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PREFACE

The primary purpose of this thesis is to develop spherical trigonometry from both the Euclidean and Non-Euclidean sets of postulates and to show the results equivalent in the case of right triangles. The first five chapters develop spherical trigonometry using the familiar postulates and theorems of Euclidean Geometry. Any student with a basic knowledge of plane trigonometry should be able to follow the development of the first four chapters and to appreciate the applications illustrated in Chapter V. Chapter VI develops spherical trigonometry for right triangles using a set of postulates of Riemannian Geometry as a basis. At least a basic knowledge of Riemannian(Elliptic)Geometry is needed by any person desiring to read Chapter VI.

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CHAPTER I

THE PROBLEM, THEOREMS AND DEFINITIONS TO BE USED

The study of plane trigonometry as a college student developed a strong desire to study spherical trigonometry. At the suggestion of an advisor, the decision was made to make this work into the development and comparison of the trigonometries of the sphere and of Riemannian Geometry.

I. PLAN OF THE PAPER

The remainder of this chapter will include a brief statement of the history and uses of spherical trigonometry, a statement of some of the theorems from spherical geometry needed in the following chapters, definitions and terminology of spherical geometry, and a statement of the formulas of spherical trigonometry to be developed in Chapters II, III, and IV.

Chapter II will develop the formulas for right spherical triangles and will contain several examples worked out. Chapter III will consider some of the possible methods of solving oblique spherical triangles and Chapter IV will contain more advanced methods. Both chapters will include examples of solutions. Chapter V will be devoted to discussing

some of the applications of spherical trigonometry.

Chapter VI will develop the trigonometry of Riemannian Geometry and show it equivalent to that of spherical trigonometry.

Footnotes. Footnotes used in this work will be of the type used in many of the articles in mathematical periodicals. Two groups of numerals, separated by a semicolon, enclosed in brackets will indicate both the source and the page number or numbers of the source referred to. The first number, to the left of the semicolon, will indicate the reference source listed in the references at the end of this work. The number or numbers following the semicolon will give the page number or numbers of the source being referred to.

II. SPHERICAL TRIGONOMETRY

Trigonometry is one of the oldest branches of mathematics known to the world at large, not by name but by its applications to the measuring of heights, depths, distances, areas, and the like. In early centuries, it was the custom to tell the seasons of the year and the time of day from the shadows cast by a tree or some other upright object. The Greeks called the upright object used for this purpose a gnomon("inspector"), and the shadow was called an umbra. (Figure 1)The winter soltice occurs when the umbra(AC)is

longest and the sun(S) is farthest south; the summer solstice occurs when the umbra is shortest.

"Trigonometry" comes from the Greek tri("three")+gonnia("angle")+metron("measure") or metrein("to measure").

It is in this three-angle-measure that is found one of the first traces of trigonometry

[15;229]. Only a century ago sundials were in frequent use in our country and are still in general use in some oriental countries. Evidence of the use of trigonometry as a means of measurement in India, Iraq, Babylon, Egypt, and China date nearly 4000 years ago.

The Greeks, at one time the most scholarly of the ancient peoples of the Mediterranean region, developed trigonometry as a science. Hipparchus (about 140 B. C.) and Ptolemy (300 years later) studied both plane and spherical trigonometry. They knew a number of the present formulas, including $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$, although using different names and symbols (chords instead of sines). Menelaus, who lived about 100 A. D., both in Alexandria and in Rome, studied spherical trigonometry scientifically. Thereafter, his work in both

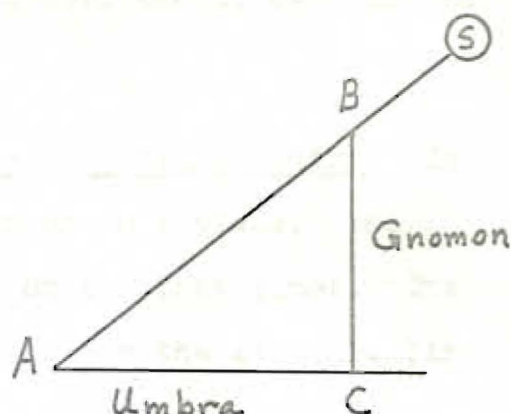


Figure 1

plane and spherical trigonometry was well known, even in the Far East [15;230].

Comparison of plane and spherical trigonometry. In plane trigonometry, triangles are drawn in a plane. The sides of the triangles are segments of straight lines. The shortest distance between two points is on the straight line containing the two points. Distance between two points is measured in linear units. The sum of the measures of the angles of a plane triangle is always 180° . Through any point in a plane, there exists a line in the plane parallel to a given line in the plane. The geometry of plane trigonometry is Euclidean.

In spherical trigonometry, triangles are drawn on a sphere. The sides of the spherical triangles are arcs of great circles. The shortest distance between two points is on a great circle containing the two points. Distance between two points is measured in angular units. The sum of the measures of the angles of a spherical triangle is always greater than 180° . Through a given point on a sphere, there does not exist a great circle parallel to another great circle on the sphere. The geometry of spherical trigonometry is non-Euclidean [4;5].

Uses of spherical trigonometry. Spherical trigo-

nometry is used by engineers and geologists, who deal with surveying, geodesy, and astronomy; to physicists, chemists, mineralogists, and metallurgists, in their study of crystallography; and to Navy and Aviation officers, in the solution of navigation problems [4;vii].

Surveying, when dealing with small enough regions of the earth, may be considered plane as a first approximation. Geodesy deals with larger regions for which the curvature of the earth must be taken into account, in which spherical trigonometry must be used to obtain satisfactory approximations. Here, the earth is considered to be spherical.

In astronomy, the earth is considered as the center of the celestial sphere. The line of sight of an observer is the radius of the celestial sphere. Distances between heavenly bodies are measured in angular measure. Thus, the distance between two heavenly bodies is the side of a spherical triangle on an immense sphere [15;5-6].

Some of the uses of spherical trigonometry will be examined in much fuller detail in chapter five. Included will be numerical examples illustrating the applications.

III. RESULTS FROM THE GEOMETRY OF THE SPHERE

A sphere is a closed surface which is the set of all points in space at a given distance from a given point called

its center. The line segment from the center to any point on the sphere is a radius; a line segment whose endpoints are the points of intersection of a line passing through the center of the sphere and the sphere is called a diameter.

The intersection of a plane and a sphere, which is not empty and is not a single point, is a circle. If the plane passes through the center of the sphere, the intersection is a great circle; if not, the intersection is a small circle (or lesser circle). A great circle has the same center and radius as the sphere. In spherical trigonometry, all arcs are arcs of great circles. Thus, any two points on a sphere which are not endpoints of the same diameter determine a unique arc, or great circle.

The poles of a great circle of a sphere are the endpoints P and P' of the diameter of the sphere which is perpendicular to the plane of the great circle. A given point on a sphere is a pole of exactly one great circle.

A spherical angle is the angle formed by two arcs of intersecting great circles drawn from the same point on a sphere. The point of intersection is called the vertex of the angle, and the arcs the sides of the angle. The measure of a spherical angle ABC is defined to be

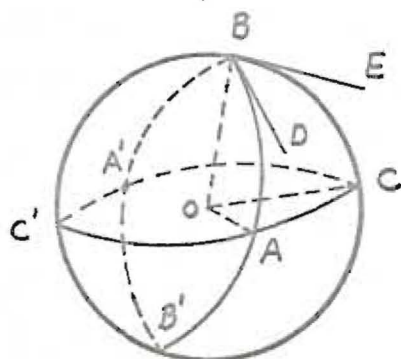


Figure 2

the measure of the plane angle DBE formed by the tangents BD and BE to the arcs AB and BC at their point of intersection, B. (Figure 2) This is numerically equal to the measure of the dihedral angle formed by the intersection of the planes of the great circles BAB' and BCB'. If the planes are perpendicular, angle ABC is a right spherical angle.

A spherical triangle can be described in two equivalent ways. First, a spherical triangle is formed by three arcs of great circles. Secondly, let A, B, and C be three points of a sphere not all on the same great circle of the sphere. Then, the three arcs of great circles connecting A, B, and C form spherical triangle ABC. (Figure 2)

The arcs are the sides of the triangle, the spherical angles formed by the intersection of the arcs are the angles of the triangle, and the points of intersection of the arcs are the vertices of the triangle.

The planes of the sides of the spherical triangle form the trihedral angle O-ABC. (Figure 2) Each side of a spherical triangle is measured by the central angle of the sphere which intercepts it. Thus, side AC has the measure of central angle AOC, or of the corresponding face angle of the trihedral angle.

A common notation for indicating the sides and angles of a spherical triangle ABC is to let A, B, and C represent

the angles at A, B, and C, respectively, and to let a, b, and c represent the corresponding opposite sides. It is also a common agreement, although not essential, to consider only spherical triangles whose sides and angles are each less than 180° [6;177-178], [9;213-215].

Definitions

The following definitions will be useful in the work that follows.

Convex spherical triangles. Let ABA' , ACA' , and BCB' be any three planes having only the center of the sphere in common. (Figure 2) These three planes divide the sphere into eight spherical triangles. The surface of the hemisphere $A-BCB'C'$ is divided into four spherical triangles: ABC , $AB'C$, $AB'C'$, and ABC' . Each part of each one of the last three triangles is equal to or is a supplement of the parts of triangle ABC . Each one of the four triangles in the hemisphere $A'-BCB'C'$ is symmetric to one of the triangles in hemisphere $A-BCB'C'$. Each of these eight spherical triangles has only parts that are each less than 180° . Such triangles are convex. In the work that follows only convex spherical triangles will be considered. Any reference to a spherical triangle shall mean a convex spherical triangle unless otherwise stated. Frequently, when no confusion can

arise from it, triangle will mean spherical triangle.

Any spherical triangle which has a side greater than 180° , as $ABCA'C'$, will be made up of three or five convex triangles. Such a triangle is called a reentrant triangle. A reentrant triangle has one or two reentrant angles. If either side of a reentrant angle is extended through the vertex, it enters the triangle. The parts of a reentrant triangle are easily determined from the parts of the convex triangle, as ABC [14;152-153].

Lune. A lune is the part of a sphere enclosed by two great semicircles. The angle of a lune is the angle formed by the semicircles [14;156].

Spherical excess. The spherical excess of a spherical triangle is the amount by which the sum of the three angles exceeds 180° or π radians [14;191].

Types Of Spherical Triangles

A spherical triangle, like a plane triangle, may be right, obtuse, or acute. It may also be classified equilateral, equiangular, scalene, or isosceles [15;188].

Right triangle. A spherical triangle is right if it has at least one angle equal to 90° .

Bi-rectangular triangle. A spherical triangle is bi-rectangular if it has two right angles.

Tri-rectangular triangle. A spherical triangle is tri-rectangular if it has three right angles.

Isosceles triangle. A spherical triangle is isosceles if two of its sides are equal.

Oblique triangle. A spherical triangle is oblique if it is not a right triangle [8;126].

Quadrantal triangle. A spherical triangle is quadrantal if at least one side is equal to a quadrant, or 90° [7;76].

Bi-quadrantal triangle. A spherical triangle is bi-quadrantal if two sides are each equal to a quadrant, or 90° .

Tri-quadrantal triangle. A spherical triangle is tri-quadrantal if all three sides are each equal to a quadrant, or 90° [3;126].

Polar triangles. If ABC is a spherical triangle, it is possible to construct the three great circles that have A, B, and C, respectively, as poles. These three great circles will intersect to form eight spherical triangles, exactly one of them labeled A'B'C' (Figure 3) and having the following properties:

1. A, B, and C are, respectively, poles of the great circles on which $B'C'$, $A'C'$, and $A'B'$ lie.
2. A and A' are on the same side of the great circle containing $B'C'$; B and B' are on the same side of the great circle containing $A'C'$; C and C' are on the same side of the great circle containing $A'B'$.

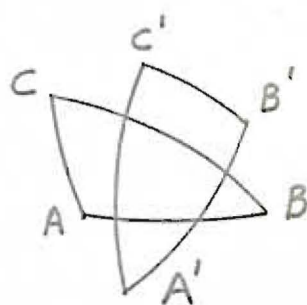
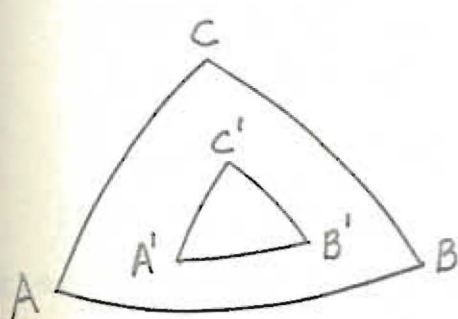


Figure 3

Triangle $A'B'C'$ is called the polar triangle of ABC .

It is also true that ABC is the polar triangle of $A'B'C'$ [6;179].

Colunar triangles. Associated with any spherical triangle ABC are three colunar triangles $A'BC$, $AB'C$, and ABC' formed by extending pairs of sides of triangle ABC to meet in points A' , B' , and C' to form the lunes AA' , BB' , and CC' , respectively. (Figure 4)

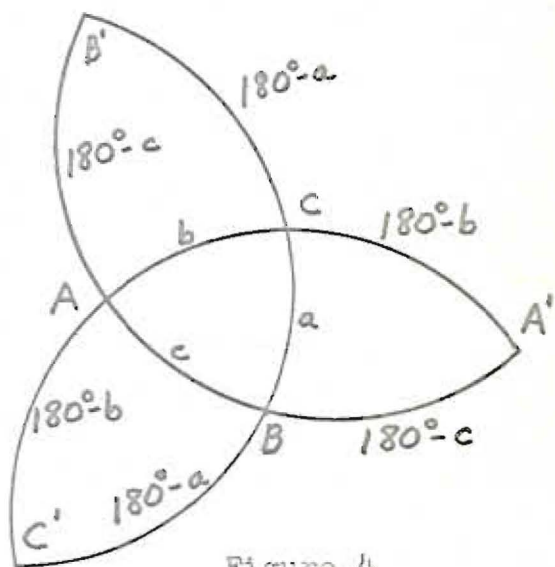


Figure 4

The relationship between the parts of triangle ABC and the parts of one of the colunar triangles is easily seen. Take lune BB', triangles ABC and AB'C, for example. In lune BB', angle B = angle B' and the sides of the lune each equal 180° .

Thus,

$$AB' = 180 - c ; \quad B'C = 180^\circ - a ;$$

$$b = b ; \quad \angle B'AC = 180^\circ - \angle BAC ;$$

$$\angle ACB' = 180^\circ - \angle ACB ; \quad B = B' .$$

If any information is known of a spherical(colunar) triangle, the corresponding information is also known for the colunar(original)triangle[1;634-635].

Theorems From Spherical Geometry

The following theorems from spherical geometry will be stated without proof:

I. Any side of a spherical triangle is less than the sum of the other two sides.

II. The sum of the sides of a spherical triangle is less than 360° .

III. The sum of the angles of a spherical triangle is greater than 180° and less than 540° .

IV. In any isosceles spherical triangle the angles opposite the equal sides are equal.

V. If two angles of a spherical triangle are equal, the sides opposite these equal angles are equal, and the triangle is isosceles.

VI. In any spherical triangle, if two angles are unequal, the opposite sides are unequal, the greater side being opposite the greater angle.

VII. If two sides of a spherical triangle are unequal, the opposite angles are unequal, the greater angle being opposite the greater side [9;215-216].

VIII. If $A'B'C'$ is the polar triangle of ABC , then ABC is the polar triangle of $A'B'C'$.

IX. Each side of triangle ABC is the supplement of the corresponding angle of the polar triangle $A'B'C'$; each angle of ABC is the supplement of the corresponding side of $A'B'C'$ [6;179].

X. The difference between any two angles of a spherical triangle is less than the supplement of the third angle [11;20].

IV. BASIC FORMULAS OF SPHERICAL TRIGONOMETRY

The following formulas, essential to the solution of spherical triangles, are developed in chapters two through five.

Formulas Of Right Triangles

$$\cos c = \cos a \cos b \quad (1) \qquad \cos B = \tan a \cot c \quad (6)$$

$$\sin a = \sin c \sin A \quad (2) \qquad \sin a = \tan b \cot B \quad (7)$$

$$\cos A = \tan b \cot c \quad (3) \qquad \cos B = \cos b \sin A \quad (8)$$

$$\sin b = \tan a \cot A \quad (4) \qquad \cos A = \cos a \sin B \quad (9)$$

$$\sin b = \sin c \sin B \quad (5) \qquad \cos c = \cot A \cot B \quad (10)$$

Napier's Rules

- I. The sine of any middle part is equal to the product of the tangents of the adjacent parts.
- II. The sine of any middle part is equal to the product of the cosines of the opposite parts.

Rules of Species

Rule 1. An oblique angle and its opposite side are always of the same species.

Rule 2. If the hypotenuse is less than 90° , the two oblique angles (and therefore the two sides) are of the same species; if it is greater than 90° , the two angles (and therefore the two sides) are of different species.

Formulas Of Oblique Triangles

Law of sines.

$$\frac{\sin a}{\sin A} = \frac{\sin b}{\sin B} = \frac{\sin c}{\sin C} \quad (11)$$

Law of cosines for sides.

$$\cos a = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A \quad (12)$$

$$\cos b = \cos a \cos c + \sin a \sin c \cos B \quad (13)$$

$$\cos c = \cos a \cos b + \sin a \sin b \cos C \quad (14)$$

Law of cosines for angles.

$$\cos A = -\cos B \cos C + \sin B \sin C \cos a \quad (15)$$

$$\cos B = -\cos A \cos C + \sin A \sin C \cos b \quad (16)$$

$$\cos C = -\cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B \cos c \quad (17)$$

Law of cosines in terms of haversines.

$$\text{hav } a = \text{hav}(b-c) + \sin b \sin c \text{hav } A \quad (18)$$

$$\text{hav } b = \text{hav}(a-c) + \sin a \sin c \text{hav } B \quad (19)$$

$$\text{hav } c = \text{hav}(a-b) + \sin a \sin b \text{hav } C \quad (20)$$

Half angle formulas.

$$\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) = s \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{2}(b+c-a) = s - a \quad ; \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(a+c-b) = s - b; \quad \frac{1}{2}(a+b-c) = s - c \quad .$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}A = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin b \sin c}} \quad (22)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}A = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-a)}{\sin b \sin c}} \quad (23)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}A = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin s \sin(s-a)}} \quad (24)$$

Formulas (25) through (30) are similar formulas for the sine, cosine, and tangent of one-half of the angles B and C.

Half side formulas.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C) &= S ; \quad \frac{1}{2}(B+C-A) = S - A ; \\ \frac{1}{2}(A+C-B) &= S - B ; \quad \frac{1}{2}(A+B-C) = S - C \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (31)$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}a = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-A)}{\sin B \sin C}} \quad (32)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}a = \sqrt{\frac{\cos(S-B) \cos(S-C)}{\sin B \sin C}} \quad (33)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}a = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-A)}{\cos(S-B) \cos(S-C)}} \quad (34)$$

Formulas (35) through (40) are similar formulas for the sine, cosine, and tangent of one-half of the sides b and c.

