \frac{(2N-4) \times 90}{N} \quad N=5 \\ &= \frac{(2 \times 5 - 4) \times 90}{5} \\ &= \frac{6 \times 90}{5} = 108^\circ \end{aligned}$$

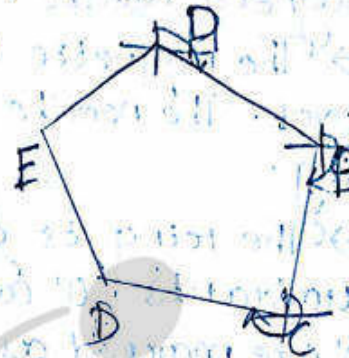
$$FB = 30'0'' (\text{AB})$$

$$\begin{aligned} BB &= FB + 180 \\ &= 30' + 180' = 210' \end{aligned}$$

$$\angle A = \angle B = \angle C = \angle D = \angle E = 108$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FB of BC} &= \text{BB of AB} - 108 \\ &= 102' \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{FB of CD} =$$



Lecture Notes in
 The following lecture chapters are provided for your reference. Calculate the interior angles of a pentagon. Calculate the exterior angles of a pentagon.

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The Surveyor's compass

The Surveyor's compass is similar to the Prismatic Compass except for the following points. There is no prism on it. Readings are taken with naked eye. It consists of eye vane (in place of prism with fine slit).

→ A graduated aluminium ring is attached to the circular box. It is not fixed to the magnetic needle.

→ The magnetic needle moves freely over the pivot. The needle shows reading in the graduated ring.

→ The ring is graduated from 0° to 90° in 4 quadrants. 0° are marked at the north & south. 90° are marked as east & west. The letters E (East) & W (West) are interchange from their true position. The figures are written right way up no mirror is attached to the object vane.

Q. The following bearings observe in traversing with a compass an area where local attraction are suspected. Calculate the interior angle of traverse & correct them with necessary.

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

Ans)

$$\begin{aligned} \angle A &= 360^\circ - (\text{exteriore } \angle A) \\ &= \text{BB of EA} - \text{FB of AB} \\ &= 79^\circ 30' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle B &= (\text{exteriore } \angle B) \\ &= \text{BB of AB} - \text{FB of BC} \\ &= 99^\circ 30' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle C &= 360^\circ - (\text{exteriore } \angle C) \\ &= 360^\circ - (\text{FB of CD} - \text{BB of BC}) \\ &= 101^\circ 45' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle D &= 360^\circ - (\text{exteriore } \angle D) \\ &= 360^\circ - (\text{FB of DE} - \text{BB of CD}) \\ &= 189^\circ 45' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle E &= \text{BB of DE} - \text{FB of EA} \\ &= 70^\circ 30' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle A + \angle B + \angle C + \angle D + \angle E \\ &= 541^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Error} &= 541^\circ - 540^\circ = 1^\circ \\ \text{Correction} &= -1^\circ = 60' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Check} &= (2N-4) \times 90 \\ &= 540 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{60'}{5} = 12'$$

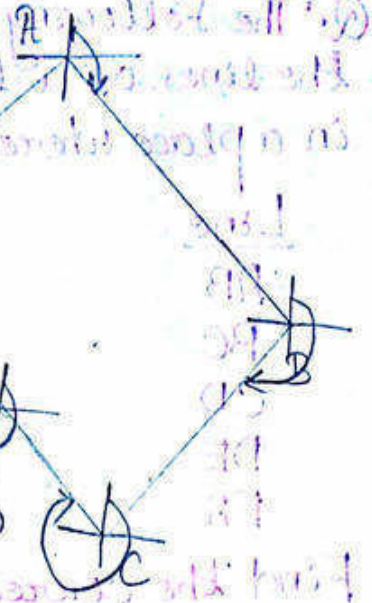
$$\angle A = 79^\circ 30' - 12' = 79^\circ 18'$$

$$\angle B = 99^\circ 18'$$

$$\angle C = 101^\circ 33'$$

$$\angle D = 189^\circ 33'$$

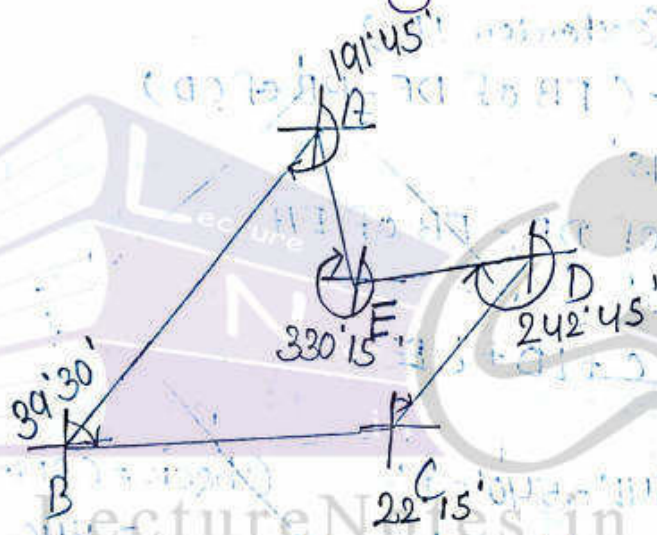
$$\angle E = 70^\circ 18'$$



Q. The Following are the observed bearings of the lines of a traverse ABCDEA with a compass in a place where local attraction are suspected

<u>Line</u>	<u>FB</u>	<u>BB</u>
AB	191°45'	13°0'
BC	39°30'	222°30'
CD	22°15'	200°30'
DE	242°45'	62°45'
EA	330°15'	147°45'

Find the correct bearing of the lines.



