

Surveying Engineering

Lecture 5: Traversing-2

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Traverse Errors

Error exists in surveying observations due to:

Personal errors: pointing, centering, distances

Instrumental errors: index error, creep of Hz circle

Natural errors: Refraction of line of sight, temperature

We Should correct angular and linear errors:

Closed Traverse:

If angles given:

δ (angular closing error) = \sum measured internal angles - $(n-2)*180$

= \sum measured external angles - $(n+2)*180$

$\delta_{\text{allowable}}$ (allowable angular closing error) = $C\sqrt{n}$ "





Angular Closing Error


Where C is a constant depends on the degree of the traverse:

Taken $C = 30$ (unless stated)

IF $\delta > \delta_{\text{allowable}}$  traverse angles  **STOP**

 rejected repeat

IF $\delta < \delta_{\text{allowable}}$  observations traverse  distribute angular error equally over angles

 angles accepted

Corrected angle = measured angle $-\frac{\delta}{n}$

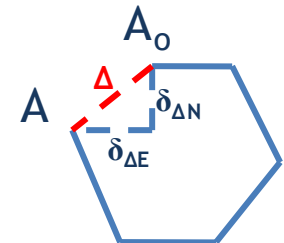
Repeat for all angles..... and calculate bearings of all

lines $ABC = \alpha_{BC} - \alpha_{BA}$ and so on

Traverse Linear Closing Error

Closed Traverse

Point	Side	Length	Bearing	$\Delta E_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Delta N_{\text{comp.}}$
A	AB	L_{AB}	α_{AB}	$L_{AB}\sin\alpha_{AB}$	$L_{AB}\cos\alpha_{AB}$
B	BC	L_{BC}	α_{BC}	$L_{BC}\sin\alpha_{BC}$	$L_{BC}\cos\alpha_{BC}$
C	CD	L_{CD}	α_{CD}	$L_{CD}\sin\alpha_{CD}$	$L_{CD}\cos\alpha_{CD}$
D	DA	L_{DA}	α_{DA}	$L_{DA}\sin\alpha_{DA}$	$L_{DA}\cos\alpha_{DA}$
A					
Summation of traverse lengths		ΣL		$\delta_{\Delta E}$	$\delta_{\Delta N}$
				$\Sigma \Delta E_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Sigma \Delta N_{\text{comp.}}$



$$\Delta = \sqrt{(\delta_{\Delta E})^2 + (\delta_{\Delta N})^2}$$

Δ (linear closing error)

$$\text{RE (Relative Error)} = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma L}$$



Allowable Relative Error

Where $RE_{\text{allowable}}$ depends on the degree of the traverse:

Taken $RE_{\text{allowable}} = 1:5,000$ (unless stated)

IF $RE > RE_{\text{allowable}}$  traverse rejected  **STOP**

 repeat observations

IF $RE < RE_{\text{allowable}}$  traverse accepted

 distribute error

using:



Linear Error Correction

BOWDITCH Method

$$\Delta E_{\text{corr.}} = \Delta E_{\text{comp.}} - \delta_{\Delta E} * \frac{L}{\sum L}$$

Error distributed according to length of each line

$$\Delta N_{\text{corr.}} = \Delta N_{\text{comp.}} - \delta_{\Delta N} * \frac{L}{\sum L}$$

For each traverse line

COMPONENT Method

$$\Delta E_{\text{corr.}} = \Delta E_{\text{comp.}} - \delta_{\Delta E} * \frac{|\Delta E_{\text{comp.}}|}{|\sum \Delta E_{\text{comp.}}|}$$

Error distributed according to component of each line

$$\Delta N_{\text{corr.}} = \Delta N_{\text{comp.}} - \delta_{\Delta N} * \frac{|\Delta N_{\text{comp.}}|}{|\sum \Delta N_{\text{comp.}}|}$$

For each traverse line

Calculation of Coordinates Closed Traverse

Point	Side	Length	Bearing	$\Delta E_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Delta N_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{corr.}}$	$\Delta N_{\text{corr.}}$	$E_{\text{corr.}}$	$N_{\text{corr.}}$
A	AB	L_{AB}	α_{AB}	$L_{AB}\sin\alpha_{AB}$	$L_{AB}\cos\alpha_{AB}$	✓	✓	E_A	N_A
B	BC	L_{BC}	α_{BC}	$L_{BC}\sin\alpha_{BC}$	$L_{BC}\cos\alpha_{BC}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
C	CD	L_{CD}	α_{CD}	$L_{CD}\sin\alpha_{CD}$	$L_{CD}\cos\alpha_{CD}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	DA	L_{DA}	α_{DA}	$L_{DA}\sin\alpha_{DA}$	$L_{DA}\cos\alpha_{DA}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
A	DA	L_{DA}	α_{DA}	$L_{DA}\sin\alpha_{DA}$	$L_{DA}\cos\alpha_{DA}$	✓	✓	E_A	N_A
		ΣL		$\delta_{\Delta E}$	$\delta_{\Delta N}$	$\Sigma = \text{Zero}$	$\Sigma = \text{Zero}$		

Note: If bearings in closed traverse are given directly, then do not calculate anglesStart directly with calculation of components