Gauss's Equations or Delambre's Analogies.

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}c = \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C \quad (41)$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}c = \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C \quad (42)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C \quad (43)$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C \quad (44)$$

Napier's Analogies.

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)} \cot \frac{1}{2}C \quad (45)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b)} \cot \frac{1}{2}C \quad (46)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(a+b) = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B)} \tan \frac{1}{2}c \quad (47)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b) = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B)} \tan \frac{1}{2}c \quad (48)$$

Spherical Excess

$$E = A+B+C-180^\circ \quad (49)$$

Area of a spherical triangle.

$$H = \pi r^2 E/180 \quad (50)$$

Girard's Theorem.

$$H = r^2 E \quad (51)$$

Lhuillier's Theorem.

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \sqrt{\tan \frac{1}{2}s \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-a) \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-c)} \quad (52)$$

Cagnoli's Theorem.

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sqrt{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}}{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}a \cos \frac{1}{2}b \cos \frac{1}{2}c} \quad (53)$$

Two sides and their included angle.

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \sin C}{1 + \tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \cos C} \quad (54)$$

Several other formulas for a very specific application are also developed within this work but are not of a basic nature and for this reason are not included in this compilation.

CHAPTER II

RIGHT SPHERICAL TRIANGLES

The development of methods of solving spherical triangles will be initiated by first examining right spherical triangles in which the sides adjacent to the right angle are each less than 90° . The ten basic formulas commonly associated with solving right spherical triangles will be developed, first for the special case mentioned above, then secondly expanded to the general case of not restricting the sides of the triangle. Napier's rules of circular parts will be stated and shown to be an easy device to use in remembering these formulas. Rules for determining the quadrants (species) of the parts obtained in solving right spherical triangles will be stated and shown to be valid. Several examples of solutions of triangles will be given illustrating the use of Napier's rules.

I. FORMULAS FOR RIGHT SPHERICAL TRIANGLES

Let ABC be a right spherical triangle with angle C a right angle. Let a, b, and c represent the sides opposite the angles A, B, and C respectively. (Figure 5) Restrict a and b to measures less than 90° .

At any point E on OB, pass a plane through E perpendicular to OA cutting OC at F. Since plane DEF is perpendicular

to OA, DE and DF are each perpendicular to OA. Plane DEF is perpendicular to plane AOC, since plane DEF is perpendicular to OA, a line in plane AOC.

Angle C, a right angle, makes plane BOC perpendicular to plane AOC.

Thus, EF, the intersection of the two planes BOC and DEF both perpendicular to plane AOC, is perpendicular to plane AOC. Hence, EF is perpendicular to both OC and DF. This makes triangle DEF right-angled at F [6;180]. DE in plane AOB and perpendicular to OA, and DF in plane AOC and perpendicular to OA, implies that angle EDF and angle A have the same measure.

Angle AOC has the measure of side b, angle AOB has the measure of side c, and angle BOC has the measure of side a [9;217-218]. Triangles ODF, ODE, and OFE are right-angled at D, D, and F, respectively. These relationships and the following proportions give the desired results.

$$\frac{OD}{OE} = \frac{OF}{OE} \cdot \frac{OD}{OF} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos c = \cos a \cos b \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{EF}{OE} = \frac{DE}{OE} \cdot \frac{EF}{DE} \quad \text{or} \quad \sin a = \sin c \sin A \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{DF}{DE} = \frac{DF}{OD} \cdot \frac{OD}{DE} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos A = \tan b \cot c \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{DF}{OF} = \frac{EF}{OE} \cdot \frac{DF}{EF} \quad \text{or} \quad \sin b = \tan a \cot A \quad (4)$$

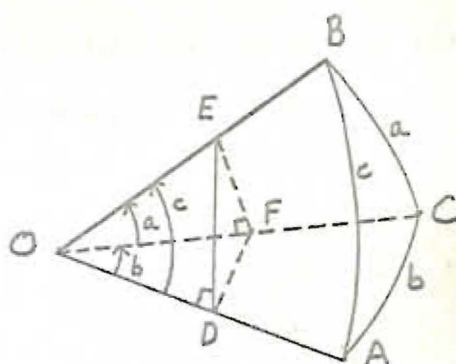


Figure 5

Since the labeling of right spherical triangle ABC was arbitrary with the exception of angle C, interchanging A and B and a and b gives:

$$\sin b = \sin c \sin B \quad (5)$$

$$\cos B = \tan a \cot c \quad (6)$$

$$\sin a = \tan b \cot B \quad (7)$$

from (2), (3), and (4) respectively.

Multiplying (2) and (6) yields:

$$\sin a \cos B = \sin c \sin A \tan a \cot c$$

$$\cos B = \frac{\sin c \sin A \sin a \cos c}{\sin a \cos a \sin c} = \frac{\cos c}{\cos a} \sin A,$$

but from (1) $\frac{\cos c}{\cos a} = \cos b$, therefore:

$$\cos B = \cos b \sin A \quad (8)$$

Interchanging A and B and a and b, (8) becomes

$$\cos A = \cos a \sin B \quad (9)$$

Multiplying (4) and (7) yields:

$$\sin a \sin b = \tan a \tan b \cot A \cot B$$

and dividing both sides by $\tan a \tan b$, this becomes

$$\cos a \cos b = \cot A \cot B$$

and using $\cos a \cos b = \cos c$ from (1) the final result is:

$$\cos c = \cot A \cot B \quad (10) \quad [9;218-219].$$

Equations (1) through (10) are the ten basic formulas used to solve right spherical triangles.

General proof of formulas (1) through (10). Formulas (1) through (10) were proved with the restriction that both

a and b were less than 90° . Two other possibilities exist: (i) exactly one of sides a and b could be less than 90° and the other greater than 90° , or (ii) both a and b could be greater than 90° .

Now to examine the first possibility. Without loss of generality, assume that a is greater than 90° while b is less than 90° . Extend arcs

BA and BC of right spherical triangle ABC through A and C respectively to meet in point B' , cutting out the lune BB' . (Figure 6) With a greater than 90° this makes $180-a$ less than 90° . Formulas (1) through (10) can thus be applied to right spherical triangle $AB'C$.

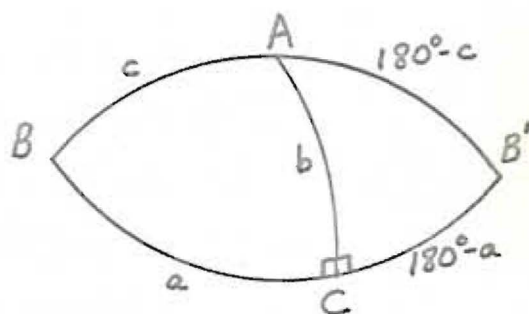


Figure 6

Next to proceed to show that formulas (1) through (10) are also valid in triangle ABC . Applying (1) to triangle $AB'C$ gives:

$$\cos(180-c) = \cos(180-a) \cos b \quad \text{which is}$$

$$-\cos c = -\cos a \cos b \quad \text{or}$$

$$\cos c = \cos a \cos b.$$

This is formula (1) applied to triangle ABC . In a similar manner, formulas (2) through (10) will be shown to

valid when applied to triangle ABC.

$$\text{From (2), } \sin(180-a) = \sin(180-c) \sin(180-A)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin a = \sin c \sin A.$$

$$\text{From (3), } \cos(180-A) = \tan b \cot(180-c)$$

$$-\cos A = \tan b(-\cot c)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos A = \tan b \cot c.$$

$$\text{From (4), } \sin b = \tan(180-a) \cot(180-A)$$

$$\sin b = -\tan a(-\cot A)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin b = \tan a \cot A.$$

$$\text{From (5), } \sin b = \sin(180-c) \sin B'$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin b = \sin c \sin B.$$

$$\text{From (6), } \cos B' = \tan(180-a) \cot(180-c)$$

$$\cos B = -\tan a(-\cot c)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos B = \tan a \cot c.$$

$$\text{From (7), } \sin(180-a) = \tan b \cot B'$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin a = \tan b \cot B.$$

$$\text{From (8), } \cos B' = \cos b \sin(180-A)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos B = \cos b \sin A.$$

$$\text{From (9), } \cos(180-A) = \cos(180-a) \sin B'$$

$$-\cos A = -\cos a \sin B$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos A = \cos a \sin B.$$

$$\text{From (10), } \cos(180-c) = \cot(180-A) \cot B'$$

$$-\cos c = -\cot A \cot B$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos c = \cot A \cot B.$$

Consider the remaining possibility, that is, suppose right spherical triangle ABC has both a and b greater than 90° . Extend arcs CB and CA of

right spherical triangle ABC through B and A respectively, meeting at C' . (Figure 7) With a and b each greater than 90° ,

$180-a$ and $180-b$ will each be less than 90° . Now to apply formulas (1) through (10) to right spherical triangle ABC' .

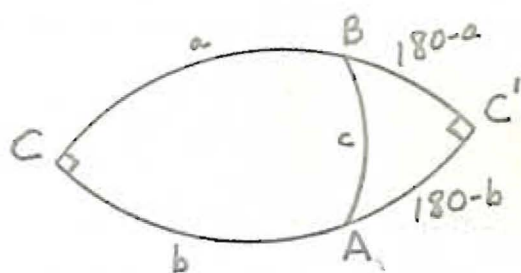


Figure 7

$$\text{From (1), } \cos c = \cos(180-a) \cos(180-b)$$

$$\cos c = -\cos a (-\cos b)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos c = \cos a \cos b.$$

$$\text{From (2), } \sin(180-a) = \sin c \sin(180-A)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin a = \sin c \sin A.$$

$$\text{From (3), } \cos(180-A) = \tan(180-b) \cot c$$

$$-\cos A = -\tan b \cot c$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos A = \tan b \cot c.$$

$$\text{From (4), } \sin(180-b) = \tan(180-a) \cot(180-A)$$

$$\sin b = -\tan a (-\cot A)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin b = \tan a \cot A.$$

$$\text{From (5), } \sin(180-b) = \sin c \sin(180-B)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin b = \sin c \sin B.$$

From (6), $\cos(180-B) = \tan(180-a) \cot c$

$$-\cos B = -\tan a \cot c$$

Therefore, $\cos B = \tan a \cot c$.

From (7), $\sin(180-a) = \tan(180-b) \cot(180-B)$

$$\sin a = -\tan b(-\cot B)$$

Therefore, $\sin a = \tan b \cot B$.

From (8), $\cos(180-B) = \cos(180-b) \sin(180-A)$

$$-\cos B = -\cos b \sin A$$

Therefore, $\cos b = \cos b \sin A$.

From (9), $\cos(180-A) = \cos(180-a) \sin(180-B)$

$$-\cos A = -\cos a \sin B$$

Therefore, $\cos A = \cos a \sin B$.

From (10), $\cos c = \cot(180-A) \cot(180-B)$

$$\cos c = -\cot A(-\cot B)$$

Therefore, $\cos c = \cot A \cot B$.

This completes the verification of formulas (1) through (10) for any right spherical triangle ABC with right angle at C [14;165-166].

II. NAPIER'S RULES OF CIRCULAR PARTS

John Napier (about 1614) discovered two simple rules for recalling the ten formulas just derived for solving right spherical triangles. If ABC is a right spherical triangle, right-angled at C, the parts of the triangle are C, a, B, c, a, b. (Figure 8) If C is omitted, for it is not in-

volved in the ten formulas, and B , c , and A are replaced by $\text{co-}B$, $\text{co-}c$, and $\text{co-}A$ respectively, the five circular parts of the right spherical triangle become a , $\text{co-}B$, $\text{co-}c$, $\text{co-}A$, and b . (Figure 9) Now $\text{co-}B = 90^\circ - B$, that is, $\text{co-}B$ represents the co-function of B .

The same is true for $\text{co-}c$ and $\text{co-}A$. Notice that it is possible to think of these five parts as being arranged around a circle or around triangle ABC with the order preserved. For any circular part, usually referred to

as a middle part, there are two parts adjacent to it and two other parts which are called opposite parts. Thus, with respect to the middle part $\text{co-}B$, $\text{co-}c$ and a are the adjacent parts while $\text{co-}A$ and b are the opposite parts.

Using this terminology, Napier's rules of circular parts are:

- I. The sine of any middle part is equal to the product of the tangents of the adjacent parts.
- II. The sine of any middle part is equal to the product of the cosines of the opposite parts [9;219-220].

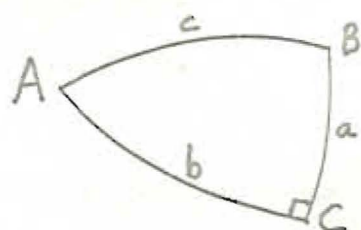


Figure 8

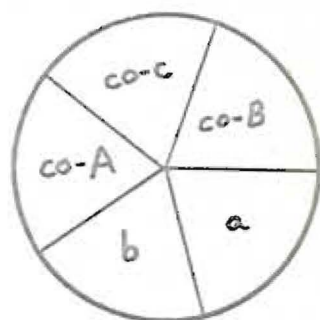


Figure 9

Using rule I and co-c as the middle part:

$$\sin(\text{co-c}) = \tan(\text{co-A}) \tan(\text{co-B}), \text{ or}$$

$$\cos c = \cot A \cot B.$$

This is formula (10). Using rule II and co-c as the middle part:

$$\sin(\text{co-c}) = \cos a \cos b, \text{ or}$$

$$\cos c = \cos a \cos b.$$

This is formula (1). If each rule were applied to each circular part all of formulas (1) through (10) would be produced [6;186].

A helpful device in remembering Napier's rules is to associate the a in tangent and adjacent and the o in cosine and opposite [3;137].

III. RULES OF QUADRANTS(SPECIES) FOR RIGHT SPHERICAL TRIANGLES

Two angular quantities, sides and/or angles, are said to be of the same species if their angular measures are both acute or both obtuse; and two angular quantities are of different species if one of their angular measures is acute and the other obtuse [6;181]. The following rules are useful in determining the species of parts of a right spherical triangle.

Rule 1. An oblique angle and its opposite side are always of the same species.

Rule 2. If the hypotenuse is less than 90° , the two

oblique angles (and therefore the two sides) are of the same species; if it is greater than 90° , the two angles (and therefore the two sides) are of different species [3;138].

To verify rule 1, investigate the formula $\sin b = \tan a \cot A$ (4) and the formula $\sin a = \tan b \cot B$ (7). $\sin b$ is always positive so that $\tan a$ and $\cot A$ must both have the same sign which is equivalent to saying a and A are of the same species. Using $\sin a = \tan b \cot B$ and a similar argument it is obvious that b and B must also be of the same species. This verifies rule 1.

To verify rule 2, recall that formula (10) relates c , A , and B by $\cos c = \cot A \cot B$. First, if c is less than 90° , $\cos c$ is positive making $\cot A \cot B$ positive. Thus $\cot A$ and $\cot B$ have the same sign making A and B of the same species. From rule 1, this makes a and b of the same species in this case. Secondly, if c is greater than 90° , again recalling $\cos c = \cot A \cot B$, $\cos c$ is negative making $\cot A$ and $\cot B$ have opposite signs. Thus A and B are of different species, and again employing rule 1, it is obvious that a and b are of different species. This verifies rule 2.

IV. SOLUTION OF RIGHT SPHERICAL TRIANGLES

In order to solve a right spherical triangle it is necessary to know two parts of the triangle in addition to

the right angle. As a result, there are six possible cases to be considered. Classifying them with the given parts, they are:

- I. Given the hypotenuse and an angle.
- II. Given the hypotenuse and a side.
- III. Given the two angles.
- IV. Given the two sides.
- V. Given an angle and the adjacent side.
- VI. Given an angle and the opposite side [3;139].

It is not necessary to refer to formulas (1) through (10) in the computation required. Instead, Napier's rules will give the desired relationships. Depending upon the parts given, any right spherical triangle will have one solution, two solutions, or no solution [6;182]. Each of these situations will be illustrated in examples to follow.

The following steps make the solution of right spherical triangles a logical and orderly process:

- (a) Use Napier's rules to express each of the three unknown parts as a function of the two given parts.
- (b) Arrange the functions in (a) for logarithmic computation.
- (c) Compute using logarithms but being careful to keep track of negative factors.
- (d) Use the rules of species to determine the species

of each of the unknown parts if its species is not determined by the sign of the result.

(e) If a check is desired, use Napier's rules to express a relationship between the unknown parts, then carry this relationship through steps (b), (c), and (d) [3;139-140].

Case I. Given the hypotenuse and an angle. Let ABC be a right spherical triangle with $C = 90^\circ$, $B = 58^\circ 20'$, and $c = 85^\circ 40'$. (Figure 10) The unknown

parts are a , b , and A . Using Napier's rules, $\sin b = \cos(\text{co-}B) \cos(\text{co-}c)$, $\sin(\text{co-}B) = \tan(\text{co-}c) \tan a$, and $\sin(\text{co-}c) = \tan(\text{co-}B) \tan(\text{co-}A)$ are the needed relationships between given parts and unknown parts. Rearranging and applying the co-function identities, these relationships become

$\sin b = \sin B \sin c$, $\tan a = \cos B \tan c$, and $\cot A = \cos c \tan B$.

Substituting in the values of B and c , these equations become $\sin b = \sin 58^\circ 20' \sin 85^\circ 40'$, $\tan a = \cos 58^\circ 20' \tan 85^\circ 40'$, and $\cot A = \cos 85^\circ 40' \tan 58^\circ 20'$. Using four-place logarithms the computation is as follows:

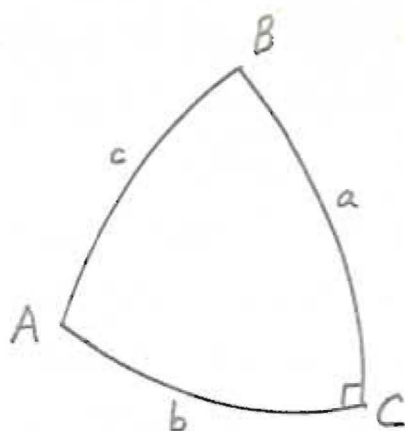


Figure 10

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \sin 58^{\circ}20' &= 9.9300 - 10 \\
 \log \sin 85^{\circ}40' &= \underline{9.9988 - 10} \\
 \log \sin b &= 9.9288 - 10 \\
 b &= 58^{\circ}5' \text{ or } \underline{121^{\circ}55'}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \cos 58^{\circ}20' &= 9.7201 - 10 \\
 \log \tan 85^{\circ}40' &= \underline{1.1205} \\
 \log \tan a &= 0.8406 \\
 a &= 81^{\circ}47' \text{ or } \underline{98^{\circ}13'}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \cos 85^{\circ}40' &= 8.8783 - 10 \\
 \log \tan 58^{\circ}20' &= \underline{0.2098} \\
 \log \cot A &= 9.0881 - 10 \\
 A &= 83^{\circ}1' \text{ or } \underline{96^{\circ}59'}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The sine function is positive in both the first and second quadrants indicating b could be $58^{\circ}5'$ or $121^{\circ}55'$.