$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_A} &= \text{FB of AB} - \text{BB of EA} \\ &= 44^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_B} &= \text{FB of BC} - \text{BB of AB} \\ &= 26^\circ 30' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_C} &= (\text{FB of CD} + \text{BB of BC}) + 360^\circ \\ &= 159^\circ 45' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_D} &= \text{FB of DE} - \text{BB of CD} \\ &= 42^\circ 15' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_E} &= \text{FB of EA} - \text{BB of DE} \\ &= 267^\circ 30' \end{aligned}$$

$$LA + LB + LC + LD + LE = 540'$$

The correct bearing of the line DE is free from local attraction.

$$FB \text{ of DE} = 242^{\circ}45' \text{ (Correct)}$$

$$FB \text{ of EA} = 330^{\circ}15' \text{ (Correct)}$$

$$FB \text{ of AB} = BB \text{ of EA} + LA$$

$$= (330^{\circ}15' - 180^{\circ}) + 44'$$

$$= 150^{\circ}15' + 44'$$

$$= 194^{\circ}15'$$

$$FB \text{ of BC} = BB \text{ of AB} + LB$$

$$= (194^{\circ}15' - 180^{\circ}) + 26^{\circ}30'$$

$$= 40^{\circ}45'$$

$$FB \text{ of CD} = BB \text{ of BC} + LC$$

$$= (40^{\circ}45' + 180^{\circ}) + 159^{\circ}45' - 200^{\circ}15'$$

$$= 220^{\circ}45' - 200^{\circ}15'$$

$$= 20^{\circ}30'$$

$$FB \text{ of DE} = BB \text{ of CD} + LD$$

$$= (20^{\circ}30' + 180^{\circ}) + 42^{\circ}15'$$

$$= 242^{\circ}45'$$

$$FB \text{ of EA} = BB \text{ of DE} + LE$$

→ On verifying the observed bearing it is found that FB & BB of line DE differ by exactly 180°. So the station D & E, free from local attraction & the observed FB & BB of DE are correct. The observed FB of EA are also correct.

→ The actual BB of EA should be

$$330^{\circ}15' - 180^{\circ}0' = 150^{\circ}15'$$

But the observed bearing is 147°15'

So, a correction of (150°15' - 147°45')

42°30' should be applied at A

→ Correct FB of AB = 191°45' + 2°30' = 194°15'

Compass Traversing

In traversing the frame work consist of no. of connected line. The lens are measured by chain or tape & the directions are identified by angle measuring instrument i.e. compass. Hence the process is known as compass traversing.

Defination

1) True meridian :- The line or plane passing through the geographical north pole, geographical south pole at any point in surface of the earth its known as true meridian or geographical meridian.

→ The angle betⁿ true meridian & a line its known as true bearing of the line.

2) Arbitrary meridian

Sometimes for the survey of a small area its convenient dirⁿ is assumed as a meridian this is known as arbitrary meridian.

→ Sometimes the starting line of a survey is taken as a arbitrary meridian.

→ The angle betⁿ the arbitrary meridian and a line its known as arbitrary bearing of a line.

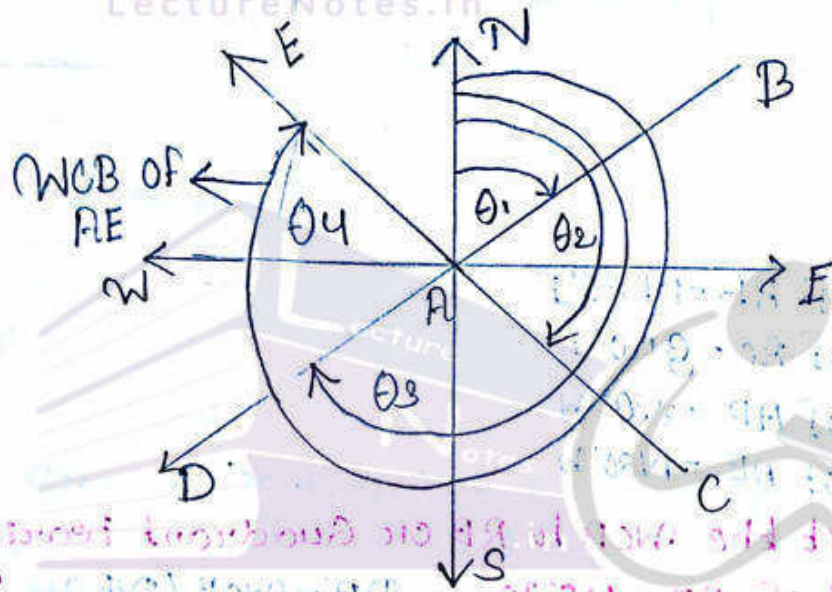
3) Grid meridian

Sometimes for preparing a map some state agencies assume several line parallel to the true meridian for a particular zone. This lines are termed as grid lines.