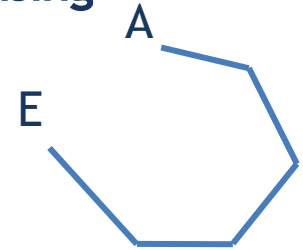
Connected Traverse

Note that: If bearings are given then start directly by calculating components, while if angles are given, then calculate bearings using the known equation:

$\alpha_{BC} = \alpha_{BA} \dots \dots \text{and soon}$

$$N_B = N_A + \Delta N_{AB}$$

$$E_B = E_A + \Delta E_{AB}$$



Point	Side	Length	Bearing	ΔE	ΔN	E	N
A	AB	L_{AB}	α_{AB}	$L_{AB} \sin \alpha_{AB}$	$L_{AB} \cos \alpha_{AB}$	E_A	N_A
B	BC	L_{BC}	α_{BC}	$L_{BC} \sin \alpha_{BC}$	$L_{BC} \cos \alpha_{BC}$	✓	✓
C	CD	L_{CD}	α_{CD}	$L_{CD} \sin \alpha_{CD}$	$L_{CD} \cos \alpha_{CD}$	✓	✓
D	DE	L_{DE}	α_{DE}	$L_{DE} \sin \alpha_{DE}$	$L_{DE} \cos \alpha_{DE}$	✓	✓
E						E_E	N_E

Connected Traverse

Point	Side	Length	Bearing	$\Delta E_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Delta N_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{corr.}}$	$\Delta N_{\text{corr.}}$	$E_{\text{corr.}}$	$N_{\text{corr.}}$
A	AB	L_{AB}	α_{AB}	$L_{AB}\sin\alpha_{AB}$	$L_{AB}\cos\alpha_{AB}$	✓	✓	E_A	N_A
B	BC	L_{BC}	α_{BC}	$L_{BC}\sin\alpha_{BC}$	$L_{BC}\cos\alpha_{BC}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
C	CD	L_{CD}	α_{CD}	$L_{CD}\sin\alpha_{CD}$	$L_{CD}\cos\alpha_{CD}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
D	DE	L_{DE}	α_{DE}	$L_{DE}\sin\alpha_{DE}$	$L_{DE}\cos\alpha_{DE}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
E								E_E	N_E
		ΣL		$\Sigma \Delta E_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Sigma \Delta N_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Sigma = E_L - E_F$	$\Sigma = N_L - N_F$	As Given Coordinates	

$$\delta_{\Delta E} = \Sigma \Delta E_{\text{comp.}} - (E_{\text{last}} - E_{\text{first}}) \quad \Delta = \sqrt{(\delta_{\Delta E})^2 + (\delta_{\Delta N})^2} \text{ Check}$$

$$\delta_{\Delta N} = \Sigma \Delta N_{\text{comp.}} - (N_{\text{last}} - N_{\text{first}}) \quad \text{RE (Relative Error)} = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma L}$$



Compare with $RE_{\text{allowable}}$ as in closed traverse

Solved Example

For the following closed traverse, calculate the balanced coordinates of all Points using Bowditch method, given coordinates of A (500m, 700m)

Point	Side	Length	Bearing	$\Delta E_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Delta N_{\text{comp.}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{corr.}}$	$\Delta N_{\text{corr.}}$	$E_{\text{corr.}}$	$N_{\text{corr.}}$
A	AB	150.50	134° 52' 40"	106.646	-106.192	106.664	-106.199	500	700
B	BC	125.25	54° 31' 40"	102.003	72.684	102.018	72.678	606.664	593.801
C	CD	170.00	314° 56' 20"	-120.336	120.08	-120.316	120.072	708.682	666.479
D	DA	123.70	225° 36' 00"	-88.380	-86.548	-88.366	-86.554	588.366	786.551
A								500	700
		$\Sigma L=569.45$		-0.067	0.026	$\Sigma=Zero$	$\Sigma=Zero$		

As Given Coordinates

$$\Delta = \sqrt{(-0.067)^2 + (0.026)^2} = 0.071\text{m} \quad RE = \frac{0.071}{569.45} = \frac{1}{7975} < \frac{1}{5000} \quad \text{ok}$$

$$\Delta E_{AB\text{corr.}} = 106.646 - (-0.067) * \frac{150.50}{569.45} = 106.664\text{m} \quad \text{and so on for } \Delta N_{AB\text{corr.}} \text{ and all lines}$$



Solved Example

If component method, then calculate:

$$\sum |\Delta E_{\text{comp.}}| = 106.646 + 102.003 + 120.336 + 88.38 = 417.365\text{m}$$

$$\sum |\Delta N_{\text{comp.}}| = 106.192 + 72.684 + 120.08 + 86.548 = 385.50\text{m}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{CDcorr.}} = -120.336 - (-0.067) * \frac{120.336}{417.365} = -120.316\text{m}$$

and all other lines
and so on for $\Delta N_{\text{CDcorr.}}$

Note: If not mentioned which method to use, then:

Compass Traverse: Bearings are measured directly by compass
or distances measured accurately  Use Bowditch method

Theodolite Traverse: angles are measured directly by
theodolite or angles are measured accurately

 Use Component method



Supplementary files:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gx9HplCYEhw>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ww7EcE3w_x4
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zzps6Rz4Cqw>

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