The latter is eliminated by rule 1 of species which says an oblique angle and its opposite side are of the same species. B is acute, therefore $b = 58^{\circ}5'$.

The tangent and cotangent functions are each positive in the first quadrant and negative in the second quadrant and since all factors in computing $\tan a$ and $\cot A$ are positive, $\tan a$ and $\cot A$ are also positive. This makes a and A both acute, or $a = 81^{\circ}47'$ and $A = 83^{\circ}1'$.

To check the results, use Napier's rules and the unknown parts a , b , and A to get $\sin b = \tan a \tan(\text{co-}A)$ or $\sin b = \tan a \cot A$. Substituting in the results for a , b , and A , this becomes $\sin 58^{\circ}5' = \tan 81^{\circ}47' \cot 83^{\circ}1'$. Using four-place logarithms the computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \tan 81^{\circ}47' &= 0.8406 \\
 \log \cot 83^{\circ}1' &= \underline{9.0881 - 10} \\
 \log \tan a + \log \cot A &= 9.9287 - 10 \\
 \log \sin 58^{\circ}5' &= 9.9288 - 10
 \end{aligned}$$

A rounding off loss or gain could easily produce such a small difference in results. Thus, the conclusion is that the answers are correct.

Case II. Given the hypotenuse and a side. Let ABC be a right spherical triangle with $C = 90^\circ$, $b = 49^\circ 56'$, and $c = 112^\circ 51'$. (Figure 11) The unknown parts are A, B, and a.

Using Napier's rules, $\sin(\text{co-A}) = \tan b \tan(\text{co-c})$, $\sin b = \cos(\text{co-c}) \cos(\text{co-B})$, and $\sin(\text{co-c}) = \cos a \cos b$. Solving these for the unknown parts gives $\cos A = \tan b \cot c$, $\sin B = \sin b / \sin c$, and $\cos a = \cos c / \cos b$. Substituting in the values of b and c and using four-place logarithms, the computation is as follows:

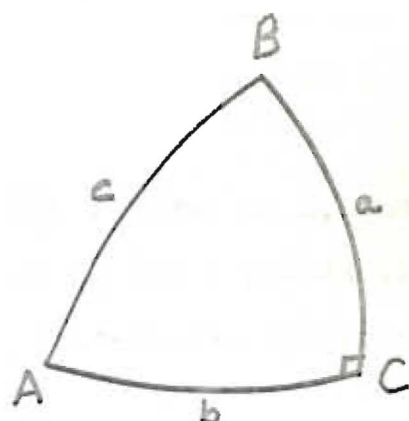


Figure 11

$$\begin{aligned} \log \tan b &= \log \tan 49^\circ 56' = & \log \tan 49^\circ 56' &= 0.0752 \\ \log \cot c &= \log \cot 112^\circ 51' = (n) \log \cot 67^\circ 09' &= \frac{9.6247}{9.6999} - 10 \\ \log \cos A &= & &= 9.6999 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \frac{59^\circ 56'}{120^\circ 4'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \sin b &= \log \sin 49^\circ 56' = & \log \sin 49^\circ 56' &= 19.8839 - 20 \\ \log \sin c &= \log \sin 112^\circ 51' = & \log \sin 67^\circ 09' &= \frac{9.9645}{9.9194} - 10 \\ \log \sin B &= & &= 9.9194 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$B = \frac{56^\circ 10'}{123^\circ 50'}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos c &= \log \cos 112^{\circ}51' = (n) \log \cos 67^{\circ}09' = 19.5892 - 20 \\ \log \cos b &= \log \cos 49^{\circ}56' = \log \cos 49^{\circ}56' = \frac{9.8087 - 10}{9.7805 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$a = \frac{52^{\circ}54'}{127^{\circ}06'} \text{ or}$$

The (n) in the computation is a reminder that the factor following it is negative. In the computation of A and a, each process contained one negative factor meaning that $\cos A$ and $\cos a$ were negative, thus A and a must be in the second quadrant. The acute value for B is chosen since b is also acute.

The check requires a relationship between A, B, and a. Proceeding as before, $\sin(\cos A) = \cos(\cos B) \cos a$ yields $\cos 120^{\circ}4' = \sin 56^{\circ}10' \cos 127^{\circ}06'$. Using four-place logarithms, the computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin 56^{\circ}10' &= \log \sin 56^{\circ}10' = 9.9194 - 10 \\ \log \cos 127^{\circ}06' &= (n) \log \cos 52^{\circ}54' = \frac{9.7805 - 10}{9.6999 - 10} \\ \log \sin B + \log \cos a &= 9.6999 - 10 \\ \log \cos 120^{\circ}4' &= (n) \log \cos 59^{\circ}56' = 9.6999 - 10\end{aligned}$$

This completes the check.

Case III. Given the two angles. Let ABC be a right

spherical triangle with $C = 90^{\circ}$,
 $A = 48^{\circ}20'$, and $B = 100^{\circ}40'$. (Figure 12)

The unknown parts are a, b, and c.

As before, $\sin(\cos A) = \cos a$

$\cos(\cos B), \sin(\cos B) = \cos b$

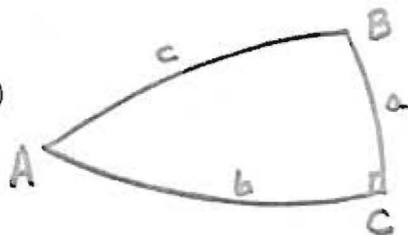


Figure 12

$\cos(\cos-A)$, and $\sin(\cos-c) = \tan(\cos-A) \tan(\cos-B)$. Then $\cos a = \cos A/\sin B$, $\cos b = \cos B/\sin A$, $\cos c = \cot A \cot B$. The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cos A &= \log \cos 48^{\circ}20' = \log \cos 48^{\circ}20' = 19.8227 - 20 \\ \log \sin B &= \log \sin 100^{\circ}40' = \log \sin 79^{\circ}20' = \frac{9.9924 - 10}{9.8303 - 10} \\ &\quad \log \cos a \end{aligned}$$

$$a = 47^{\circ}26' \text{ or } 132^{\circ}31'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cos B &= \log \cos 100^{\circ}40' = (n) \log \cos 79^{\circ}20' = 19.2674 - 20 \\ \log \sin A &= \log \sin 48^{\circ}20' = \log \sin 48^{\circ}20' = \frac{9.8733 - 10}{9.3941 - 10} \\ &\quad \log \cos b \end{aligned}$$

$$b = 75^{\circ}39' \text{ or } 104^{\circ}21'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cot A &= \log \cot 48^{\circ}20' = \log \cot 48^{\circ}20' = 9.9494 - 10 \\ \log \cot B &= \log \cot 100^{\circ}40' = (n) \log \cot 79^{\circ}20' = \frac{9.2750 - 10}{9.2244 - 10} \\ &\quad \log \cos c \end{aligned}$$

$$c = 80^{\circ}21' \text{ or } 99^{\circ}39'.$$

The specific values of a , b , and c to accept are easily determined by the cosine function and the sign of the result as determined by the number of negative factors. Observe that the answers still obey the rules of species. A and a , as also B and b , are of the same species. The second rule of species states c should be obtuse since A and B are of different species and this also agrees with the results.

A check involves substituting the results into $\cos c = \cos a \cos b$.

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cos a &= \log \cos 47^{\circ}26' = \log \cos 47^{\circ}26' = 9.8303 - 10 \\ \log \cos b &= \log \cos 104^{\circ}21' = (n) \log \cos 75^{\circ}39' = \frac{9.3941 - 10}{9.2244 - 10} \\ &\quad \log \cos a + \log \cos b \end{aligned}$$

$$\log \cos c = \log \cos 99^{\circ}39' = (n) \log \cos 80^{\circ}21' = 9.2244 - 10$$

The results agree in sign and magnitude, thus the check is complete.

Case IV. Given the two sides. Let ABC be a right spherical triangle with $C = 90^{\circ}$, $a = 98^{\circ}15'$, and $b = 100^{\circ}33'$.

(Figure 13) The unknown parts are

A, B, and c. Expressing each

of these in terms of a and b

with the help of Napier's rules,

the relationships are: $\sin b =$

$\tan a \tan(\text{co-}A)$, $\sin a = \tan b$

$\tan(\text{co-}B)$, and $\sin(\text{co-}c) = \cos a$

$\cos b$. These relationships be-

come $\cot A = \sin b \cot a$, $\cot B =$

$\sin a \cot b$, and $\cos c = \cos a \cos b$. The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \sin b &= \log \sin 100^{\circ}33' = & \log \sin 79^{\circ}27' &= 9.9926 - 10 \\ \log \cot a &= \log \cot 98^{\circ}15' = (n) \log \cot 81^{\circ}45' &= \underline{9.1614 - 10} \\ & & \log \cot A &= 9.1540 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \frac{81^{\circ}53'}{98^{\circ}7'} \text{ or } 98^{\circ}7'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \sin a &= \log \sin 98^{\circ}15' = & \log \sin 81^{\circ}45' &= 9.9955 - 10 \\ \log \cot b &= \log \cot 100^{\circ}33' = (n) \log \cot 79^{\circ}27' &= \underline{9.2701 - 10} \\ & & \log \cot B &= 9.2656 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$B = \frac{79^{\circ}33'}{100^{\circ}27'} \text{ or } 100^{\circ}27'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cos a &= \log \cos 98^{\circ}15' = (n) \log \cos 81^{\circ}45' &= 9.1568 - 10 \\ \log \cos b &= \log \cos 100^{\circ}33' = (n) \log \cos 79^{\circ}27' &= \underline{9.2626 - 10} \\ & & \log \cos c &= 8.4194 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$c = \frac{88^{\circ}30'}{91^{\circ}30'} \text{ or } 91^{\circ}30'.$$

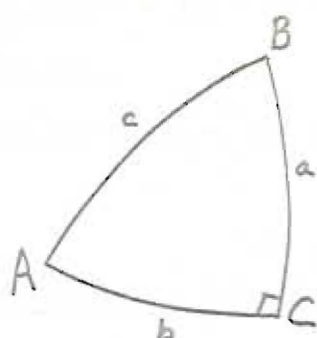


Figure 13

It is not necessary to refer to the rules for species because the signs of the final results tell which answers to exclude. The check formula is $\sin(\text{co-}c) = \tan(\text{co-}A) \tan(\text{co-}B)$ or $\cos c = \cot A \cot B$. The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cot A &= \log \cot 98^{\circ}7' &= 9.1540 - 10 \\ \log \cot B &= \log \cot 100^{\circ}27' &= \underline{9.2656 - 10} \\ \log \cot A + \log \cot B &= 8.4196 - 10 \\ \log \cos 88^{\circ}30' &= 8.4194 - 10\end{aligned}$$

Both factors are negative. $\cos c$ is positive.

The check agrees in sign and is satisfactory in magnitude.

Case V. Given an angle and the adjacent side. Let ABC be a right spherical triangle with $C = 90^{\circ}$, $A = 33^{\circ}40'$, and $b = 107^{\circ}10'$. (Figure 14) The

unknown parts are a , B , and c .

Thus, $\sin b = \tan(\text{co-}A) \tan a$,

$\sin(\text{co-}B) = \cos b \cos(\text{co-}A)$,

and $\sin(\text{co-}A) = \tan b \tan(\text{co-}c)$.

The formulas, changed into a

more workable form, become $\tan a =$

$\sin b \tan A$, $\cos B = \cos b \sin A$,

and $\cot c = \cos A \cot b$. The

computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin b &= \log \sin 107^{\circ}10' = \log \sin 72^{\circ}50' = 9.9802 - 10 \\ \log \tan A &= \log \tan 33^{\circ}40' = \log \tan 33^{\circ}40' = \underline{9.8235 - 10} \\ \log \tan a &= 9.8037 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$a = 32^{\circ}28' \text{ or } \underline{147^{\circ}32'}.$$

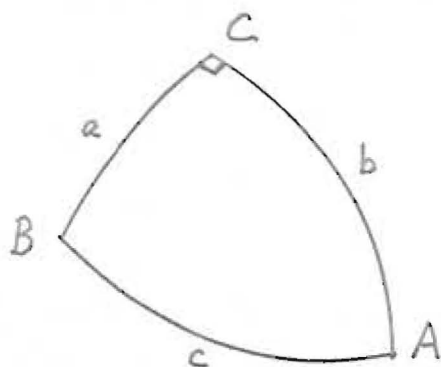


Figure 14

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos b &= \log \cos 107^{\circ}10' = (n) \log \cos 72^{\circ}50' = 9.4700 - 10 \\ \log \sin A &= \log \sin 33^{\circ}40' = \log \sin 33^{\circ}40' = \underline{9.7438 - 10} \\ &\log \cos B = \underline{9.2138 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$B = \frac{80^{\circ}35'}{99^{\circ}25'} \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos A &= \log \cos 33^{\circ}40' = \log \cos 33^{\circ}40' = 9.9203 - 10 \\ \log \cot b &= \log \cot 107^{\circ}10' = (n) \log \cot 72^{\circ}50' = \underline{9.4898 - 10} \\ &\log \cot c = \underline{9.4101 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$c = \frac{75^{\circ}35'}{104^{\circ}25'} \text{ or}$$

The signs of the factors makes it easy to determine the species for each unknown part. The check formula, again by Napier's rules, is $\sin(\text{co-}B) = \tan a \tan(\text{co-}c)$ or $\cos B = \tan a \cot c$. The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \tan a &= \log \tan 32^{\circ}28' = 9.8037 - 10 \\ \log \cot c &= \log \cot 104^{\circ}25' = \underline{9.4101 - 10} \\ \log \tan a + \log \cot c &= \underline{9.2138 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$\log \cos B = \log \cos 99^{\circ}25' = 9.2138 - 10.$$

One factor is negative. $\cos B$ is negative.

The check is completed.

Case VI. The Ambiguous Case. Given an angle and the opposite side. Let ABC be any right spherical triangle with

$C = 90^{\circ}$ and in which an angle,

say B, and the side opposite

it, b, are known. (Figure 15) The

formulas used to solve for a, c,

and A are $\sin a = \tan b \tan(\text{co-}B)$,

$\sin b = \cos(\text{co-}c) \cos(\text{co-}B)$,

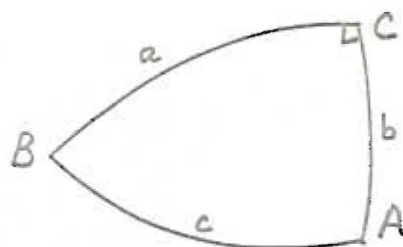


Figure 15

and $\sin(\text{co-}B) = \cos b \cos(\text{co-}A)$. In a more appropriate form these are $\sin a = \tan b \cot B$, $\sin c = \sin b/\sin B$, and $\sin A = \cos B/\cos b$. In looking at each one of these formulas, since B and b by rule one of species must be of the same species, the right hand side of each one of these formulas must be positive. But the sin function is positive in both the first and second quadrants so that a , c , and A can each take on a value and its supplement from $\sin a$, $\sin c$, and $\sin A$ respectively.

This can be illustrated in another manner. If arcs BC and BA each be produced to meet in B' , angle $B = \text{angle } B'$.

(Figure 16) The two triangles, ABC and $AB'C$, each of which has the same given, B and b , have two sets of answers; a , c , and A in triangle ABC , and $\text{co-}A$, $\text{co-}c$, and $\text{co-}a$ in triangle

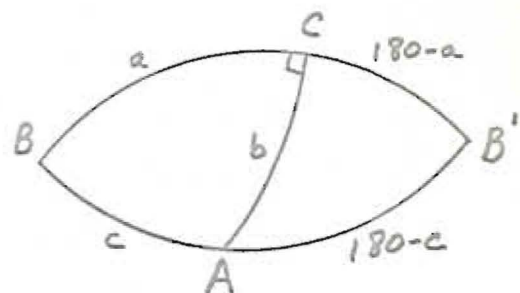


Figure 16

$AB'C$. Thus, it is possible to have two sets of answers when an angle and the side opposite are known [9;227]. An example of this follows.

Let $b = 114^{\circ}20'$ and $B = 96^{\circ}15'$. From the formulas derived above, substitutions and computation give:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \tan b &= \log \tan 114^{\circ}20' = (n) \log \tan 65^{\circ}40' = 0.3447 \\ \log \cot B &= \log \cot 96^{\circ}15' = (n) \log \cot 83^{\circ}45' = \frac{9.0394 - 10}{\log \sin a = 9.3841 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$a = 14^{\circ}1' \text{ or } 165^{\circ}59'.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin b &= \log \sin 114^{\circ}20' = \log \sin 65^{\circ}40' = 19.9596 - 20 \\ \log \sin B &= \log \sin 96^{\circ}15' = \log \sin 83^{\circ}45' = \frac{9.9974 - 10}{\log \sin c = 9.9622 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$c = 66^{\circ}27' \text{ or } 113^{\circ}33'.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos B &= \log \cos 96^{\circ}15' = (n) \log \cos 83^{\circ}45' = 19.0368 - 20 \\ \log \cos b &= \log \cos 114^{\circ}20' = (n) \log \cos 65^{\circ}40' = \frac{9.6149 - 10}{\log \sin A = 9.4219 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$A = 15^{\circ}19' \text{ or } 164^{\circ}41'.$$

The signs of the results do not give any indication of what to do with the results. It is necessary to employ the rules of species to group the answers correctly. Assuming $a = 14^{\circ}1'$ is correct for triangle ABC, then by rule 1, $A = 15^{\circ}19'$. By rule 2, the hypotenuse must be obtuse, thus $c = 113^{\circ}33'$. The solution of triangle AB'C is: $a = 165^{\circ}59'$; $c = 66^{\circ}27'$; and $A = 164^{\circ}41'$. These answers also satisfy the rules of species.

A check of the answers involves substituting into $\sin a = \sin c \sin A$.

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin c &= 9.9622 - 10 \\ \log \sin A &= \frac{9.4219 - 10}{\log \sin c + \log \sin A = 9.3841 - 10 = \log \sin a}\end{aligned}$$

and the check is complete.

It may also occur that when given an angle and the

side opposite it, no solution will exist. One obvious example of this would be if the angle and the side opposite it are of different species. To verify this, look at $\sin A = \cos B / \cos b$, one of the relations developed above. If B and b are of different species, $\cos B$ and $\cos b$ are of opposite sign and $\sin A$ is negative. But this is impossible since $\sin A$ is positive when A is in the first or second quadrants. As a numerical example, consider $B = 120$, $b = 45$. Then $\sin A = \cos 120 / \cos 45 = (-\frac{1}{2}) / (\sqrt{2}/2) = -\sqrt{2}/2$. Thus, A is greater than 180° and there is no solution since the study of spherical trigonometry is limited to spherical triangles in which each part is less than 180° [6;178].