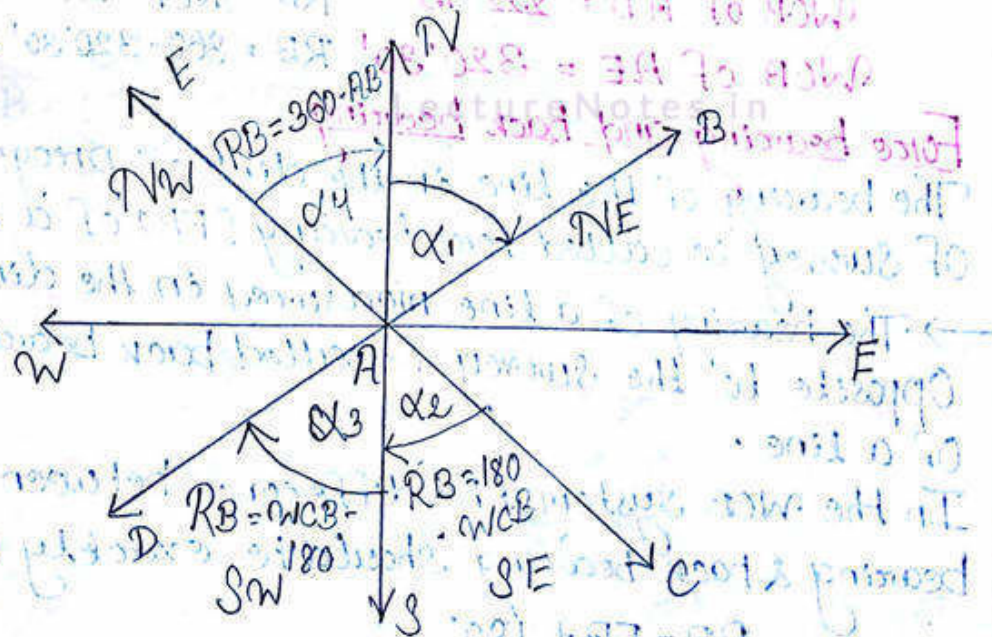
→ The central line its known as grid bearing.

→ The bearing of the line w.r.t the grid meridian its known as grid bearing.

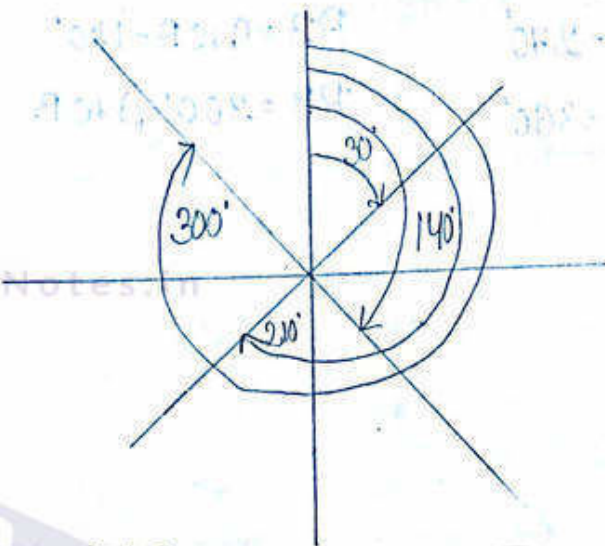
Whole circle bearing	Corresponding reduced bearing	Quadrant
0-90°	$RB = WCB$	NE
90-180°	$RB = 180 - WCB$	SE
180-270°	$RB = WCB - 180$	SW
270-360°	$RB = 360 - WCB$	NW



Q.



Q. WCB of line AB = 30° , AC = 140° , AD = 210° ,
 AE = 300° Convert into reduced bearing (RB)



RB of AB = $N 30^\circ E$
 RB of AC = $S 40^\circ E$
 RB of AD = $S 30^\circ W$
 RB of AE = $N 60^\circ W$

Q. Convert the WCB to RB or Quadrant bearing

WCB of AB = $45^\circ 30'$ RB = WCB (NE)

WCB of AC = $125^\circ 45'$ RB = $180 - 125^\circ 45' = 54.25^\circ$ (SE)

WCB of AD = $222^\circ 15'$ RB = $WCB - 180 = 42.25^\circ$ (SW)

WCB of AE = $320^\circ 30'$ RB = $360 - 320^\circ 30' = 39.5^\circ$ (NW)

Fore bearing and back bearing

The bearing of the line in the direction of progress of survey is called fore bearing (FB) of a line.

→ The bearing of a line measured in the direction opposite to the survey is called back bearing (BB) of a line.

In the WCB system the difference between fore bearing & back bearing should be exactly 180°

$$BB = FB \pm 180^\circ$$



Q. The fore bearing of the following line are given below. Find the back bearing?

FB of AB = $310^{\circ}30'$

FB of BC = $145^{\circ}15'$

FB of CD = $210^{\circ}30'$

FB of DE = $60^{\circ}45'$

BB = $310^{\circ}30' + (-180^{\circ})$

= $130^{\circ}15'$

BB = $145^{\circ}15' + 180^{\circ}$

= $325^{\circ}25'$

BB = $210^{\circ}30' - 180^{\circ}$

= $30^{\circ}5'$

BB = $60^{\circ}45' + 180^{\circ}$

= $240^{\circ}45'$

Q. Convert the following WCB to reduced bearing

a) $56^{\circ}20'$ RB = WCB = $56^{\circ}20'$

b) $170^{\circ}05'$ RB = $180 - 170.05 = 9^{\circ}55'$

c) $218^{\circ}30'$ RB = $218^{\circ}30' - 180 = 38^{\circ}30'$

d) $272^{\circ}50'$ RB = $360 - 272.50 = 87^{\circ}10'$

Magnetic declination

The horizontal angle between the magnetic meridian & true meridian is known as magnetic declination.

