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# List of 28 Photogrammetry and Stadia Surveying Formulas

## Photogrammetry and Stadia Surveying

### 1) Fore Bearing in Whole Circle Bearing System

$$fx \quad FB = \left( BB - \left( 180 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 50.85841\text{rad} = \left( 54\text{rad} - \left( 180 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) \right)$$

### 2) Included Angle from Two Lines

$$fx \quad \theta = \alpha - \beta$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 60^\circ = 90^\circ - 30^\circ$$

### 3) Included Angle when Bearings are Measured in Opposite Side of Common Meridian

$$fx \quad \theta = \beta + \alpha$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 120^\circ = 30^\circ + 90^\circ$$



#### 4) Included Angle when Bearings are Measured in Same Side of Different Meridian

$$fx \quad \theta = \left( 180 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) - (\alpha + \beta)$$

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$$ex \quad 60^\circ = \left( 180 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180} \right) - (90^\circ + 30^\circ)$$

#### 5) Magnetic Bearing given True Bearing with East Declination

$$fx \quad MB = TB - MD$$

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$$ex \quad 55^\circ = 60^\circ - 5^\circ$$

#### 6) Magnetic Bearing given True Bearing with West Declination

$$fx \quad MB = TB + MD$$

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$$ex \quad 65^\circ = 60^\circ + 5^\circ$$

#### 7) Magnetic Declination to East

$$fx \quad MD = TB - MB$$

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$$ex \quad 5^\circ = 60^\circ - 55^\circ$$

#### 8) Magnetic Declination to West

$$fx \quad MD = MB - TB$$

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$$ex \quad -5^\circ = 55^\circ - 60^\circ$$



## 9) Magnetic Declination to West for Compass Surveying

$$\text{fx } MD = MB - TB$$

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$$\text{ex } -5^\circ = 55^\circ - 60^\circ$$

## 10) True Bearing if Declination is in East

$$\text{fx } TB = MB + MD$$

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$$\text{ex } 60^\circ = 55^\circ + 5^\circ$$

## 11) True Bearing if Declination is in West

$$\text{fx } TB = MB - MD$$

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$$\text{ex } 50^\circ = 55^\circ - 5^\circ$$

# Photogrammetry

## 12) Elevation of Point, Line or Area

$$\text{fx } h_1 = \left( H - \left( \frac{f_{\text{len}}}{P} \right) \right)$$

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$$\text{ex } 9\text{m} = \left( 11\text{m} - \left( \frac{4.2\text{m}}{2.1} \right) \right)$$



### 13) Flying Height of Airplane above Datum

$$fx \quad H = \left( \left( \frac{f_{len}}{P} \right) + h_1 \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 11m = \left( \left( \frac{4.2m}{2.1} \right) + 9m \right)$$

### 14) Focal Length of Lens given Photo Scale

$$fx \quad f_{len} = (P \cdot (H - h_1))$$

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$$ex \quad 4.2m = (2.1 \cdot (11m - 9m))$$

### 15) Photo Scale given Focal Length

$$fx \quad P = \left( \frac{f_{len}}{H - h_1} \right)$$

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$$ex \quad 2.1 = \left( \frac{4.2m}{11m - 9m} \right)$$

## Stadia Surveying


### 16) Additive Constant or Stadia Constant

$$fx \quad C = (f + D_c)$$

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$$ex \quad 10m = (2m + 8m)$$



17) Distance Equation given Index Error 

$$fx \quad D = \left( K_M \cdot \frac{S_i}{m - e} \right) + C_{add}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 35.5m = \left( 12 \cdot \frac{3m}{3.1 - 1.5} \right) + 13$$


18) Horizontal Distance between Center of Transit and Rod 

fx

Open Calculator 

$$H_{Horizontal} = \left( K \cdot R_i \cdot (\cos(a))^2 \right) + (fc \cdot \cos(a))$$

$$ex \quad 26.90396m = \left( 11.1 \cdot 3.2m \cdot (\cos(30^\circ))^2 \right) + (0.3048m \cdot \cos(30^\circ))$$

19) Horizontal Distance using Gradient 

$$fx \quad D = s_i \cdot \frac{100 \cdot \cos(x)^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot x)}{m \cdot c}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 10.98572m = 3m \cdot \frac{100 \cdot \cos(20^\circ)^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 20^\circ)}{3.1 \cdot 2.5m}$$



20) Intercept on Rod between Two Sighting Wires 

$$fx \quad R = \frac{D_s}{\left(\frac{f}{R_i}\right) + C}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 6.023529m = \frac{64m}{\left(\frac{2m}{3.2m}\right) + 10m}$$

21) Stadia Distance from Instrument Spindle to Rod 

$$fx \quad D_s = R \cdot \left( \left( \frac{f}{R_i} \right) + C \right)$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 63.75m = 6m \cdot \left( \left( \frac{2m}{3.2m} \right) + 10m \right)$$