A much less obvious contradiction can develop when an angle and the opposite side are the given parts. To see this, examine one of the formulas developed above, $\sin c = \sin b / \sin B$. Recall $0 < \sin x \leq 1$ for $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$ and that $\sin x = 1$ when $x = 90^\circ$ and $\sin x \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0^\circ$ or $x \rightarrow 180^\circ$. Thus, for $\sin c$ to be less than or equal to one, the denominator of $\sin b / \sin B$ must be greater than or equal to the numerator. But $|\sin B| \geq |\sin b|$ if and only if $|90 - B| \leq |90 - b|$. A similar argument can be used for A and a using $\sin c = \sin a / \sin A$. It is possible to state this result as a theorem.

Theorem: In a right spherical triangle, an oblique angle always differs from a right angle by an amount less

than or equal to the amount the side opposite it differs from a right angle.

To illustrate the preceding theorem, attempt to solve right spherical triangle ABC if $C = 90^\circ$, $B = 45^\circ$, and $b = 60^\circ$. From $\sin c = \sin b / \sin B$, $\sin c = (\sqrt{3}/2) / (\sqrt{2}/2) = \sqrt{3}/2$. But $\sqrt{3}/2$ is greater than one. This is a contradiction since $\sin c \leq 1$ for all c , $0^\circ < c < 180^\circ$, therefore, there is no solution to this problem. The preceding examples used to illustrate cases I through VI also serve to substantiate this theorem.

V. SOLVING ISOSCELES SPHERICAL TRIANGLES

An isosceles spherical triangle (Figure 17) has two sides equal. It also has the angles opposite the equal sides equal.

The bisector of the angle formed by the two equal sides will be perpendicular to and bisect the third side. That is, if $a = b$, then $A = B$, angle $ACD = \text{angle } BCD = \frac{1}{2}C$, $AD = BD = \frac{1}{2}c$, and CD is perpendicular to AB [9;229]. This

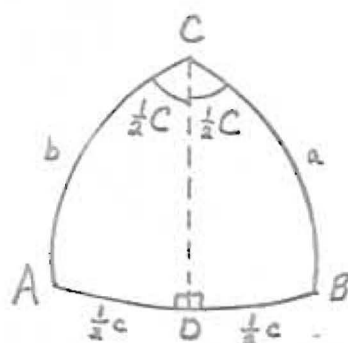


Figure 17

gives a fairly easy method to solve an oblique spherical triangle if it is known to be isosceles, which two sides

are equal, and the measure of the two equal sides (or angles) and the measure of one other part of the triangle. The procedure is to drop the perpendicular from the vertex formed by the two equal sides to the third side. Since this perpendicular bisects the third side and the vertex angle, the solution is either one of the congruent right spherical triangles formed.

Consider the following example. In Figure 17, let $a = b = 73^{\circ}50'$ and $c = 110^{\circ}$. Then in right spherical triangle ACD, $b = 73^{\circ}50'$ and $\frac{1}{2}c = 55^{\circ}$. By Napier's rules, $\cos A = \cot b \tan \frac{1}{2}c$ and $\sin \frac{1}{2}C = \sin \frac{1}{2}c / \sin b$. Using four-place logarithms, the computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cot b &= \log \cot 73^{\circ}50' = 9.4622 - 10 \\ \log \tan \frac{1}{2}c &= \log \tan 55^{\circ} = 0.1548 \\ \log \cos A &= 9.6170 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$A = 65^{\circ}32' \text{ or } \underline{114^{\circ}28'}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin \frac{1}{2}c &= \log \sin 55^{\circ} = 19.9134 - 20 \\ \log \sin b &= \log \sin 73^{\circ}50' = 9.9825 - 10 \\ \log \sin \frac{1}{2}C &= 9.9309 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2}C &= 58^{\circ}31' \text{ or } \underline{121^{\circ}29'} \\ C &= 117^{\circ}02'\end{aligned}$$

The solution of isosceles spherical triangle ABC is $A = B = 65^{\circ}32'$ and $C = 117^{\circ}02'$. $A = 114^{\circ}28'$ and $\frac{1}{2}C = 121^{\circ}29'$ are eliminated by observing the signs of the factors in each computation. Also, C is less than 180° , thus $\frac{1}{2}C$ must be less than 90° . For a check use $\cos b = \cot A \cot \frac{1}{2}C$.

$$\log \cot A = \log \cot 65^{\circ}32' = 9.6580 - 10$$

$$\log \cot \frac{1}{2}C = \log \cot 58^{\circ}31' = \underline{9.7870 - 10}$$

$$\log \cot A + \log \cot \frac{1}{2}C = 9.4450 - 10$$

$$\log \cos b = \log \cos 73^{\circ}50' = 9.4447 - 10.$$

The check is satisfactory considering the factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ used in computing C increases the amount of error.

VI. SOLVING QUADRANTAL

SPHERICAL TRIANGLES

A quadrantal spherical triangle is a triangle in which at least one side is equal to 90° . The polar triangle of a quadrantal triangle is a right-angled spherical triangle. This triangle can be solved using Napier's rules and the results converted into a solution of the original triangle.

The following formulas relate the parts (A, B, C, a, b, c) of a spherical triangle ABC (Figure 18) and the parts (A', B', C', a', b', c') of its polar triangle A'B'C' [6; 185, 179]. (Figure 19)

$$a = 180 - A'; \quad a' = 180 - A;$$

$$b = 180 - B'; \quad b' = 180 - B;$$

$$c = 180 - C'; \quad c' = 180 - C.$$

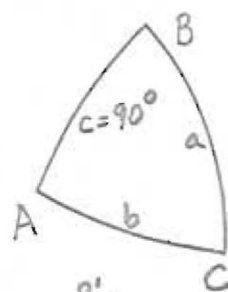


Figure 18

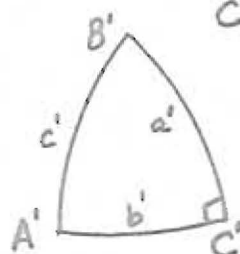


Figure 19

As an illustration, let spherical triangle ABC have $c = 90^{\circ}$, $a = 151^{\circ}30'$, and $B = 119^{\circ}40'$. In polar triangle A'B'C', the above relationships yield:

$$C' = 180 - 90 = 90^\circ; A' = 180 - 151^\circ 30' = 28^\circ 30'; b' = 60^\circ 20'.$$

Using Napier's rules on right spherical triangle $A'B'C'$, $\tan a' = \sin b' \tan A'$, $\cos B' = \cos b' \sin A'$, and $\cot c' = \cos A' \cot b'$. Substituting and using four-place logarithms, the computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin b' &= \log \sin 60^\circ 20' = 9.9390 - 10 \\ \log \tan A' &= \log \tan 28^\circ 30' = \underline{9.7348 - 10} \\ \log \tan a' &= 9.6738 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$a' = 25^\circ 16' \text{ or } \underline{154^\circ 44'}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos b' &= \log \cos 60^\circ 20' = 9.6946 - 10 \\ \log \sin A' &= \log \sin 28^\circ 30' = \underline{9.6787 - 10} \\ \log \cos B' &= 9.3733 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$B' = 76^\circ 20' \text{ or } \underline{103^\circ 40'}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos A' &= \log \cos 28^\circ 30' = 9.9439 - 10 \\ \log \cot b' &= \log \cot 60^\circ 20' = \underline{9.7556 - 10} \\ \log \cot c' &= 9.6995 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$c' = 63^\circ 24' \text{ or } \underline{116^\circ 36'}.$$

To check the values $a' = 25^\circ 16'$, $B' = 76^\circ 20'$, and $c' = 63^\circ 24'$, use the formula $\cos B' = \tan a' \cot c'$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\log \tan a' &= \log \tan 25^\circ 16' = 9.6739 - 10 \\ \log \cot c' &= \log \cot 63^\circ 24' = \underline{9.6995 - 10} \\ \log \tan a' + \log \cot c' &= 9.3734 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$\log \cos B' = \log \cos 76^\circ 20' = 9.3733 - 10$$

and the check for triangle $A'B'C'$ is complete.

To solve the triangle ABC , use the following relationships:

$$A = 180 - a' = 180 - 25^{\circ}16' = 154^{\circ}44';$$

$$b = 180 - B' = 180 - 76^{\circ}20' = 103^{\circ}40';$$

$$C = 180 - c' = 180 - 63^{\circ}24' = 116^{\circ}36'.$$

It is possible, although usually not the most convenient way, to solve other oblique spherical triangles using auxiliary arcs and Napier's rules. A large part of the next chapter will be devoted to solving oblique spherical triangles by auxiliary arcs. Most of the next two chapters will deal with solving oblique spherical triangles by more elaborate techniques.

CHAPTER III

OBLIQUE SPHERICAL TRIANGLES

The methods of solving oblique spherical triangles are many and varied. This chapter will consider solutions by:

(1) right triangles, (2) the law of sines, (3) the law of cosines, and (4) the law of cosines in terms of haversines.

Several other methods will be considered in the next chapter.

Rules of species for oblique spherical triangles will be stated so that examples of solutions can be carried out. The proofs of the rules of species will be given in the next chapter, after the formulas essential for their proof have been developed.

Examples of solutions will not be numerous enough to illustrate each method of solution with each of the six possible cases in solving oblique spherical triangles. All of the possible cases will be considered by at least one method of solution.

Solutions of oblique spherical triangles. The six possible cases in solving oblique spherical triangles are:

- I. Given the three sides.
 - II. Given the three angles.
 - III. Given the two sides and the included angle.
 - IV. Given two angles and the included side.
 - V. Given two sides and the angle opposite one of them.
 - VI. Given two angles and the side opposite one of them
- [6;189].

I. SOLUTION BY RIGHT TRIANGLES

It is possible to solve any oblique spherical triangle by passing an arc of a great circle through a proper vertex forming two right spherical triangles which can then be solved using Napier's rules. Labeling the parts of the right spherical triangles formed in a similar manner each time can help to make the solution easier to perform. The general procedure follows.

Through any vertex C of a spherical triangle ABC pass the arc p of the great circle that is perpendicular to side AB (Figure 20) or side AB extended (Figure 21) at D . The two

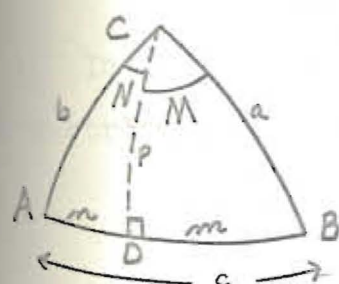


Figure 20

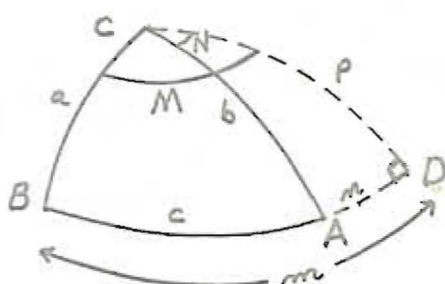


Figure 21

right triangles formed are ACD and BCD , both right-angled at D . Label the parts AD and BD of these right triangles n and m respectively, where the algebraic sum of m and n is c , that is, $m + n = c$. Label the angles opposite the parts m and n as M and N respectively. Thus, M and N can be considered as parts of angle C [3;168].

A special formula for cases I and II. Cases I and

It lend themselves to the development of a special formula that makes their solutions much easier. In each of Figures 20 and 21, using Napier's rules on parts b, p, and n of right triangle ACD, $\cos b = \cos n \cos p$. Likewise, in right triangle BCD, $\cos a = \cos p \cos m$. Upon solving each of these relationships for $\cos p$, and then equating the results gives

$$\frac{\cos a}{\cos m} = \frac{\cos b}{\cos n} [3;168].$$

Interchanging $\cos a$ and $\cos n$, adding one to each side, and simplifying each side obtains

$$\frac{\cos n + \cos m}{\cos m} = \frac{\cos b + \cos a}{\cos a}.$$

Inverting each side, multiplying each side by two, then subtracting one from each side gives

$$\frac{2 \cos m}{\cos n + \cos m} - 1 = \frac{2 \cos a}{\cos b + \cos a} - 1.$$

Simplifying each side to a single fraction gives

$$\frac{\cos m - \cos n}{\cos m + \cos n} = \frac{\cos a - \cos b}{\cos a + \cos b}.$$

Using the trigonometric identities

$$\cos x + \cos y = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \cos \frac{1}{2}(x-y) \text{ and}$$

$$\cos x - \cos y = -2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \sin \frac{1}{2}(x-y) \text{ on both sides}$$

$$\text{yields } \frac{-2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(m+n) \sin \frac{1}{2}(m-n)}{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(m+n) \cos \frac{1}{2}(m-n)} = \frac{-2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \tan \frac{1}{2}(m+n) \tan \frac{1}{2}(m-n) = \tan \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b),$$

and since $m + n = c$,

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(m-n) = \tan \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cot \frac{1}{2}c, \quad (i)$$

$$\text{where } m = \frac{1}{2}c + \frac{1}{2}(m-n), \text{ and} \quad (ii)$$

$$n = \frac{1}{2}c - \frac{1}{2}(m-n) \left[4; 169 \right]. \quad (iii)$$

Formulas (i), (ii), and (iii) provide the means to solve any spherical triangle of case I or II. After the parts m and n are determined, the right triangles ABD and BCD can be solved by Napier's rules to find the remaining parts of triangle ABC. An example will serve to better illustrate.

Case I. Given the three sides. Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which $a = 49^{\circ}20'$, $b = 38^{\circ}40'$, and $c = 63^{\circ}30'$.

Let p be the arc CD perpendicular to side AB of triangle ABC. Call AD and BD n and m respectively. Recall that $m + n = c$ and that the sign of m and of n will indicate whether the side AB was extended or not. Using

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(m-n) = \tan \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cot \frac{1}{2}C$$

of the last section, substituting in the proper values, and utilizing four-place logarithms the computation is:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(a+b) & = \log \tan 44^{\circ} & = 9.9848 - 10 \\ \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b) & = \log \tan 5^{\circ}20' & = 8.9701 - 10 \\ \log \cot \frac{1}{2}c & = \log \cot 31^{\circ}45' & = 0.2084 \\ \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(m-n) & = 9.1633 - 10 & \\ \frac{1}{2}(m-n) & = 8^{\circ}17'. & \end{array}$$

Thus, from $m = \frac{1}{2}c + \frac{1}{2}(m-n)$ and $n = \frac{1}{2}c - \frac{1}{2}(m-n)$,

$m = 40^{\circ}2'$ and $n = 23^{\circ}28'$. Both m and n are positive making triangle ABC similar to Figure 20. The remainder of the so-

solution is to solve right spherical triangles ACD and BCD for A, N, B, and M using Napier's rules on the known parts b, n, a, and m.

In triangle ACD, $\cos A = \cot b \tan n$ and $\sin N = \sin n / \sin b$. In triangle BCD, $\cos B = \tan m \cot a$ and $\sin M = \sin m / \sin a$. The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cot b &= \log \cot 38^{\circ}40' = 0.0968 \\ \log \tan n &= \log \tan 23^{\circ}28' = \frac{9.6376}{9.7344} - 10 \\ \log \cos A &= \frac{9.7344}{9.7344} - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$A = 57^{\circ}09' \text{ or } \underline{122^{\circ}51'}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin n &= \log \sin 23^{\circ}28' = 19.6001 - 20 \\ \log \sin b &= \log \sin 38^{\circ}40' = \frac{9.7957}{9.8044} - 10 \\ \log \sin N &= \frac{9.8044}{9.8044} - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$N = 39^{\circ}36' \text{ or } \underline{140^{\circ}24'}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \tan m &= \log \tan 40^{\circ}02' = 9.9243 - 10 \\ \log \cot a &= \log \cot 49^{\circ}20' = \frac{9.9341}{9.8584} - 10 \\ \log \cos B &= \frac{9.8584}{9.8584} - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$B = 43^{\circ}48' \text{ or } \underline{136^{\circ}12'}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin m &= \log \sin 40^{\circ}02' = 19.8084 - 20 \\ \log \sin a &= \log \sin 49^{\circ}20' = \frac{9.8800}{9.9284} - 10 \\ \log \sin M &= \frac{9.9284}{9.9284} - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$M = 58^{\circ} \text{ or } \underline{122^{\circ}}.$$

Using the second rule of species for right spherical triangles and noting that a, b, m, and n are acute, it is reasoned that, had p been computed, p also would have been acute. Therefore, A, B, M, and N must also be acute. Thus the solution of triangle ABC is that $A = 57^{\circ}09'$, $B = 43^{\circ}48'$,

and $C = M + N = 97^{\circ}36'$.

Formulas involving all six parts of a spherical triangle are quite useful in checking solutions of triangles. These will be developed in the next chapter so that no check will be performed at this time.

Case II. Given the three angles. Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which A, B, and C are known. Perform the method of case I on polar triangle A'B'C' thus obtaining the solution of triangle ABC [3;170]. An example of this case will not be given for this method of solution.

Case III. Given two sides and the included angle. Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which the values of A, b, and c are known. From the ends of one of the sides (b is used as an example) pass the arc CD perpendicular to the opposite side or opposite side extended. (See Figure 20 or Figure 21). Thus, in right spherical triangle ACD, A and b are known so that N, p, and m can be found using Napier's rules, with A and p having the same species. Thus, $m = a - n$, and m is negative when a is less than n showing D is on side BC extended. Then, p and m are known in triangle BCD making the solution of B, a, and M possible by Napier's rules [3;171]. The example of the next case will partially help to illustrate the method described in this case.

Case IV. Given two angles and the included side. Let

ABC be a spherical triangle in which A, b, and C are known. Through the vertex of one of the angles (C is used here) pass the arc perpendicular to the opposite side or opposite extended at D. (Figure 22) In right spherical triangle ACD, knowing A and b, Napier's rules can be used to solve for p, n, and N, taking p to have the same species as A and letting the signs of the factors determine n and N. Then $M = C - N$ and a negative value of M indicates triangle BCD is exterior to triangle ABC. In

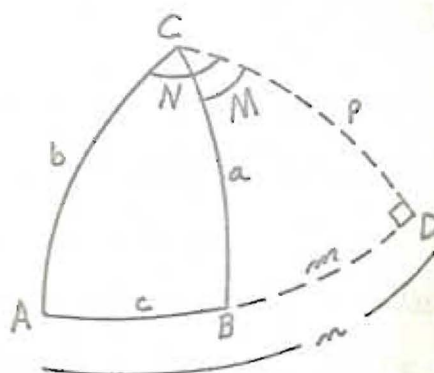


Figure 22

right triangle BCD p and M are known so that m, a, and CBD can be found [3;171-172]. An example follows.

Suppose $A = 142^{\circ}10'$, $b = 55^{\circ}40'$, and $C = 105^{\circ}30'$.