Dip of the magnetic needle

If a needle is perfectly balance before magnetization it does not remain in the balance position after it is magnetized. This is due to the magnetic influence to the earth.

→ The needle is found to be inclined towards the pole.

→ The inclination of the needle with the horizontal is known as the dip of the magnetic needle.

Local attraction

A magnetic needle indicates the north dirⁿ when freely supported but if the needle comes near some magnetic substances such as iron ore, steel structures, electric cables etc. It is found to be deflected from its true dirⁿ & does not show the actual north.

→ This disturbing influence of the magnetic substances is known as local attraction.

→ To detect the presence the local attraction force bearing & back bearing should be taken.

Principle of compass surveying

The principle of compass surveying is traversing which involves as a series of connected lines.

→ The magnetic bearings of the line are measured by prismatic compass & the distance

Of the line are measured by chain.

→ Compass Surveying is recommended when

- (1) The area is lost to be surveyed.
- (2) The course of a river or a covered line is to be surveyed.
- (3) If the area is crowded with many details and triangulation is not possible.

Traversing

Surveying which involves a series of connected line its known as traversing.

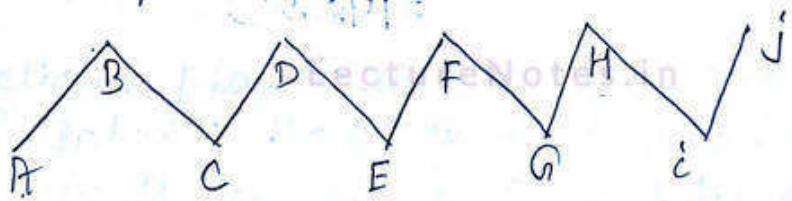
The traversing may be of 2 types

- (1) Open traverse
- (2) Close traverse

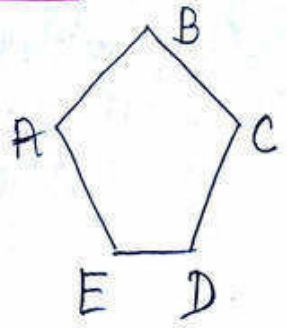
Open traverse

When a sequence of connected line extend along a general dirⁿ & does not return to the starting point its known as open or unclosed traverse.

→ Open traverse is suitable for the survey road, river, post line etc.



Close traverse



→ When a sequence of connected lines extend along a direction & return back to the starting point its known as closed traverse.

Q. The magnetic bearing of a line PA is $124^{\circ}35'$. Find its true bearing. IF the magnetic declination is $10^{\circ}10'$ west.

Ans) True bearing of the line
= Magnetic bearing \pm Magnetic declination (E/W)
= $124^{\circ}35' - 10^{\circ}10'$
= $114^{\circ}25'$

Q. The MB of the line PA is South $40'$ east & the magnetic declination is $8^{\circ}5'$ east what is the true bearing of the line.

Ans) MB = $S40^{\circ}E$
WCB = $180 - 40$
= 140° = MB
MD = $8^{\circ}5'E$

True bearing = MB + magnetic declination
= $140 + 8^{\circ}5'$
= $148^{\circ}5'$

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(Close traverse)

Methods of Traversing

Traverse survey may be conducted the following method

- (1) Chain traversing
- (2) Compass traversing
- (3) Theodolite traversing
- (4) Plane table traversing

(1) Chain Traversing

Chain traversing is mainly conducted when it is not possible for adopt triangulation.

(2) Compass Traversing

In this method the ^{back} bearing of the traverse legs are measured by a prismatic ^{compass} and the sides of the traverse are measured by chain or tape.

(3) Theodolite Traversing

In such traversing the horizontal angle betⁿ two traverse legs are measured by theodolite.

→ The length of the legs are measured by chain or by employing stadia method.

→ This method is very accurate.

(4) Plane table Traversing

In this method a plane table is set at every traverse station in the clockwise & anticlockwise dirⁿ & finally the circuit is closed & the end of the work any closing error which may occur can be adjusted graphically.

Q. Fore bearing of the lines AB, BC, CD & DA are $45^{\circ}35'$, $120^{\circ}15'$, $200^{\circ}30'$ & $280^{\circ}45'$ respectively. Find the angle B, C, D?