22) Stadia Interval 

$$fx \quad S_i = m \cdot P_{\text{screw}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 15.5m = 3.1 \cdot 5m$$


23) Staff Intercept 

$$fx \quad s_i = D \cdot (\tan(\theta_1) - \tan(\theta_2))$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 3.982713m = 35.5m \cdot (\tan(25^\circ) - \tan(19.5^\circ))$$



24) Staff Intercept in Gradienter given Horizontal Distance 

$$fx \quad S_i = \frac{D}{\frac{100 \cdot \cos(x)^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot x)}{m \cdot c}}$$

Open Calculator 


$$ex \quad 9.6944m = \frac{35.5m}{\frac{100 \cdot \cos(20^\circ)^2 \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 20^\circ)}{3.1 \cdot 2.5m}}$$

25) Staff Intercept in Gradienter given Vertical Distance 

$$fx \quad S_i = \frac{V}{\frac{100 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot x) \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(x)^2}{m \cdot c}}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 8.245573m = \frac{4m}{\frac{100 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 20^\circ) \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(20^\circ)^2}{3.1 \cdot 2.5m}}$$

26) Vertical Distance between Center of Transit and Rod Intersected by Middle Horizontal Crosshair 

$$fx \quad V = \frac{1}{2 \cdot ((K \cdot R_i \cdot \sin(2 \cdot a)) + (fc \cdot \sin(a)))}$$

Open Calculator 

$$ex \quad 0.016174m = \frac{1}{2 \cdot ((11.1 \cdot 3.2m \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 30^\circ)) + (0.3048m \cdot \sin(30^\circ)))}$$






27) Vertical Distance between Instrument Axis and Lower Vane 

$$fx \quad V = D \cdot \tan(\theta_2)$$

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$$ex \quad 12.57121m = 35.5m \cdot \tan(19.5^\circ)$$

28) Vertical Distance using Gradienter 

$$fx \quad V = s_i \cdot \frac{100 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot x) \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(x)^2}{m \cdot c}$$

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$$ex \quad 1.455326m = 3m \cdot \frac{100 \cdot \sin(2 \cdot 20^\circ) \cdot 0.5 \cdot \sin(20^\circ)^2}{3.1 \cdot 2.5m}$$



## Variables Used



- **a** Vertical Inclination of Line of Sight (Degree)
- **BB** Back Bearing (Radian)
- **c** Distance in One Turn (Meter)
- **C** Stadia Constant (Meter)
- **C<sub>add</sub>** Additive Constant
- **D** Distance between Two Points (Meter)
- **D<sub>C</sub>** Distance from Center (Meter)
- **D<sub>S</sub>** Stadia Distance (Meter)
- **e** Index Error
- **f** Focal Length of Telescope (Meter)
- **f<sub>len</sub>** Focal Length of Lens (Meter)
- **FB** Fore Bearing (Radian)
- **fc** Instrument Constant (Meter)
- **H** Flying Height of Airplane (Meter)
- **h<sub>1</sub>** Elevation of Point (Meter)
- **H<sub>Horizontal</sub>** Horizontal Distance (Meter)
- **K** Stadia Factor
- **K<sub>M</sub>** Multiplying Constant
- **m** Revolution of Screw
- **MB** Magnetic Bearing (Degree)
- **MD** Magnetic Declination (Degree)
- **P** Photo Scale
- **P<sub>screw</sub>** Pitch Screw (Meter)



- **R** Intercept on Rod (Meter)
- **R<sub>i</sub>** Rod Intercept (Meter)
- **s<sub>i</sub>** Staff Intercept (Meter)
- **S<sub>i</sub>** Stadia Interval (Meter)
- **TB** True Bearing (Degree)
- **V** Vertical Distance (Meter)
- **x** Vertical Angle (Degree)
- **α** Fore Bearing of Previous Line (Degree)
- **β** Back Bearing of Previous Line (Degree)
- **θ** Included Angle (Degree)
- **θ<sub>1</sub>** Vertical Angle to Upper Vane (Degree)
- **θ<sub>2</sub>** Vertical Angle to Lower Vane (Degree)



## Constants, Functions, Measurements used

- **Constant:** **pi**, 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288  
*Archimedes' constant*
- **Function:** **cos**,  $\cos(\text{Angle})$   
*Trigonometric cosine function*
- **Function:** **sin**,  $\sin(\text{Angle})$   
*Trigonometric sine function*
- **Function:** **tan**,  $\tan(\text{Angle})$   
*Trigonometric tangent function*
- **Measurement:** **Length** in Meter (m)  
*Length Unit Conversion* 
- **Measurement:** **Angle** in Radian (rad), Degree ( $^{\circ}$ )  
*Angle Unit Conversion* 



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