Then, in right spherical triangle ACD, $\sin p = \sin A \sin b$, $\tan n = \cos A \tan b$, and $\cot N = \cos b \cot A$. The computation with four-place logarithms is:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \sin A &= \log \sin 142^{\circ}10' = \log \sin 37^{\circ}50' = 9.7877 - 10 \\ \log \sin b &= \log \sin 55^{\circ}40' = \log \sin 55^{\circ}40' = 9.9169 - 10 \\ \log \sin p &= 9.7046 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$p = \frac{30^{\circ}26'}{149^{\circ}34'}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cos A &= \log \cos 142^{\circ}10' = (n) \log \cos 37^{\circ}50' = 9.8975 - 10 \\ \log \tan b &= \log \tan 55^{\circ}40' = \log \tan 55^{\circ}40' = \frac{0.1656}{0.0631} \\ \log \tan n &= 0.0631 \end{aligned}$$

$$n = \frac{49^{\circ}09'}{130^{\circ}51'} \text{ or } 130^{\circ}51'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cos b &= \log \cos 55^{\circ}40' = \log \cos 55^{\circ}40' = 9.7513 - 10 \\ \log \tan A &= \log \tan 142^{\circ}10' = (n) \log \tan 37^{\circ}50' = \frac{9.8902 - 10}{9.6415 - 10} \\ \log \cot N &= 9.6415 - 10 \\ N &= \frac{66^{\circ}21'}{113^{\circ}39'} \text{ or } 113^{\circ}39'. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that A greater than 90° implies $p = 149^{\circ}34'$.

The signs of the factors determine the species of n and N

but also note that p and A , each greater than 90° and b less than 90° implies that n and N must each be greater than 90° .

This serves to double check the results obtained so far.

From $M = C - N$, $C = 105^{\circ}30'$, and $N = 113^{\circ}39'$, the result

that $M = -8^{\circ}09'$ means that D is on BC extended and that tri-

angle BCD is exterior to triangle ABC . Thus, in working with

triangle BCD it must be noticed that m will be acute and

negative, since M is acute and negative, and that angle B in

triangle BCD is really the supplement of the angle B in tri-

angle ABC that is being sought. The negative sign of M

should be ignored when solving right triangle BCD so the

proper quadrants will be obtained for a , m , and b .

Thus, using Napier's rules in triangle BCD ,

$\cot a = \cos M \cot p$, $\tan m = \sin p \tan M$, and $\cos B = \cos p \sin M$.

The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos M &= \log \cos 8^{\circ}9' = \log \cos 8^{\circ}9' = 9.9956 - 10 \\ \log \cot p &= \log \cot 149^{\circ}34' = (n) \log \cot 30^{\circ}26' = 0.2310 \\ &\log \cot a = 0.2266\end{aligned}$$

$$a = 30^{\circ}41' \text{ or } 149^{\circ}19'.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \sin p &= \log \sin 149^{\circ}34' = \log \sin 30^{\circ}26' = 9.7046 - 10 \\ \log \tan M &= \log \tan 8^{\circ}9' = \log \tan 8^{\circ}9' = 9.1560 - 10 \\ &\log \tan m = 8.8606 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$m = 4^{\circ}9' \text{ or } 175^{\circ}51'.$$

$m = -4^{\circ}9'$ since
M is negative and
acute.

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos p &= \log \cos 149^{\circ}34' = (n) \log \cos 30^{\circ}26' = 9.9356 - 10 \\ \log \sin M &= \log \sin 8^{\circ}9' = \log \sin 8^{\circ}9' = 9.1516 - 10 \\ &\log \cos CBD = 9.0872 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$CBD = 82^{\circ}59' \text{ or } 97^{\circ}01'.$$

The species of a and CBD are determined by the signs of the factors. Since triangle BCD is exterior to triangle ABC and knowing M is acute, the conclusion is that $m = -4^{\circ}9'$. Finally, $B = 180 - CBD$ and $m + n = c$, so that the completed solution to triangle ABC is:

$$a = 149^{\circ}19'; B = 82^{\circ}59'; \text{ and } c = 126^{\circ}42'.$$

Case V. Given two sides and the angle opposite one of them. Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which A , b , and a are known. Through C , the vertex of the intersection of the two known sides, pass the arc p of the great circle perpendicular to third side or third side extended at D . (Figure 23)

Depending upon the values of a , b , and p there may be two solutions, exactly one solution, or no solution to triangle ABC. Crockett [3;129] gives the following summation of conditions possible and solutions obtainable:

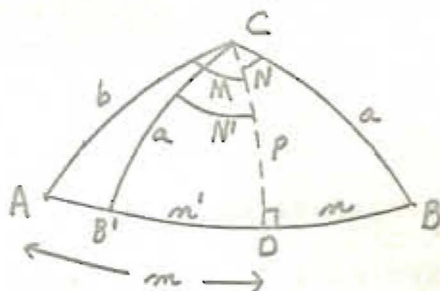


Figure 23

The conditions, therefore, for two solutions are:

A acute: $a > p$, $a < b$, $a < 180^\circ - b$.

A obtuse: $a < p$, $a > b$, $a > 180^\circ - b$.

Or, a must be intermediate in value between p and both b and $180^\circ - b$.

If a is intermediate in value only between p and either b or $180^\circ - b$, there will be one solution.

If a is not intermediate in value between p and either b or $180^\circ - b$, no solution will be possible, but if $p = a$, there will be one solution--a right triangle.

To illustrate let $A = 58^\circ 30'$, $a = 43^\circ 10'$, and $b = 48^\circ 20'$.

In right spherical triangle ACD, using Napier's rules,

$\sin p = \sin A \sin b$, $\cot M = \cos b \tan A$, and $\tan m = \cos A$

$\tan b$. The computation is:

$$\log \sin A = \log \sin 58^\circ 30' = 9.9308 - 10$$

$$\log \sin b = \log \sin 48^\circ 20' = 9.8733 - 10$$

$$\log \sin p = 9.8041 - 10$$

$$p = 39^\circ 33' \text{ or } 140^\circ 27'$$

$$\log \cos b = \log \cos 48^\circ 20' = 9.8227 - 10$$

$$\log \tan A = \log \tan 58^\circ 30' = 0.2127$$

$$\log \cot M = 0.0354$$

$$M = 42^\circ 40' \text{ or } 137^\circ 20'$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos A &= \log \cos 58^{\circ}30' = 9.7181 - 10 \\ \log \tan b &= \log \tan 48^{\circ}20' = 0.0506 \\ \log \tan m &= \underline{9.7687 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$m = 30^{\circ}25' \text{ or } \underline{149^{\circ}35'}.$$

The value of p is acute since A is given acute. A and p acute implies M must also be acute which in turn makes m acute as the signs of its factors also indicate.

Now to see how many solutions will be possible. The value of a is intermediate between the values of p and b as also is the value of a intermediate between the values of p and $180^{\circ}-b$. Thus, two solutions should be possible. (Figure 23)

Using Napier's rules and the values found above for a and p in right spherical triangle BCD (similar relationships hold for triangle $B'CD$) the needed relationships are: $\cos n = \cos a / \cos p$, $\cos N = \tan p \cot a$, and $\sin B = \sin p / \sin a$. The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \cos a &= \log \cos 43^{\circ}10' = 19.8629 - 20 \\ \log \cos p &= \log \cos 39^{\circ}33' = \underline{9.8871 - 10} \\ \log \cos n &= \underline{9.9758 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$n = 18^{\circ}58' \text{ or } \underline{161^{\circ}02'}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \tan p &= \log \tan 39^{\circ}33' = 9.9169 - 10 \\ \log \cot a &= \log \cot 43^{\circ}10' = \underline{0.0278} \\ \log \cos N &= \underline{9.9447 - 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$N = 28^{\circ}19' \text{ or } \underline{151^{\circ}41'}.$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & \log 0.42480 & = 9.62818 - 10 \\
 \text{colog sin } b & = \text{colog sin } 54^{\circ}20' & = 0.09022 \\
 \text{colog sin } c & = \text{colog sin } 69^{\circ}23' & = 0.02874 \\
 & \log \text{hav } A & = 9.74714 - 10 \\
 & A & = 96^{\circ}44'.
 \end{array}$$

Therefore, the solution to triangle ABC, without need refer to any rules of species, is:

$$A = 96^{\circ}44'; B = 125^{\circ}41'; c = 110^{\circ}37'.$$

Case VI. Given two angles and the included side. On pages 54 and 55 of this chapter case V was discussed and found to be ambiguous as to the number of solutions possible. Conditions were given for determining the number of solutions under the method of solution of introducing an auxiliary arc.

Case VI is also an ambiguous case. The law of sines makes an analysis of the number of solutions under cases V and VI relatively easy.

Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which A, B, and a are known. Solve for sin b by the law of sines obtaining

$$\sin b = \sin a \sin B / \sin A.$$

Depending upon the given parts there may be no solution, exactly one solution, or two solutions. With the parts as given there are the following possibilities:

1. If $\sin b > 1$, there is no solution.
2. If $\sin b = 1$, there is exactly one solution, with $b = 90^{\circ}$.

3. If $\sin b < 1$, there may be one, two, or no solutions. When $\sin b < 1$, an acute angle and its supplement are both possible solutions for b and must be checked by rules of species or other means for determining relationships between sides and angles of spherical triangles [6;197].

As an illustration let $a = 72^\circ$, $B = 118^\circ$, and $A = 57^\circ 6'$.

Compute for $\sin b$ to determine the number of solutions

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \log \sin a & = & \log \sin 72^\circ = 9.9782 - 10 \\ \log \sin B & = & \log \sin 62^\circ = 9.9459 - 10 \\ \text{colog } \sin A & = & \text{colog } \sin 57^\circ 6' = 0.0759 \\ & & \log \sin b = 10.0000 - 10 \end{array}$$

$$b = 90^\circ.$$

Since $b = 90^\circ$ there must be exactly one solution to triangle ABC . It is impossible to use the law of sines to solve for c and C since neither one of them is known. The laws of cosines and haversines are also not useful in this situation. It would be possible to pass an arc through a vertex perpendicular to the opposite side as was done in the first section of this chapter. This would be the only possibility had b not been equal to 90° . But $b = 90^\circ$ implies that triangle $A'B'C'$ is right-

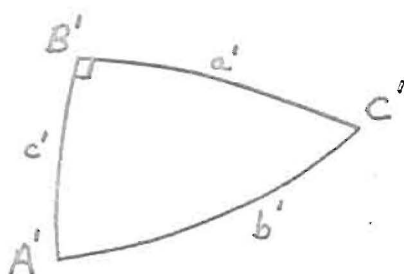


Figure 26

angled at B' . Thus, using Napier's rules on right triangle $A'B'C'$ in which $B' = 90^\circ$, $A' = 108^\circ$, $b' = 62^\circ$, and $a' = 122^\circ 54'$, the formulas needed to solve for C' and c' are:

$$\cos C' = \tan a' \cot b'; \text{ and } \cos c' = \cos b' / \cos a'.$$

The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \tan a' &= \log \tan 122^\circ 54' = (n) \log \tan 57^\circ 06' = 0.1892 \\ \log \cot b' &= \log \cot 62^\circ = \log \cot 62^\circ = 9.7257 - 10 \\ &\quad \log \cos C' = 9.9149 - 10 \\ C' &= 34^\circ 42' \text{ or } 145^\circ 18'. \\ \log \cos b' &= \log \cos 62^\circ = \log \cos 62^\circ = 19.6716 - 20 \\ \log \cos a' &= \log \cos 122^\circ 54' = (n) \log \cos 57^\circ 06' = 9.7350 - 10 \\ &\quad \log \cos c' = 9.9366 - 10 \\ c' &= 30^\circ 13' \text{ or } 149^\circ 47'. \end{aligned}$$

The odd number of negative factors determine the species of C' and c' . Thus, in triangle ABC , the solution is:

$$c = 34^\circ 42'; C = 30^\circ 13'; \text{ and } b = 90^\circ.$$

The next chapter will be devoted to developing formulas for solving spherical triangles of all types and to be able to give complete solutions of these triangles. There will also be formulas that are easily solved by logarithms, one of the disadvantages of using the laws of cosines and haversines.

CHAPTER IV

SPECIAL METHODS OF SOLUTION

This chapter will be devoted to developing special formulas for the solution of spherical triangles. Some of these formulas will have as a purpose the solution of a particular part of the triangle while others will be useful in finding a complete solution of a spherical triangle under a certain set of conditions. Formulas will be developed that are most useful in checking the results of a solution. The names of some of these formulas are: half angle formulas; half side formulas; Gauss's Equations; Delambre's Analogies; and Napier's Analogies. Spherical excess will be discussed. The theorems of Girard, Lhuillier, and Cagnoli, and a formula useful in computing spherical excess will be derived. The rules of species for oblique spherical triangles stated in the last chapter will be proven. A limited number of examples will be considered so that the use of each type of equation, formula, and theorem can be illustrated.

I. FORMULAS FOR HALF ANGLES

The formulas for half angles give the solution to half of any angle of a spherical triangle when all three sides of the triangle are known. Half of any angle can be

und by the sine, cosine, or tangent functions. These formulas are particularly useful in a case I solution.

The derivation of the half angle formula for angle A starts with formula (12) solved for $\cos A$, that is

$$\cos A = \frac{\cos a - \cos b \cos c}{\sin b \sin c}.$$

Then,

$$1 - \cos A = \frac{\cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c - \cos a}{\sin b \sin c}.$$

Using the addition identity $\cos(x-y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$ on the numerator of the right hand side of the last equation, the result is

$$1 - \cos A = \frac{\cos(b-c) - \cos a}{\sin b \sin c}.$$

Using the product formula $\cos x - \cos y = -2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \sin \frac{1}{2}(x-y)$ on the numerator of the last equation, the result is

$$1 - \cos A = \frac{-2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(b-c+a) \sin \frac{1}{2}(b-c-a)}{\sin b \sin c}.$$

But, $1 - \cos X = 2 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}X$ and $\sin(-X) = -\sin X$, so the last equation becomes

$$\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}A = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b-c) \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+c-b)}{\sin b \sin c}.$$

This result will be condensed after expressions for $\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}A$ and $\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}A$ have been developed.

Proceeding as above it is seen that

$$1 + \cos A = \frac{\cos a - (\cos b \cos c - \sin b \sin c)}{\sin b \sin c}$$

Using $\cos(x+y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$, the result is

$$1 + \cos A = \frac{\cos a - \cos(b+c)}{\sin b \sin c} \quad ; \text{ or}$$

$$2 \cos^2 \frac{1}{2}A = \frac{-2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b-c)}{\sin b \sin c} \quad ; \text{ which is}$$

$$\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}A = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) \sin \frac{1}{2}(b+c-a)}{\sin b \sin c} .$$

But, $\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}A = \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}A / \cos^2 \frac{1}{2}A$, therefore

$$\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}A = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b-c) \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+c-b)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) \sin \frac{1}{2}(b+c-a)} .$$

If the perimeter of spherical triangle ABC is given a value $2s$, then the following relationships allow a useful simplification in the results just obtained.

If $a+b+c = 2s$,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{then } \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) &= s, \\ \frac{1}{2}(b+c-a) &= s - a, \\ \frac{1}{2}(a+c-b) &= s - b, \\ \text{and } \frac{1}{2}(a+b-c) &= s - c. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (21)$$

If the appropriate formulas in group (21) are substituted in the results obtained for $\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}A$, $\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}A$, and $\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}A$, the following equations are the results:

$$\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}A = \frac{\sin(s-c) \sin(s-b)}{\sin b \sin c} \quad ;$$

$$\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}A = \frac{\sin s \sin(s-a)}{\sin b \sin c} ;$$

$$\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}A = \frac{\sin(s-c) \sin(s-b)}{\sin s \sin(s-a)} .$$

Since $A < 180^\circ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}A < 90^\circ$, and thus $\cos \frac{1}{2}A$ is positive as is $\tan \frac{1}{2}A$. Taking the principal square root of each side, the resulting half angle formulas for angle A are:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}A = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin b \sin c}} ; \quad (22)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}A = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-a)}{\sin b \sin c}} ; \quad (23)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}A = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin s \sin(s-a)}} [15;208] . \quad (24)$$

By symmetry, that is, interchanging A and B and a and b in formulas (22), (23), and (24), the half angle formulas for angle B are:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}B = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin c}} ; \quad (25)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}B = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin c}} ; \quad (26)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}B = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-c)}{\sin s \sin(s-b)}} . \quad (27)$$

Interchanging B and C and b and c in (25) through (27), the resulting half angle formulas for angle C are:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}C = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin b}} ; \quad (28)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}C = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin b}} ; \quad (29)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}C = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b)}{\sin s \sin(s-c)}} [14;177]. \quad (30)$$

A particular advantage in using the half angle formulas is that rules of species need not be referred to. An acute value and an obtuse value will be obtained for half the angle being sought. The obtuse value is rejected since this would make the whole angle greater than 180° . The acute value of the half angle is doubled to obtain the solution to the angle. Another advantage of the half angle formulas is their ease of computation with logarithms. A disadvantage is their specialized application, that is, all three sides must be known. This is not really a disadvantage since other formulas will be developed for solving other cases.

II. FORMULAS FOR HALF SIDES

The formulas for half sides give the solution to half of any side of a spherical triangle when all three angles of the triangle are known. Half of any side can be found by the sine, cosine, or tangent functions. These formulas are particularly useful in a case II solution.

The derivation of the half side formula for side a starts with formula (15) solved for $\cos a$, that is

$$\cos a = \frac{\cos A + \cos B \cos C}{\sin B \sin C}.$$

Then,

$$1 - \cos a = \frac{\sin B \sin C - \cos B \cos C - \cos A}{\sin B \sin C}.$$

Using the addition identity $\cos(x+y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$ on the numerator of the right hand side of the last equation, the result is

$$1 - \cos a = \frac{-\cos(B+C) - \cos A}{\sin B \sin C}.$$

Using the product formula $\cos x + \cos y = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \cos \frac{1}{2}(x-y)$ on the numerator of the last equation, the result is

$$1 - \cos a = \frac{-2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C) \cos \frac{1}{2}(B+C-A)}{\sin B \sin C}.$$

But, $1 - \cos x = 2 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}x$, so the last equation becomes

$$\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}a = \frac{-\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C) \cos \frac{1}{2}(B+C-A)}{\sin B \sin C}.$$

This result will be condensed after expressions for $\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}a$ and $\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}a$ have been developed.