$$BB = FB \pm 180'$$

$$FB = 45'30'$$

$$BB = 45'30' + 180'$$

$$= 225'30' (AB)$$

$$FB = 120'15'$$

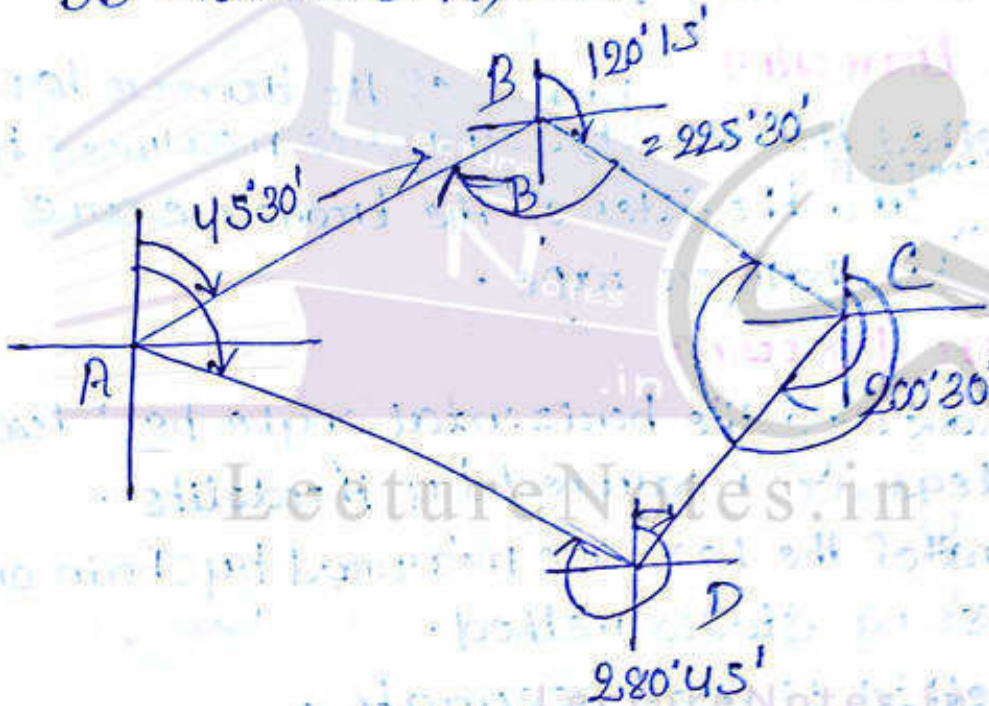
$$BB = 300'15' (BC)$$

$$FB = 210'30'$$

$$BB = 20'30' (CD)$$

$$FB = 280'45'$$

$$BB = 100'45' (DA)$$



$$LB = BB \text{ of } AB - FB \text{ of } BC$$

$$= 105'15'$$

$$LC = BB \text{ of } BC - FB \text{ of } CD$$

$$= 99'45'$$

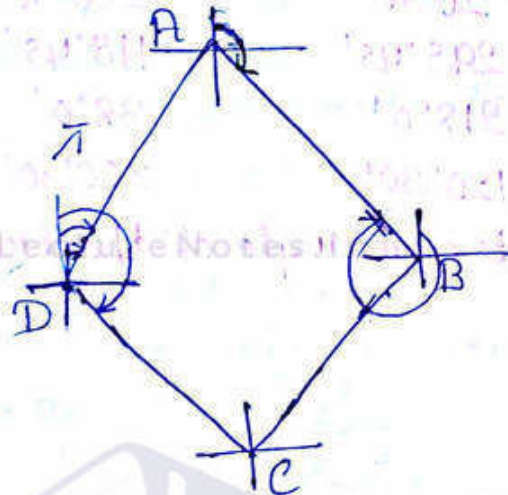
$$LD = 360' - (\text{Exteriore } D)$$

$$= 360' - (FB \text{ of } DA - BB \text{ of } CD)$$

$$= 99'45'$$

Q. A close traverse ABCDA is made in the form of a square taken in clockwise order. If the bearing of AB is $120^{\circ}30'$. Find the bearing of other sides?

Ans)



$$\text{FB of AB} = 120^{\circ}30'$$

$$\text{BB} = 120^{\circ}30' + 180$$

$$= 300^{\circ}30'$$

$$\angle A = \angle B = \angle C = \angle D = 90^{\circ}$$

$$\text{FB of BC} = \text{BB of AB} - 90^{\circ}$$

$$= 300^{\circ}30' - 90^{\circ}$$

$$= 210^{\circ}30'$$

$$\text{BB} = 30^{\circ}30'$$

$$\text{FB of CD} = (360^{\circ} - 90^{\circ}) + \text{BB of BC}$$

$$= 300^{\circ}30'$$

$$\text{FB of DA} = \text{BB of CD} - 180$$

$$= (300^{\circ}30' - 180^{\circ}) - 90^{\circ}0'$$

$$= 30^{\circ}30'$$

Interior angles

$$\frac{(2N-4) \times 90}{N}$$

N

N = no of sides

$$\frac{(2 \times 4 - 4) \times 90}{4}$$

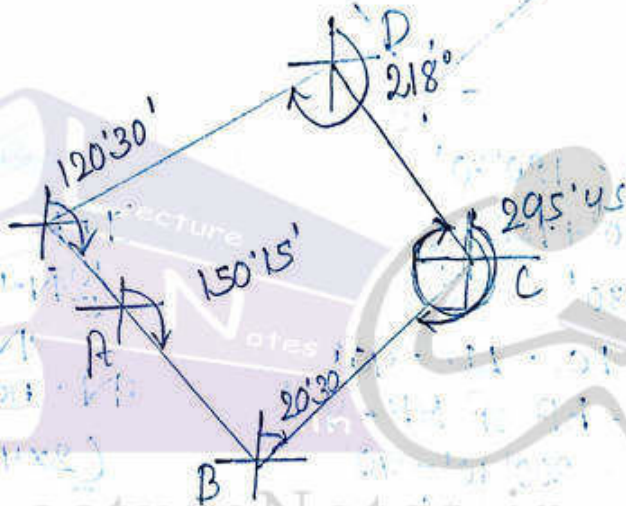
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$$= \frac{360}{4} = 90^{\circ}$$

Q. The following are the fore & back bearings of the sides of a close traverse:

Side	FB	BB
AB	150°15'	330°15'
BC	20°30'	200°30'
CD	295°45'	115°45'
DE	218°0'	38°0'
EA	120°30'	300°30'

Calculate the interior angle of the traverse.