Proceeding as above it is seen that

$$1 + \cos a = \frac{\cos B \cos C + \sin B \sin C + \cos A}{\sin B \sin C}.$$

Using $\cos(x-y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$, the result is

$$1 + \cos a = \frac{\cos(B-C) + \cos A}{\sin B \sin C} ; \text{ or}$$

$$2 \cos^2 \frac{1}{2}a = \frac{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B-C) \cos \frac{1}{2}(B-C-A)}{\sin B \sin C} ; \text{ which is}$$

$$\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}a = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B-C) \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+C-B)}{\sin B \sin C} .$$

Thus,

$$\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}a = \frac{-\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C) \cos \frac{1}{2}(B+C-A)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B-C) \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+C-B)} .$$

Let $A+B+C = 2S$,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{then } \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C) &= S, \\ \frac{1}{2}(B+C-A) &= S - A, \\ \frac{1}{2}(A+C-B) &= S - B, \\ \text{and } \frac{1}{2}(A+B-C) &= S - C. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (31)$$

If the appropriate formulas in group (31) are substituted in the results obtained for $\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}a$, $\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}a$, and $\tan^2 \frac{1}{2}a$; and the principal square root of each side is taken, the resulting half side formulas for side a are:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}a = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-A)}{\sin B \sin C}} ; \quad (32)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}a = \sqrt{\frac{\cos(S-B) \cos(S-C)}{\sin B \sin C}} ; \quad (33)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}a = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-A)}{\cos(S-B) \cos(S-C)}} [15;210]. \quad (34)$$

By symmetry, that is interchanging A and B and a and b in formulas (32) through (34), the half side formulas for side b are:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}b = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-B)}{\sin A \sin C}}; \quad (35)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}b = \sqrt{\frac{\cos(S-A) \cos(S-C)}{\sin A \sin C}}; \quad (36)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}b = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-B)}{\cos(S-A) \cos(S-C)}}. \quad (37)$$

Interchanging B and C and b and c in (35) through (37), the resulting half side formulas for side c are:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-C)}{\sin A \sin B}}; \quad (38)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}c = \sqrt{\frac{\cos(S-A) \cos(S-B)}{\sin A \sin B}}; \quad (39)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}c = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-C)}{\cos(S-A) \cos(S-B)}} [15;210-211]. \quad (40)$$

The half side formulas have the same advantages and disadvantages stated for the half angle formulas, they include: all three angles must be known; the computation is readily carried out with logarithms; and the quadrant of the side found is known without reference to rules of species.

III. GAUSS'S EQUATIONS OR DELABRE'S ANALOGIES

The four equations,

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}c = \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C, \quad (41)$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}c = \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C, \quad (42)$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C, \quad (43)$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C, \quad (44)$$

are called Gauss's Equations, or Delambre's Analogies [3;153].

The derivation of (41) is as follows: By an addition identity,

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}A \cos \frac{1}{2}B - \sin \frac{1}{2}A \sin \frac{1}{2}B,$$

and substituting in formulas (23), (26), (22), and (25), the result is:

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-a)}{\sin b \sin c}} \cdot \frac{\sin s \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin c} -$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin b \sin c}} \cdot \frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin c};$$

$$\text{or } \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \frac{\sin s}{\sin c} \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin b}} -$$

$$\frac{\sin(s-c)}{\sin c} \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin b}};$$

$$\text{or } \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin b}} \left(\frac{\sin s - \sin(s-c)}{\sin c} \right).$$

Upon using (28) and the identity $\sin x - \sin y = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \sin \frac{1}{2}(x-y)$, the last equation simplifies to

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}c \left(\frac{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(s+s-c) \sin \frac{1}{2}(s-s+c)}{\sin c} \right).$$

But, $\cos \frac{1}{2}(s+s-c) = \cos(s-\frac{1}{2}c)$, $\sin \frac{1}{2}(s-s+c) = \sin \frac{1}{2}c$, and $\sin c = 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}c$. Thus,

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}c \left(\frac{2 \cos(s-\frac{1}{2}c) \sin \frac{1}{2}c}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right); \text{ or}$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}c \left(\frac{\cos(s-\frac{1}{2}c)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right).$$

Also, $s - \frac{1}{2}c = \frac{1}{2}(a+b)$, and the last equation becomes

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}C \left(\frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right) ; \text{ or}$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}c = \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C,$$

which is equation (41) [15;212].

Proceeding as above with $\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$, the derivation (42) is as follows:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}A \cos \frac{1}{2}B + \cos \frac{1}{2}A \sin \frac{1}{2}B ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin b \sin c} \cdot \frac{\sin s \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin c} +$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-a)}{\sin b \sin c} \cdot \frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin c}} ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin b} \left(\frac{\sin(s-b) + \sin(s-a)}{\sin c} \right)} ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}C \left(\frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(2s-a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right) ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}C \left(\frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right) ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}c = \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C ,$$

which is equation (42). Likewise,

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}A \cos \frac{1}{2}B + \sin \frac{1}{2}A \sin \frac{1}{2}B ;$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-a)}{\sin b \sin c} \cdot \frac{\sin s \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin c} +$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin b \sin c} \cdot \frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin c}} ;$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin b} \left(\frac{\sin s + \sin(s-c)}{\sin c} \right)} ;$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}C \left(\frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(2s-c) \cos \frac{1}{2}c}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right) ;$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}C \left(\frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}c} \right) ;$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C ,$$

which is equation (43). As before,

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}A \cos \frac{1}{2}B - \cos \frac{1}{2}A \sin \frac{1}{2}B ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin b \sin c}} \cdot \frac{\sin s \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin c} -$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-a)}{\sin b \sin c}} \cdot \frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin c} ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin b}} \left(\frac{\sin(s-b) - \sin(s-a)}{\sin c} \right) ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}C \left(\frac{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(2s-a-b) \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right) ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}C \left(\frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}c \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right) ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C ,$$

which is equation (44). Notice that equations (41) through

(44) each involve all six parts of spherical triangle ABC.

This involvement of all six parts of a spherical triangle

makes these formulas most useful in checking solutions of spherical triangles [6;194].

Mitra [11;60] states that equations (41) through (44) were discovered by Delambre in 1807, although not published until 1809, and are sometimes improperly called Gauss's Equations. Hart [6;193], Taylor [14;182], and Crockett [3;153] give them credit for the formulas. Wentworth [15;212] gives the credit entirely to Gauss.

IV. NAPIER'S ANALOGIES

Napier's Analogies provide a useful means for obtaining partial solution to cases III or IV. Involving five parts spherical triangle ABC, they are:

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)} \cot \frac{1}{2}C ; \quad (45)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b)} \cot \frac{1}{2}C ; \quad (46)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(a+b) = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B)} \tan \frac{1}{2}c ; \quad (47)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b) = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B)} \tan \frac{1}{2}c . \quad (48)$$

The derivation of formulas (45) through (48) is not all difficult having developed Gauss's Equations (Delamare's Analogies). For (45) is the result of dividing (42) by (41), (46) is the result of dividing (44) by (43), (47) is the result of dividing (43) by (41), and (48) is the result of dividing (44) by (42). There are other forms for the analogies of Napier, depending upon the parts of the triangle that are known [15;213]. For example, if A, b, and c are the known parts, (45) can be written

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(B+C) = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(b-c)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(b+c)} \cot \frac{1}{2}A ,$$

where the parts A, B, C, a, and b were replaced by the parts C, A, b, and c respectively.

V. PROOF OF RULES OF SPECIES FOR OBLIQUE SPHERICAL TRIANGLES

On page 58 of Chapter III, two rules of species were stated with the admission that the proofs of these rules could be given after the necessary formulas had been developed. These rules will be repeated and proofs given at this time.

Rule 1. If a side(an angle)differs more than another side(angle)from 90° , it is of the same species as its opposite angle(side).

Proof Of Rule 1. It is necessary to show that $\cos a$ and $\cos A$ have the same sign when the difference between a and 90° is numerically greater than the difference between A and 90° . Solving (12),

$$\cos a = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A,$$

or $\cos A$, the result is

$$\cos A = \frac{\cos a - \cos b \cos c}{\sin b \sin c}.$$

The denominator of the right side of the last equation is always positive so that the sign of $\cos A$ and of $\cos a - \cos b \cos c$ must be the same. But, $|90 - a| > |90 - b| \rightarrow |\cos a| > |\cos b| > |\cos b \cos c|$. Thus, the sign of the numerator of the fraction is determined by the sign of $\cos a$. Then the sign of the fraction agrees with

the signs of $\cos a$ and $\cos A$ so that a and A must be of the same species.

By a similar process, solving (15),

$$\cos A = -\cos B \cos C + \sin B \sin C \cos a,$$

for $\cos a$, the result is

$$\cos a = \frac{\cos A + \cos B \cos C}{\sin B \sin C}.$$

The denominator of the fraction is always positive so that the sign of $\cos a$ agrees with the sign of the numerator. But, if $|90^\circ - A| > |90^\circ - B|$, then $|\cos A| > |\cos B| > |\cos B \cos C|$, and as before the sign of $\cos A$ determines the sign of the numerator and of the fraction. Therefore, a and A are of the same species when A differs from 90° more than B differs from 90° [3;153-154].

Rule 2. Half the sum of any two sides is of the same species as half the sum of the opposite angles.

Proof Of Rule 2. To show that $\frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)$ are of the same species. From the first of Napier's Analogies,

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)} \cot \frac{1}{2}C, \quad (45)$$

it is seen that $\frac{1}{2}C$ and $\frac{1}{2}(a-b)$ must each be less than 90° , since C and a are each less than 180° , so that $\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b)$ and $\cot \frac{1}{2}C$ are always positive. Thus, $\tan \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)$ must agree in sign. But, $A+B$ and $a+b$ must each

less than 360° , so that $\frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)$ are each less than 180° . In order for $\frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)$ to each be less than 180° and $\tan \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)$ to agree in sign, $\frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)$ must be of the same species [3;154].

VI. SOLUTIONS AND CHECKS BY SPECIAL METHODS

Two examples will be considered, one of case II and one of case VI, so that the half side, half angle, and Napier's Analogies can be illustrated. Gauss's Equations will be used to check the results.

Case II. Given all three angles. Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which the following parts are known:

$$A = 100^\circ 50'; \quad B = 80^\circ 50'; \quad C = 74^\circ.$$

Half side formula (32),

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}a = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-A)}{\sin B \sin C}},$$

will be used to solve for a . From the following formulas of group (31):

$$S = \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C), \quad S - A = \frac{1}{2}(A+B-C),$$

it is seen that $S = 127^\circ 50'$ and $S - A = 27^\circ$. The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n) \log \cos S &= \log \cos 52^{\circ}10' = 9.7877 - 10 \\
 \log \cos(S-A) &= \log \cos 27^{\circ} = 9.9499 - 10 \\
 \text{colog sin } B &= \text{colog sin } 80^{\circ}50' = 0.0056 \\
 \text{colog sin } C &= \text{colog sin } 74^{\circ} = 0.0172 \\
 &\quad 2 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}a = 19.7604 - 20
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\log \sin \frac{1}{2}a = 9.8802 - 10$$

$$\frac{1}{2}a = 49^{\circ}22' \text{ or } 130^{\circ}38'.$$

Napier's Analogies, equations (47) and (48) in terms

b and c,

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(b+c) = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(B-C)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(B+C)} \tan \frac{1}{2}a, \text{ and}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(b-c) = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(B-C)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(B+C)} \tan \frac{1}{2}a,$$

ll be used to solve for b and c. The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \cos \frac{1}{2}(B-C) &= \log \cos 3^{\circ}25' = 9.9992 - 10 \\
 \text{colog cos } \frac{1}{2}(B+C) &= \text{colog cos } 77^{\circ}25' = 0.6618 \\
 \log \tan \frac{1}{2}a &= \log \tan 49^{\circ}22' = 0.0664 \\
 &\quad \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(b+c) = 0.7274
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(b+c) = 79^{\circ}23' \text{ or } 100^{\circ}37'.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(B-C) &= \log \sin 3^{\circ}25' = 8.7751 - 10 \\
 \text{colog sin } \frac{1}{2}(B+C) &= \text{colog sin } 77^{\circ}25' = 0.0106 \\
 \log \tan \frac{1}{2}a &= \log \tan 49^{\circ}22' = 0.0664 \\
 &\quad \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(b-c) = 8.8521 - 10
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(b-c) = 4^{\circ}4' \text{ or } 175^{\circ}56'.$$

Thus, $b = \frac{1}{2}(b+c) + \frac{1}{2}(b-c) = 83^{\circ}27'$, and

$$c = \frac{1}{2}(b+c) - \frac{1}{2}(b-c) = 75^{\circ}19'.$$

Therefore, the solution to triangle ABC is:

$$a = 98^{\circ}44'; b = 83^{\circ}27'; \text{ and } c = 75^{\circ}19'.$$

Using the fourth equation of Gauss, (44),

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C,$$

the check is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) & = \log \sin 10^{\circ} & = 9.2397 - 10 \\ \log \sin \frac{1}{2}c & = \log \sin 37^{\circ}40' & = 9.7861 - 10 \\ & & \hline & & 9.0258 - 10 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) & = \log \sin 7^{\circ}38' & = 9.1233 - 10 \\ \log \cos \frac{1}{2}C & = \log \cos 37^{\circ} & = 9.9023 - 10 \\ & & \hline & & 9.0256 - 10. \end{array}$$

This completes the check and the problem.

Case VI. Given two angles and the side opposite one of them. Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which the following parts are known:

$$A = 104^{\circ}40'; B = 80^{\circ}15'; a = 126^{\circ}50'.$$

From the law of sines,

$$\sin b = \sin a \sin B / \sin A,$$

the computation for b is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \log \sin a & = \log \sin 53^{\circ}10' & = 9.9033 - 10 \\ \log \sin B & = \log \sin 80^{\circ}15' & = 9.9937 - 10 \\ \text{colog } \sin A & = \text{colog } \sin 75^{\circ}20' & = 0.0144 \\ & & \hline & & \log \sin b = 9.9114 - 10 \end{array}$$

$$b = 54^{\circ}38' \text{ or } 125^{\circ}22'.$$

Now to check for the number of solutions. $B < A$ implies that b must be less than a and it is seen that both

values of b , $54^{\circ}38'$ and $125^{\circ}22'$, are less than a , $126^{\circ}50'$,
 two solutions will be possible. The first rule of
 species is of no help since B is closer to 90° than is A .
 The second rule supports the conclusion that two solutions
 are possible since $\frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ is of the same species as $\frac{1}{2}(a+b)$
 for either value of b .

Let $b_1 = 54^{\circ}38'$ and $b_2 = 125^{\circ}22'$, so the two solu-
 tions can be referred to without confusion. Two of Napier's
 analogies, (46) and (48), solved for $\cot \frac{1}{2}C$ and $\tan \frac{1}{2}c$ will
 be used to compute C and c in each solution.

$$\cot \frac{1}{2}C = \tan \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b) / \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \quad (46)$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}c = \tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) / \sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \quad (48)$$

In preparation:

$A = 104^{\circ}40'$;	$a = 126^{\circ}50'$;	$a = 126^{\circ}50'$;
$B = 80^{\circ}15'$;	$b_1 = 54^{\circ}38'$;	$b_2 = 125^{\circ}22'$;
$A+B = 184^{\circ}55'$;	$a+b_1 = 181^{\circ}28'$;	$a+b_2 = 252^{\circ}12'$;
$A-B = 24^{\circ}25'$;	$a-b_1 = 72^{\circ}12'$;	$a-b_2 = 1^{\circ}28'$;
$\frac{1}{2}(A+B) = 92^{\circ}28'$;	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b_1) = 90^{\circ}44'$;	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b_2) = 126^{\circ}06'$;
$\frac{1}{2}(A-B) = 12^{\circ}12'$;	$\frac{1}{2}(a-b_1) = 36^{\circ}06'$;	$\frac{1}{2}(a-b_2) = 0^{\circ}44'$;

In the first solution, using $b_1 = 54^{\circ}38'$, the com-
 putation for C_1 and c_1 is:

$\log \tan \frac{1}{2}(A-B)$	$=$	$\log \tan 12^{\circ}12'$	$= 9.3348 - 10$
$\log \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b_1)$	$=$	$\log \sin 89^{\circ}16'$	$= 10.0000 - 10$
$\text{colog} \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b_1)$	$=$	$\text{colog} \sin 36^{\circ}06'$	$= 0.2297$
		$\log \cot \frac{1}{2}C_1$	$= 9.5645 - 10$
		$\frac{1}{2}C_1$	$= 69^{\circ}51'$
		C_1	$= 139^{\circ}42'$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b_1) & = & \log \tan 36^{\circ}06' = 9.8629 - 10 \\
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) & = & \log \sin 87^{\circ}32' = 9.9996 - 10 \\
 \text{colog} \sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) & = & \text{colog} \sin 12^{\circ}12' = 0.6750 \\
 & & \log \tan \frac{1}{2}c_1 = 0.5375
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}c_1 = 73^{\circ}49'$$

$$c_1 = 147^{\circ}38'.$$

In the second solution, using $b_2 = 125^{\circ}22'$, the computation for C_2 and c_2 is:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(A-B) & = & \log \tan 12^{\circ}12' = 9.3348 - 10 \\
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b_2) & = & \log \sin 53^{\circ}54' = 9.9074 - 10 \\
 \text{colog} \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b_2) & = & \text{colog} \sin 0^{\circ}44' = 1.8928 \\
 & & \log \cot \frac{1}{2}C_2 = 1.1350
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}C_2 = 4^{\circ}11'$$

$$C_2 = 8^{\circ}22'.$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b_2) & = & \log \tan 0^{\circ}44' = 8.1072 - 10 \\
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) & = & \log \sin 87^{\circ}32' = 9.9996 - 10 \\
 \text{colog} \sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) & = & \text{colog} \sin 12^{\circ}12' = 0.6750 \\
 & & \log \tan \frac{1}{2}c_2 = 8.7818 - 10
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}c_2 = 3^{\circ}28'$$

$$c_2 = 6^{\circ}56'.$$

Therefore, the two solutions to triangle ABC are:

$$b_1 = 54^{\circ}38'; C_1 = 139^{\circ}42'; c_1 = 147^{\circ}38'; \text{ and}$$

$$b_2 = 125^{\circ}22'; C_2 = 8^{\circ}22'; c_2 = 6^{\circ}56'.$$

The checks will each be made with equation (44) of

Gauss,

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) \sin \frac{1}{2}c = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C.$$

The computation of the check for solution one is:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) & = & \log \sin 12^{\circ}12' = 9.3250 - 10 \\
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}c_1 & = & \log \sin 73^{\circ}49' = 9.9825 - 10 \\
 & & 9.3075 - 10
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b_1) &= \log \sin 36^{\circ}06' &= 9.7703 - 10 \\
 \log \cos \frac{1}{2}C_1 &= \log \cos 69^{\circ}51' &= 9.5372 - 10 \\
 && \underline{9.3075 - 10.}
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the check of solution one. The computation of the check for solution two is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) &= \log \sin 12^{\circ}12' &= 9.3250 - 10 \\
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}C_2 &= \log \sin 3^{\circ}28' &= 8.7815 - 10 \\
 && \underline{8.1065 - 10} \\
 \\
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b_2) &= \log \sin 0^{\circ}44' &= 8.1072 - 10 \\
 \log \cos \frac{1}{2}C_2 &= \log \cos 4^{\circ}11' &= 9.9988 - 10 \\
 && \underline{8.1060 - 10}
 \end{aligned}$$

The check, although not in complete agreement, is very close considering the size of the angles and the great variance of the sine function for angles near zero degrees.