$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_A} &= 360^\circ - (\text{exterior } L_A) \\ &= 360^\circ - (\text{BB of EA} - \text{FB of AB}) \\ &= 90^\circ 45' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_B} &= 360^\circ - (\text{exterior } L_B) \\ &= 360^\circ - (\text{BB of AB} - \text{FB of BC}) \\ &= 50^\circ 15' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_C} &= 360^\circ - (\text{exterior } L_C) \\ &= 360^\circ - (\text{BB of BC} + \text{FB of CD}) \\ &= 95^\circ 15' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L_D} &= \text{FB of DE} - \text{BB of CD} \\ &= 102^\circ 15' \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{L_E} = \text{FB of EA} - \text{BB of DE} = 82^\circ 30'$$

Check on Closed traverse

1) Check on angular measurement

2) Check on linear measurement

1) Check on angular measurement

→ The sum of the measured interior angles should be equal to $(2N-4) \times 90^\circ$.

→ The sum of the measured exterior angles should be equal to $(2N+4) \times 90^\circ$.

→ The algebraic sum of deflection angle should be equal to 360° . Right hand deflection should be considered as +ve, Left hand deflection should be considered as -ve.

2) Check on linear measurement

→ The line should be measured once each on two different days (along opposite dirⁿ) both measurement should be tally.

→ Linear measurement should also be taken by the stadia method. The measurements by chaining & by the stadia method should tally.

Check on open traverse

In an open traverse the measurements can not be check directly. Some field measurement can be taken check the accuracy of the work.

→ The methods are given below.

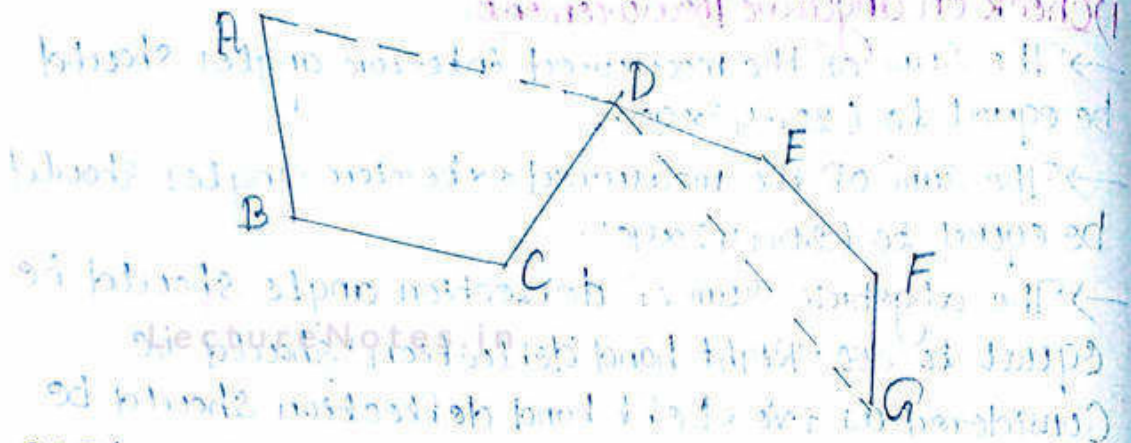
→ Taking cut off line :-

Cut off lines are taken betⁿ some intermediate points or stations of the open traverse. Suppose ABCDEFG represents an open traverse. Let AD & DG be the cut-off lines.

→ The lengths of the cut-off line are measured accurately.

→ After plotting the traverse the distance of the bearing are noted from the map.

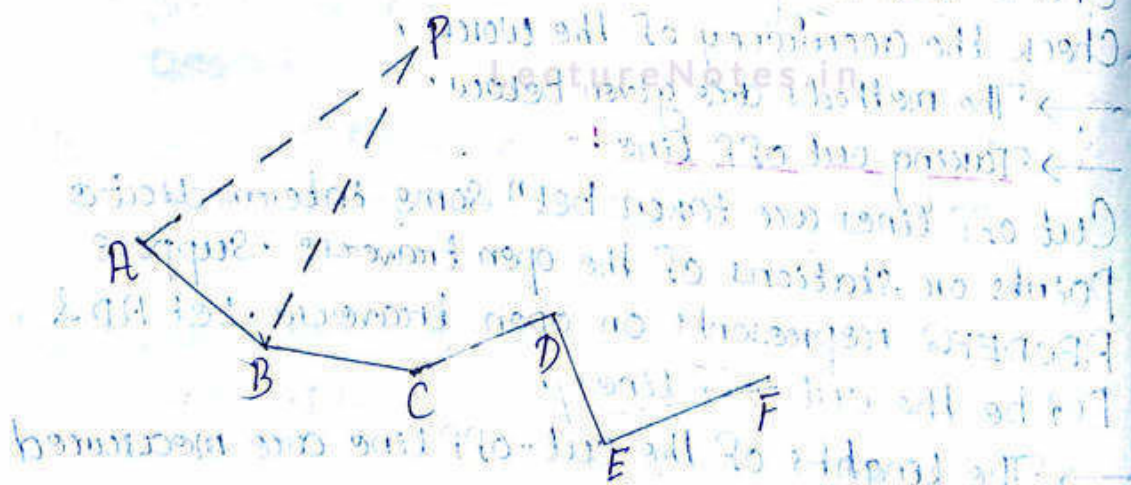
→ This distances & the bearing should be tally with the actual records obtained from the field.



2) Taking an auxiliary point

Suppose ABCDEF is an open traverse, a permanent point P is selected from one side of it. The magnetic bearings of this point are taken from the traverse stations A, B, C, D, E, F. If the survey is carried out accurately & so of the plotting all the measured bearings of 'P' when plotted should meet at the point P. The permanent point is known as auxiliary point P.

When plotted should be meet at the point P. The permanent point is known as auxiliary point P.



Therefore the actual

$$BB \text{ of } AB = 194^{\circ}15' - 180^{\circ} = 14^{\circ}15'$$

So, a correction is required

$$(14^{\circ}15' - 13^{\circ}00') = 1^{\circ}15' \text{ at } B$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Correct FB of } BC = 39^{\circ}30' + 1^{\circ}15' = 40^{\circ}45'$$

$$\text{Correct BB of } BC = 40^{\circ}45' + 180^{\circ} \\ = 220^{\circ}45'$$

$$\text{But observed } BB \text{ of } BC = 222^{\circ}30'$$

So a correction is

$$(222^{\circ}30' - 220^{\circ}45') = 1^{\circ}45'$$

Should be applied.

$$\rightarrow \text{Correct FB of } CD = 22^{\circ}15' - 1^{\circ}45' \\ = 20^{\circ}30'$$

Which tallies with the observed

BB of CD should be

$$\Rightarrow 20^{\circ}30' + 180^{\circ} = 200^{\circ}30'$$

Which tallies with the observed

BB of CD

So D is free from local attraction.

Line	Observed		Correction	Corrected		Remark
	FB	BB		FB	BB	
AB	191^{\circ}45'	13^{\circ}00'	+2^{\circ}30' at A	194^{\circ}15'	14^{\circ}15'	
BC	39^{\circ}30'	222^{\circ}30'	+1^{\circ}15' at B	40^{\circ}45'	220^{\circ}45'	
CD	22^{\circ}15'	200^{\circ}30'	-1^{\circ}45' at C	20^{\circ}30'	200^{\circ}30'	
DE	242^{\circ}45'	62^{\circ}45'	0' at D	242^{\circ}45'	62^{\circ}45'	
EA	330^{\circ}15'	147^{\circ}45'	0' at E	330^{\circ}15'	150^{\circ}15'	

Assignment (Page 100) (Problem 3)

Adjustment of Closing error

When a close traverse is plotted, the finishing & starting point may not coincide. The distance by which the traverse falls to close is said to be closing error.

→ Such an error may occur due to mistake made in measurement of lens & bearing because of an error in plotting.

→ If the closing error exceeds a certain permissible limit then the field work should be repeated. When the error is within the permissible limit then it is adjusted graphically ^{Bowditch's} Bowditch's rule as explained below.

Representative Factor (RF)

The ratio of the distance on the drawing to the corresponding actual length of the object known as the representative factor.

Representative Factor (RF)

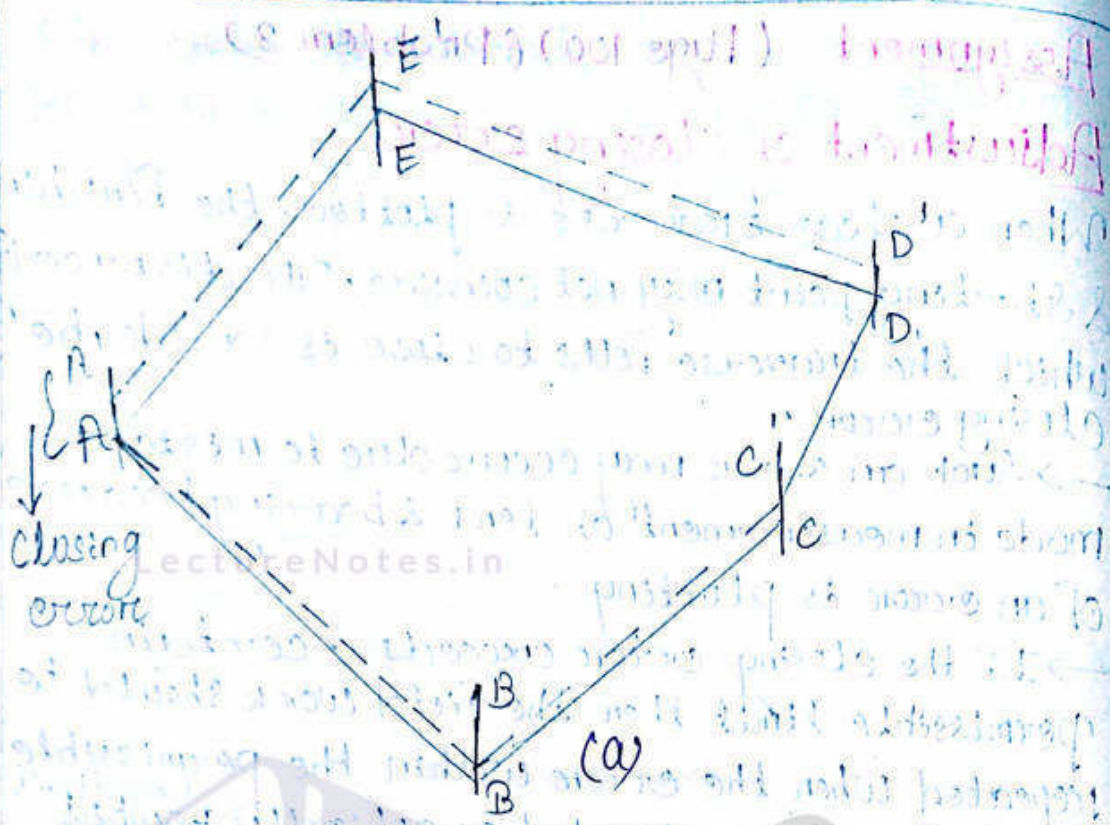
$$= \frac{\text{Distance on drawing of object}}{\text{Corresponding actual distance of object}}$$