VIII. SPHERICAL EXCESS

The spherical excess, E , of a spherical triangle ABC is the number of degrees by which the angles of the triangle exceed 180° . Thus,

$$E = A+B+C-180^{\circ} \quad (49)$$

Let H be the area of spherical triangle ABC . In spherical geometry, it is proved that H is equal to the area of a lune with angle $\frac{1}{2}E$. But the area of a lune is proportional to the surface area of the sphere as its angle, $\frac{1}{2}E$, is to 360° . The surface area of a sphere of radius r being $4\pi r^2$, the following results are obtained:

$$\frac{H}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}E}{360} \quad , \text{ or}$$

$$H = \pi r^2 E / 180 [6;199]. \quad (50)$$

As an example, suppose $A = 120^\circ$, $B = 100^\circ$, and $C = 85^\circ$

a sphere of radius 15 in. Then,

$$E = 120^\circ + 100^\circ + 85^\circ - 180^\circ = 125^\circ, \text{ and}$$

$$H = \pi (15)^2 (125) / 180 = 156.25\pi \text{ sq. in.}$$

Therefore, the area of this spherical triangle is

156.25π square inches.

In (50), E is expressed in degrees. If each angle

triangle ABC were expressed in radians, formula (49)

would be

$$E = A+B+C - \pi,$$

where E would be in radians; and formula (50) would become

$$\frac{H}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}E}{\pi}, \text{ or}$$

$$H = r^2 E. \quad (51)$$

This final equation, which is equivalent to (50),

is referred to as Girard's Theorem by Mitra [11;115-116].

It is possible, knowing the radius of the sphere,

to compute the area of a spherical triangle in any of cases

through VI by first solving the triangle for all of its

angles. This is not, in most cases, a very efficient method.

Most of the rest of this chapter will be devoted to devel-

oping formulas that can be used to compute the spherical ex-

cess of a triangle directly from the given parts, at least

in the cases of the given being the three sides or the given

ing the two sides and the included angle. From the spherical excess the area is easily computed by the method above.

Lhuillier's Theorem, Spherical Excess From The Three Sides

Lhuillier's Theorem,

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \sqrt{\tan \frac{1}{2}s \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-a) \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-c)} \quad , \quad (52)$$

termines the spherical excess of a spherical triangle from the three sides of the triangle. The derivation of formula (52) is as follows:

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{4}E}{\cos \frac{1}{4}E} = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{4}(A+B+C-180^\circ)}{\cos \frac{1}{4}(A+B+C-180^\circ)} \quad ;$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{4}(A+B+C-180)}{\cos \frac{1}{4}(A+B+C-180)} \cdot \frac{2 \cos \frac{1}{4}(A+B+180^\circ-C)}{2 \cos \frac{1}{4}(A+B+180^\circ-C)} \quad ;$$

which, upon using the product formulas

$$\sin x + \sin y = 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \cos \frac{1}{2}(x-y) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\cos x + \cos y = 2 \cos \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \cos \frac{1}{2}(x-y) \quad , \quad \text{becomes}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) + \sin \frac{1}{2}(C-180^\circ)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) + \cos \frac{1}{2}(C-180^\circ)} \quad ; \quad \text{or}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) - \sin \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ-C)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) + \cos \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ-C)} \quad .$$

But, $\sin(90-x) = \cos x$ and $\cos(90-x) = \sin x$, so that

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) - \cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) + \sin \frac{1}{2}C} \quad .$$

The problem is to get $\tan \frac{1}{4}E$ expressed in terms of a , b , and c . Using formulas (41) and (42) of Gauss to substitute in for $\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$, the result is:

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} - \cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} + \sin \frac{1}{2}C} ; \text{ or}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) - \cos \frac{1}{2}c}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) + \cos \frac{1}{2}c} \cdot \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\sin \frac{1}{2}C} ;$$

which, upon using the product formulas, becomes

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{-2 \sin \frac{1}{4}(a-b+c) \sin \frac{1}{4}(a-b-c)}{2 \cos \frac{1}{4}(a+b+c) \cos \frac{1}{4}(a+b-c)} \cdot \cot \frac{1}{2}C .$$

Dividing numerator and denominator by two, recalling

$\sin(-x) = -\sin x$, $s - b = \frac{1}{2}(a+c-b)$, $s - a = \frac{1}{2}(b+c-a)$,

$s - c = \frac{1}{2}(a+b-c)$, and $s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$, the result is:

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \sin \frac{1}{2}(s-a)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}s \cos \frac{1}{2}(s-c)} \cdot \cot \frac{1}{2}C .$$

Using the reciprocal of formula (30) of the half

angle formulas for $\cot \frac{1}{2}C$, squaring both sides, and using

the identity $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$, the result is:

$$\tan^2 \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}(s-a)}{\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}s \cos^2 \frac{1}{2}(s-c)} .$$

$$\frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}s \cos \frac{1}{2}s \cdot 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(s-c) \cos \frac{1}{2}(s-c)}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(s-a) \cos \frac{1}{2}(s-a) \cdot 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}(s-b)} ; \text{ or}$$

$$\tan^2 \frac{1}{4}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}s \cdot \sin \frac{1}{2}(s-a) \cdot \sin \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \cdot \sin \frac{1}{2}(s-c)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}s \cdot \cos \frac{1}{2}(s-a) \cdot \cos \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \cdot \cos \frac{1}{2}(s-c)} ; \text{ or}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \sqrt{\tan \frac{1}{2}s \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-a) \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-c)} .$$

[3;181-182].

Examples using Lhuillier's Theorem. Let ABC be a

spherical triangle in which

$$a = 49^{\circ}20', b = 38^{\circ}40', \text{ and } c = 63^{\circ}30'.$$

$$\text{Then, } s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) = 75^{\circ}45'; \frac{1}{2}s = 37^{\circ}52';$$

$$s - a = 26^{\circ}25'; s - b = 37^{\circ}5'; s - c = 12^{\circ}15';$$

$$s - a = 13^{\circ}12'; \frac{1}{2}(s - b) = 18^{\circ}32'; \frac{1}{2}(s - c) = 6^{\circ}8'.$$

Using Lhuillier's Theorem,

$$\tan \frac{1}{4}E = \sqrt{\tan \frac{1}{2}s \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-a) \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-b) \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-c)},$$

the computation is:

$$\log \tan \frac{1}{2}s = \log \tan 37^{\circ}52' = 9.8907 - 10$$

$$\log \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-a) = \log \tan 13^{\circ}12' = 9.3702 - 10$$

$$\log \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-b) = \log \tan 18^{\circ}32' = 9.5253 - 10$$

$$\log \tan \frac{1}{2}(s-c) = \log \tan 6^{\circ}8' = 9.0312 - 10$$

$$2 \log \tan \frac{1}{4}E = 17.8174 - 20$$

$$\log \tan \frac{1}{4}E = 8.9087 - 10$$

$$\frac{1}{4}E = 4^{\circ}38'.$$

$$E = 18^{\circ}32'.$$

Thus, the spherical excess of triangle ABC is $18^{\circ}32'$.

Suppose triangle ABC is on a sphere of radius six feet. Then, the area, H, of triangle ABC is given by

$$H = \pi r^2 E / 180; \text{ or}$$

$$H = (3.1416)(6^2)(18.53)/180 = 11.64 \text{ sq. ft.}$$

Cagnoli's Theorem, Spherical Excess From The Three Sides

Cagnoli's Theorem,

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}a \cos \frac{1}{2}b \cos \frac{1}{2}c}}, \quad (53)$$

so determines the spherical excess of a spherical triangle from the three sides of the triangle. The derivation of the formula is as follows:

From

$$\frac{1}{2}(A+B+C) = S \text{ and } A+B+C-\overline{11} = E ,$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \sin(S-\frac{1}{2}\overline{11}) = -\sin(\frac{1}{2}\overline{11}-S) = -\cos S ; \text{ or}$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = -\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C) =$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \sin \frac{1}{2}C - \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}C.$$

The last expression was obtained by using an addition identity.

Replacing $\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ by their equivalents from Gauss's Equations, the result is:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C \sin \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} -$$

$$\frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} \left(\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) - \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \right) ;$$

which, upon using a product formula on the expression inside the brackets, becomes

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} \left(-2 \sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin(-\frac{1}{2}b) \right) ;$$

substituting the half angle formulas for $\sin \frac{1}{2}C$ and $\cos \frac{1}{2}C$ and simplifying, is

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin s \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin b \sin a \sin b}} .$$

$$\left(\frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin \frac{1}{2}b}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} \right) ;$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin \frac{1}{2}b}{\sin a \sin b \cos \frac{1}{2}c} .$$

$$\sqrt{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)} .$$

But, $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$, so that

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin \frac{1}{2}b \sqrt{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}}{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}a \cos \frac{1}{2}a \cdot 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}b \cos \frac{1}{2}b \cos \frac{1}{2}c} ,$$

which reduces to formula (53) [11;118].

Example using Cagnoli's Theorem. Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which

$$a = 110^{\circ}4', \quad b = 74^{\circ}32', \quad \text{and} \quad c = 56^{\circ}30'$$

$$\text{Then, } s = 120^{\circ}33'; \quad s - a = 10^{\circ}29'; \quad s - b = 46^{\circ}1' ;$$

$$- c = 64^{\circ}3'; \quad \frac{1}{2}a = 55^{\circ}2'; \quad \frac{1}{2}b = 37^{\circ}16'; \quad \frac{1}{2}c = 28^{\circ}15' .$$

Using Cagnoli's Theorem,

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{2 \cos \frac{1}{2}a \cos \frac{1}{2}b \cos \frac{1}{2}c} ,$$

the computation is:

log sin s	= log sin 59°27'	= 9.9351	- 10
log sin (s-a)	= log sin 10°29'	= 9.2599	- 10
log sin (s-b)	= log sin 46°1'	= 9.8570	- 10
log sin (s-c)	= log sin 64°3'	= 9.9539	- 10
	2 log(numerator)	= 19.0059	- 20
	log(numerator)	= 9.5030	- 10
	colog 2	= 9.6990	- 10
colog cos $\frac{1}{2}a$	= colog cos 55°2'	= 0.2418	
colog cos $\frac{1}{2}b$	= colog cos 37°16'	= 0.0992	
colog cos $\frac{1}{2}c$	= colog cos 28°15'	= 0.0550	
	log sin $\frac{1}{2}E$	= 9.5980	- 10
	$\frac{1}{2}E$	= 23°21'	
	E	= 46°42'.	

Thus, the spherical excess of triangle ABC is $942''$. If the radius of the sphere was known, the area of the triangle could be computed using the formula

$$H = \pi r^2 E / 180 .$$

Spherical Excess In Terms Of Two Sides And Their Included Angle.

Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which the measures a , b , and C are known. To show that

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \sin C}{1 + \tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \cos C} . \quad (54)$$

From the definition of E ,

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C-180^\circ)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C-180^\circ)} ;$$

which upon using $\sin(x-90^\circ) = -\sin(90^\circ-x) = -\cos x$,

$$\cos(x-90^\circ) = \cos(90^\circ-x) = \sin x ,$$

and the addition formulas, becomes

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{-\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B+C)} =$$

$$\frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \sin \frac{1}{2}C - \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \cos \frac{1}{2}C + \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) \sin \frac{1}{2}C} .$$

Using Gauss's Equations to substitute in for

$\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$ and $\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B)$, the result is:

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \frac{1}{2}E = & \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C \sin \frac{1}{2}C - \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} \\ & \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C + \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin \frac{1}{2}C \sin \frac{1}{2}C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}c} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C (\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) - \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b))}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cos^2 \frac{1}{2}C + \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}C}.$$

The identities,

$$\cos^2 \frac{1}{2}C = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos C) \text{ and } \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}C = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos C),$$

and the product formulas make the last result

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C (\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) - \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b))}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) (\frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos C)) + \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) (\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos C))};$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C (-2 \sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin \frac{1}{2}(-b))}{\frac{1}{2}(\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) + \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)) + \frac{1}{2}(\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) - \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)) \cos C};$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{2 \sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}C (\sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin \frac{1}{2}b)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}a \cos \frac{1}{2}(-b) + (-\sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin \frac{1}{2}(-b)) \cos C};$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin \frac{1}{2}b \sin C}{\cos \frac{1}{2}a \cos \frac{1}{2}b + \sin \frac{1}{2}a \sin \frac{1}{2}b \cos C};$$

where $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$, $\cos(-x) = \cos x$, and $\sin 2x =$

$2 \sin x \cos x$ were used to simplify the result. Dividing

each term of the fraction by $\cos \frac{1}{2}a \cos \frac{1}{2}b$, the desired re-

sult is formula (54) [3;182].

Example--Given two sides and the included angle.

Let ABC be a spherical triangle in which

$$a = 83^{\circ}20'; b = 125^{\circ}40'; \text{ and } C = 110^{\circ}38'.$$

Using formula (54),

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}E = \frac{\tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \sin C}{1 + \tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \cos C},$$

the computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \tan \frac{1}{2}a &= \log \tan 41^{\circ}40' = 9.9494 - 10 \\
 \log \tan \frac{1}{2}b &= \log \tan 62^{\circ}50' = 0.2897 \\
 \log \cos C &= (n) \log \cos 69^{\circ}22' = 9.5470 - 10 \\
 \log(\tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \sin C) &= 9.7861 - 10
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \sin C &= -0.6111 \\
 1 + \tan \frac{1}{2}a \tan \frac{1}{2}b \sin C &= 0.3889
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log 0.3889 &= 9.5898 - 10 \\
 \operatorname{colog} 0.3889 &= 0.4102
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}E = 76^{\circ}32'$$

$$E = 153^{\circ}4'$$

us, the spherical excess of triangle ABC is $153^{\circ}4'$.

Suppose triangle ABC is on a sphere of diameter 18 inches. Again using the formula $H = \pi r^2 E / 180$, the area of triangle ABC is:

$$H = 3.1416(9^2)(153.07)/180 = 216.40 \text{ sq. in.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log 3.1416 &= 0.49715 \\
 \log 81 &= 1.90849 \\
 \log 153.07 &= 2.18489 \\
 \operatorname{colog} 180 &= 7.74473 - 10 \\
 \log H &= 2.33526
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H = 216.40$$

In the next chapter some of the applications of spherical trigonometry will be examined. The applications of spherical trigonometry are so many in number and some so extensive that only a few will be examined and some to a very limited degree.

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APPLICATIONS OF SPHERICAL TRIGONOMETRY

The applications of spherical trigonometry are large number and include many fields. Perhaps the most commonly known applications are those of distances on the earth, navigation, and astronomy. These applications as well as some of the not so commonly known applications will be examined. Some examples will be given to illustrate these applications.

I. LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

In Plane Analytical Geometry, it is customary to give the location of any point in a plane by a pair of coordinates which indicate distances and directions from the coordinate axes. A similar procedure is followed for locating any point on the earth's surface.

Let A be any point on the earth's surface, which can be assumed to be a sphere of radius 3959 miles. (Figure 27) Let N represent the north pole, S the south pole, O the center of the earth, and great circle WBCE represent the equator. The

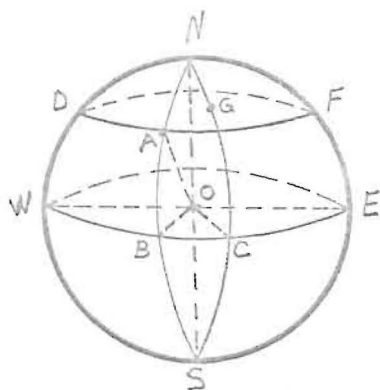


Figure 27

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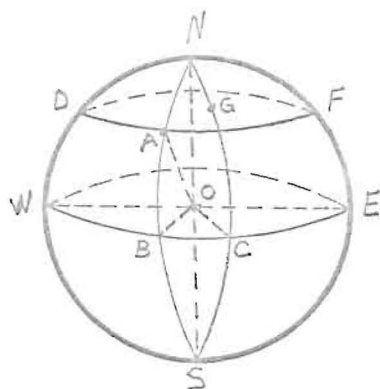


Figure 27

les of the equator are N and S. For an observer standing

A and facing N, the direction of N is north and that of S is south, while the perpendicular direction to the right is called east and the opposite direction is called west. The meridian circles are those great circles containing N and S. The meridian of a point A is the semicircle NABS having N and S as endpoints. The prime meridian is the meridian NGCS containing G, Greenwich, England. The location of any point on the earth's surface is given in reference to Greenwich for its east-west location and in reference to the equator for its north-south location. The coordinates of a point on the earth's surface are called the longitude and latitude of the point.

The longitude of a point A is the angle of intersection of the meridian of A and of the prime meridian of G, Greenwich. Longitude is measured from 0° to 180° inclusive, east or west of Greenwich. The longitude is the smallest angle of intersection of the planes of the meridians of A and G, which is equal to the measure of angle BOC or of the minor arc BC on the equator.

Latitude is the angular measure of the arc of the meridian of A from the equator to A, AB. Angle AOB also measures the latitude of A. Latitude is measured from 0° to 90° , north or south of the equator. The co-latitude of a point A is the complement of the latitude of A, or the angu-

measure of arc AN or that of angle AON. All points on the earth's surface having the same latitude lie on a small circle called a parallel of latitude. Circle ADF is a parallel of latitude through A in Figure 27 [6;201-202].

Nautical mile and knot. A nautical mile is defined as the length of an arc of one minute measured along a great circle of the earth. A nautical mile is approximately 6080 feet or 1.15 ordinary land miles.

A knot is a rate of speed and indicates a movement of one nautical mile per hour [8;122]. For example, an airplane flying at 200 knots is flying approximately 230 miles per hour.

Bearing and azimuth. Let NAS be the meridian through point A. (Figure 28) The azimuth or course of a point, as B, from A is the spherical angle NAB measured in a clockwise direction using AN as the initial side. Azimuth is an angle measured from 0° to 360° , including 0° but not 360° . Thus, the approximate azimuth of B from A is 60° ; of C from A is 130° ; and of E from A is 280° . All arcs are arcs of great circles.

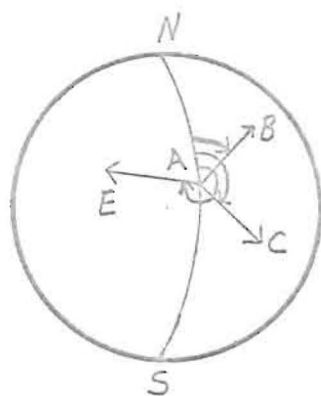


Figure 28

The bearing of a point B from A is defined to be the shortest great circle path from A to B [6;202-203]. Bearing is given as the acute spherical angle from either N or S to

Using the approximations of azimuths, the bearing of B from A is N 60° E; of C from A is S 50° E; and of E from A is N 80° W. The azimuth of a point is more commonly given than its bearing [8;176].