Ex. of a scale is 1 cm = 10 m

$$\text{then } RF = \frac{1}{10 \times 100} = \frac{1}{1000}$$

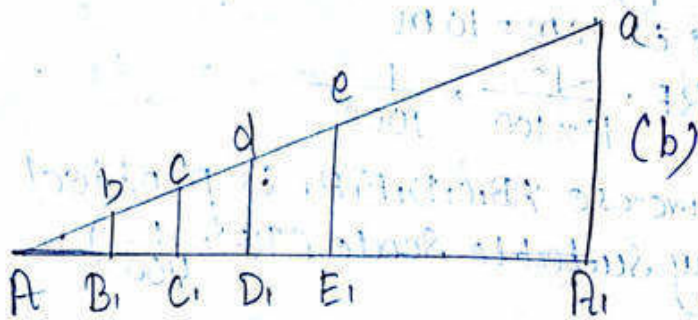
→ Suppose a traverse ABCDEA is plotted according to any suitable scale ($RF = \frac{1}{400}$).

A polygonal traverse ABCDEA is plotted on a scale of 1 cm = 10 m. The closing error is the distance between the starting point A and the finishing point A'. The closing error is adjusted by Bowditch's rule. The correction is distributed to the sides in proportion to their lengths.



$$RF = \frac{1}{400} (SAY)$$

In this case the traverse fails to close by a distance AA' which is the closing error. To adjust this error a horizontal AA' is drawn to represent the perimeter of the traverse to another scale ($\frac{1}{2000}$). On this line distances $AB_1, B_1C_1, C_1D_1, D_1E_1$ are set off according to the corresponding measured length of the traverse legs.



A perpendicular A_1A is drawn equal to the amount of closing error, after which the line Aa is drawn from the points B_1, C_1, D_1 & E_1 & the lines B_1b, C_1c, D_1d, E_1e are drawn parallel to A_1a . These

intersects represent the amount by which the respective stations are to be shifted.

In figure a lines are drawn parallel to the closing error through station B, C, D, & E. then intersect B'b, C'c, D'd & E'e are set off along the parallel lines drawn through the respective stations.

→ In this manner the adjusted traverse ABCDEA is obtained.

Limits of closing error

The angular error of closure should not exceed $15 \text{ mins } \sqrt{N}$ where N is the no of sides of the traverse.

Relative closing error =

$$\frac{\text{Amount of closing error}}{\text{Perimeter of traverse}}$$

The value should not exceed $\frac{1}{600}$.

Temporary adjustment of prismatic compass

The following procedure should be adopted while measuring the bearing of prismatic compass -

(1) Fixing the compass with tripod stand :-

The tripod stand is placed at the required station with its legs well apart. Then the prismatic compass is held by the left hand & placed over the threaded top of the stand after this the compass box is turned clockwise by the right hand. Thus the threaded base of the compass box is fixed with the threaded top of the stand.

(2) Centering :-

Normally the compass is centered by dropping a piece of stone from the bottom of the compass box. Centering may also be done with the aid of

Plumb bob held centrally below the compass box.

3) Leveling

Normally Leveling is done with the help of a ball & socket arrangement provided on the top of the tripod stand. This arrangement is loosened & box is placed in such a way that the graduated ring rotates freely without touching either the bottom of the box & glass cover at the top.

4) Adjustment of prism :-

The prism is moved up & down till the figures of the graduated ring are seen sharp & clear.

5) Observation of bearing

After centring & leveling the compass box over the station the ranging rod at the required station is bisected properly by sighting through the slit of the prism & horse hair at sight base.

At this time the graduated ring may rotate rapidly. The breaker is pressed very gently. To stop this rotation. When the ring comes to rest the box is struck very lightly to verify the horizontality of the ring & the frictional effect on the pivot point. Then the reading is taken from the graduated ring to the whole in the prism. This reading with the magnetic bearing of the line.

Sources of error in compass

Kinds of error which may occur while taking on
Compass.

(1) Instrumentation error :- The needle may not be perfectly straight & might not be balance properly.

- The pivot point may be eccentric.
- The graduation of the ring may not be uniform.
- The ring may not rotate freely on the account of the pivot being blunt.
- This may occur due to head of the pivot being broken because of the pivot handling.
- The sight vane may not be vertical.
- The horse hair may not be straight & vertical.

(2) Personal error :-

The centering may not be done perfectly over the station.

- The graduated ring may not be levelled.
- The object might not be bisected properly.
- The readings may be taken carelessly.
- The observer may be carrying it magnetic substances.

(3) Other sources of error

- There may be local attraction due to the presence of magnetic substances near the station.
- The magnetic field could vary on account of some natural causes.
- The magnetic declination might vary.