II. GREAT CIRCLE DISTANCES

The shortest distance between any two points A and B on the earth's surface is the length of the minor arc of the great circle connecting the two points. In angular measure this distance cannot exceed 180° , and the distance in nautical miles is equal to the angular measure expressed in minutes. Great circle distances are of particular value in geography and navigation, whether by sea or by air. Also of value is the course or azimuth of any point on the great circle route, particularly at A and at B. The initial course is given by the azimuth at A and the final course is given by the azimuth at the direction at B [6;203]. The following example will illustrate how spherical trigonometry can be used to compute great circle distance as well as the initial and final course between two points.

Example. To compute the great circle distance in nau-

cal miles, the initial course, and the final course in traveling from Sydney to San Francisco if the latitude and longitude of the two cities are:

Sydney($33^{\circ}52'$ S, $151^{\circ}12'$ E);

San Francisco($37^{\circ}47'$ N,
 $122^{\circ}26'$ W).

The numerical information is obtained from Hart[6;204].

Let A represent Sydney and B represent San Francisco.

(Figure 29) Then, in spherical triangle ABN,

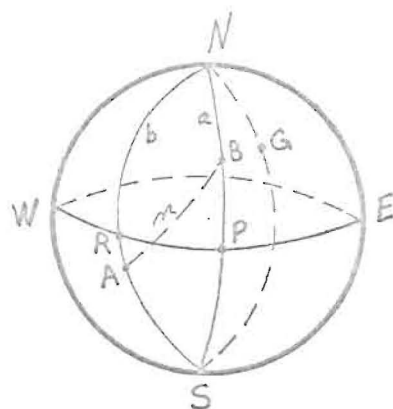


Figure 29

$$AN = 33^{\circ}52' + 90^{\circ} = 123^{\circ}52' ;$$

$$ANB = 360^{\circ} - (151^{\circ}12' + 122^{\circ}26') = 86^{\circ}22' ;$$

$$BN = 90^{\circ} - 37^{\circ}47' = 52^{\circ}13' ;$$

AB = great circle distance between A and B ;

NAB = initial course ;

$$ABN = 180^{\circ} - (\text{final course from A to B}) .$$

Napier's first two analogies,

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cot \frac{1}{2}N / \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) \text{ and}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cot \frac{1}{2}N / \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b) ,$$

will be used to solve for A and B. The computation is:

$$a+b = 176^{\circ}5' ; \quad \frac{1}{2}(a+b) = 88^{\circ}2' ;$$

$$a-b = -71^{\circ}39' ; \quad \frac{1}{2}(a-b) = -35^{\circ}50' ;$$

$$N = 86^{\circ}22' ; \quad \frac{1}{2}N = 43^{\circ}11' .$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) &= \log \cos 35^{\circ}50' = 9.9089 - 10 \\
 \log \cot \frac{1}{2}N &= \log \cot 43^{\circ}11' = 0.0276 \\
 \text{colog} \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b) &= \text{colog} \cos 88^{\circ}2' = 1.4645 \\
 \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(A+B) &= 1.4010
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(A+B) = 87^{\circ}44'.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b) &= (n) \log \sin 35^{\circ}50' = 9.7675 - 10 \\
 \log \cot \frac{1}{2}N &= \log \cot 43^{\circ}11' = 0.0276 \\
 \text{colog} \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b) &= \text{colog} \sin 88^{\circ}2' = 0.0003 \\
 (n) \log \tan \frac{1}{2}(A-B) &= 9.7954 - 10
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(A-B) = -31^{\circ}59'.$$

Thus, $A = 55^{\circ}45'$ and $B = 119^{\circ}43'$. The law of sines can be used to solve for n . Thus,

$$\sin n = \sin b \sin N / \sin B,$$

for which the computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \sin b &= \log \sin 123^{\circ}52' = \log \sin 56^{\circ}8' = 9.9192 - 10 \\
 \log \sin N &= \log \sin 86^{\circ}22' = \log \sin 86^{\circ}22' = 9.9991 - 10 \\
 \log \sin B &= \text{colog} \sin 119^{\circ}43' = \text{colog} \sin 60^{\circ}17' = 0.0612 \\
 \log \sin n &= 9.9795 - 10
 \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 72^{\circ}32' \text{ or } 107^{\circ}28'.$$

The obtuse value of n can be reasoned to be the correct value in the following manner. A below the equator and above the equator implies that n must be greater than the angular measure between the meridians of A and B measured along the equator, which is RP in Figure 29. But RPN is an isosceles quadrantal triangle making RP and N have the same measure. N is greater than $72^{\circ}32'$, thus $n = 107^{\circ}28'$ is the correct value.

The distance AB in nautical miles is found by changing

$107^{\circ}28'$, into minutes. Thus,

$$AB = 107(60) + 28 = 6448 \text{ nautical miles.}$$

The initial course from A to B is given by

$$NAB = A = 55^{\circ}45'.$$

The final course from A to B is given by

$$180^{\circ} - ABN = 180^{\circ} - B = 60^{\circ}17'.$$

Had only the distance between A and B been desired, formula (20) of the haversine formulas, with c and C replaced by n and N , would have determined the angular value n directly from the given parts.

Sailing great circle routes in actual practice. The great circle distance between any two points on the earth's surface always being the shortest distance between those two points makes traveling a great circle route seem to be the logical choice to make. In the case of sailing, islands may make a great circle route impossible. But disregarding that possibility, the navigation of a great circle route would require that the course be in a constant state of change since any great circle, except a meridian or the equator, crosses successive meridians at a constantly changing angle. For most great circle routes, the navigation is so difficult that an approximation to a great circle route is used when a direct route is desirable.

This approximation to a great circle route is accom-

ished by navigating a series of short curves or arcs known as rhumb lines. A rhumb line or loxodrome is a curve on the earth's surface which cuts all meridians at the same angle. The closer the approximation to a great circle route required the shorter the rhumb lines are made and thus the more rhumb lines are required. In practice, the term "sailing the great circle route" refers to sailing a series of rhumb lines which approximate to a great circle route.

In laying out the approximation to a great circle route just referred to the navigator uses two types of maps or charts; the great circle chart and the Mercator's chart.

A great circle chart distorts a portion of the earth's surface so that all great circle routes appear to be straight lines. Figure 30 shows the arc AB of a great circle route as a line segment. Likewise, all meridians are straight.

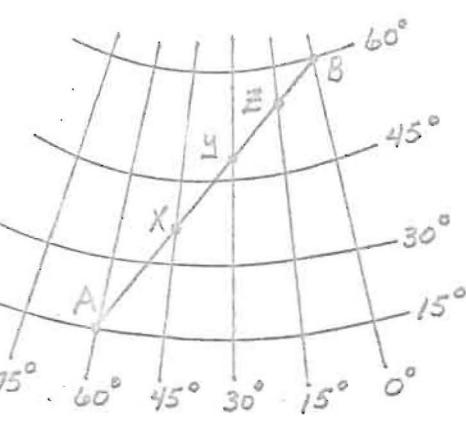


Figure 30

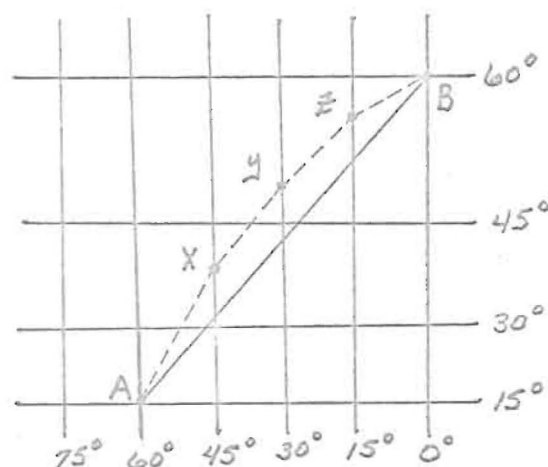


Figure 31

A Mercator's chart (Figure 31) distorts the earth's surface so that all rhumb lines appear as straight lines. Figure 31 represents the same portion of the earth's surface as Figure 30. Straight line-segment AB represents the rhumb line connecting A and B. Equally spaced meridians appear as equally spaced parallel lines. Equally spaced parallels of latitude appear as parallel lines perpendicular to the meridians but not equally spaced. An important property of a Mercator's chart is that all angles of the earth's surface are reproduced accurately.

The laying off of an approximation to a great circle route is accomplished in the following manner. On the great circle chart the great circle route between A and B is indicated by line segment AB. If the route does not hit any islands or any other nonnavigable objects, a great circle route may be used. The coordinates of several convenient points are noted (X, Y, and Z). These points are then plotted on the Mercator's chart using the same coordinates. The broken (dotted) line AXYZB on the Mercator's chart indicates the successive rhumb lines that give an approximation to the great circle route AB. If a closer approximation is desired, the plotting of more points on the great circle chart and then on the Mercator's chart will accomplish this end.

Since the Mercator's chart preserves angle size, and

Knowing the coordinates of the points plotted, the length and direction of each of the rhumb lines AX, XY, YZ, and ZB, can be computed which completely determines the route to be taken. On a large scale Mercator's chart the size of the angles and the lengths of the chords can be read fairly accurately, however, mathematical computation can be used if a greater degree of accuracy is desired [8;183-185].

III. THE CELESTIAL SPHERE

The celestial sphere is a sphere, whose center is the center of the earth, with a radius so large that by comparison the radius of the earth is of negligible length. The earth is sometimes referred to as the center of this sphere. Nautical Astronomy is not concerned with the actual size of this sphere but rather with the location of and the movement of heavenly bodies upon its surface. All the heavenly bodies: sun, moon, stars, and planets visible from the earth are imagined to lie on the celestial sphere's surface. Their relative positions are indicated in angular measure and from these measures spherical triangles are formed and their solutions can be found. In the following discussion references made will be to Figure 32.

The celestial north pole P and south pole P' are the points where the earth's axis, NS, meets the celestial sphere when this axis is extended. To any observer, at A, the celes-

ial sphere appears to rotate from east to west about the axis PP' , because the earth rotates from west to east on its axis. If A is some given terrestrial position on the earth's surface, the point vertically above A on the celestial sphere is the zenith, Z , of A . The point Z' diametrically opposite the zenith, Z , on the celestial sphere is called the nadir. If M represents any one of the heavenly bodies the point G directly under M on the earth's surface is called the geographic position (GP) of M . Geometrically, points M , G , and O are collinear as are points Z , A , O , and Z' , where O is the earth's center.

The positions of the celestial bodies may be expressed by a celestial coordinate system very similar to the latitude-longitude system on the earth's surface. In one such coordinate system, the basic lines of reference are the celestial equator and the celestial prime meridian, each of which is determined by extending the plane of the earth's equator and the plane of the terrestrial prime meridian. Other systems include: the altitude-azimuth coordinate system; the declination-hour-angle system of coordinates; and the right ascension-declination coordinate system [6;207]. In Figure 32, 'JC'T' is the celestial equator, and $PT'LP'$ is the celestial prime meridian. A celestial meridian is a great circle containing P and P' . The celestial meridian $PMFD'P'$ which passes through M is called the hour circle. The spherical

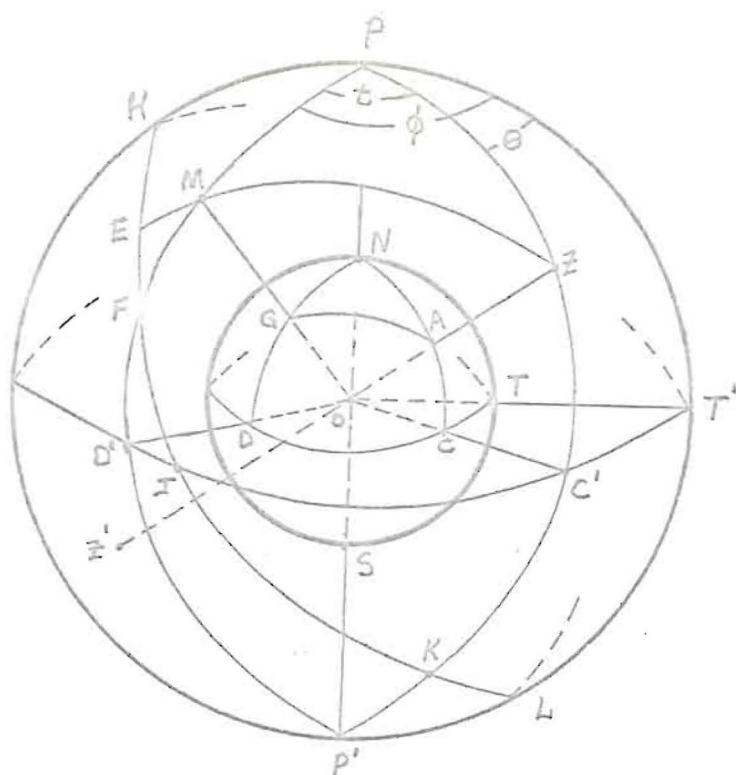


Figure 32

P: celestial north pole
 P': celestial south pole
 P-P': celestial axis
 A: celestial body
 G: GP of M
 T: a given terrestrial point
 Z: zenith of A
 Z': nadir of A
 M: LHA of M
 M: GHA of M
 M: GHA of Z

Abbreviations:
 GP: geographic position
 LHA: local hour angle
 GHA: Greenwich hour angle
 Dcl.: declination
 sph.: spherical

M: Dcl. of M (Dcl. of M = lat. of G)
 G: latitude of G
 M: latitude of M (EM never exceeds 90°)
 Z: zenith distance of M ($EM + MZ = 90^\circ$)
 M: polar distance of M
 angle PZM: azimuth of M
 CT: terrestrial equator
 JC'T': celestial equator
 TS: terrestrial prime meridian
 T'LP': celestial prime meridian
 MFD'P': hour circle of M
 ZC'KP': zenith meridian
 EFJKL: celestial horizon of A (Z is pole)
 ME: vertical circle of M with respect to Z
 sph. triangle PMZ: astronomical triangle
 sph. triangle NGA: terrestrial triangle

angle t formed by the hour circle and the celestial meridian through Z is called the local hour angle (LHA) of M . Spherical angle ϕ formed by the hour circle and the celestial prime meridian is the Greenwich hour angle (GHA) of M . Spherical angle θ is the GHA of Z . The GHA for any celestial body or point is measured westward from the celestial prime meridian a positive angle up to 360° . The declination (Dcl.) of a celestial point is the angular distance of the point from the equator, measured along the hour circle of that point. Thus, the declination of M is arc $D'M$. Note that the declination of a celestial point is merely the latitude of its GP. The two coordinates of the coordinate system just described are Dcl. and GHA.

Solar noon, 12:00 noon, is the instant when the sun is on the zenith meridian of a given point A ; that is, when the hour circle of the sun and the zenith meridian of A coincide the apparent time at A is 12:00 noon. The rotation of the earth on its own axis makes it appear as if the sun circles the earth every twenty-four hours. Using this, an increase of 15° in the sun's GHA would indicate an elapse in time of one hour. If the sun, M , is west of the zenith of Z , the time is after noon; if the sun is east of the zenith of A , the time is before noon.

The great circle HEFJKL which has the zenith, Z , and

the nadir, Z' , of a terrestrial point A as poles is the celestial horizon of A. The visible horizon is the apparent line of separation of the earth from the sky. The plane of the celestial horizon intersects the center of the earth while the plane of the visible horizon is parallel to that of the celestial horizon but intersects the earth in a small circle.

The vertical circle of a point M with respect to the zenith, Z, of A is the great circle containing M and Z. The altitude of M is then the angular distance M is above the celestial horizon measured along the vertical circle. Thus, EM is the altitude of M. The zenith distance of M is the distance between M and Z on the vertical circle. Thus, $Z = 90^\circ - EM$ is the zenith distance of M. The polar distance of M is arc PM.

The azimuth of M is the angle PZM between the meridian through Z and the vertical circle of M. The azimuth angle of a point is sometimes called the bearing of the point [7;79].

Spherical triangle PMZ is known as the astronomical triangle. Spherical triangle NGA on the earth is the same triangle, with respect to angular measure. Solution of spherical triangle PMZ gives information as to latitude, longitude, time of day, and so forth [8;187-189], [6;205-208].

Applications Of The Astronomical Triangle

Only a few of the possible examples will be considered as there are so many ways in which the data can be given that it would be impossible to illustrate each type of application.

To find the time of day (solar time) of an observer whose latitude is known, when the sun's declination and altitude are given. Example: To find the solar time in Chicago (latitude: $41^{\circ}50'$ N) at a moment in the morning when the sun's declination is $14^{\circ}16'$ if the sun's altitude is observed to be $38^{\circ}14'$ [6;208, 211-prob. 1].

In Figure 32, $C'Z = 41^{\circ}50'$; $D'M = 14^{\circ}16'$; and $EM = 38^{\circ}14'$. Thus, in astronomical triangle PMZ ,

$$PZ = 48^{\circ}10'; MP = 75^{\circ}44'; \text{ and } MZ = 51^{\circ}46'.$$

The local hour angle, t or MPZ , when converted into its equivalent in hours will give the solar time desired. Any of the half angle formulas with the proper substitutions will get the desired results. Let $A = M$, $B = Z$, and $C = P$. Then, formula (28) becomes

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}P = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-PZ) \sin(s-MP)}{\sin PZ \sin MP}}, \text{ where}$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(PZ + MP + MZ) = 87^{\circ}50'; s - PZ = 39^{\circ}40'; \text{ and } s - MP = 12^{\circ}06'.$$

The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log \sin(s-PZ) &= \log \sin 39^{\circ}40' = 9.8050 - 10 \\
 \log \sin(s-MP) &= \log \sin 12^{\circ}6' = 9.3214 - 10 \\
 \text{colog } \sin PZ &= \text{colog } \sin 48^{\circ}10' = 0.1278 \\
 \text{colog } \sin MP &= \text{colog } \sin 75^{\circ}44' = 0.0136 \\
 2 \log \sin \frac{1}{2}P &= 19.2678 - 20
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\log \sin \frac{1}{2}P = 9.6339 - 10$$

$$\frac{1}{2}P = 25^{\circ}30'$$

$$P = 51^{\circ}$$

Dividing $P = 51^{\circ}$ by 15° per hour gives $P = 3.4$ hours. But 4 hours = 3 hours, 24 minutes to the nearest minute. The observation was taken in the morning so that the solar time is 3 hours, 24 minutes before noon or 8:36 A.M.

To find the solar time of sunrise or sunset in a given latitude when the declination of the sun is known.

This case is a special case of the last example where the altitude of the sun is 0° . Example: Find the Chicago time of sunrise on the morning in the last example, and the bearing of the sun at sunrise [6;209, 211-prob. 3].

In Figure 32, $C'Z = 41^{\circ}50'$; $D'M = 14^{\circ}16'$; and $EM = 0^{\circ}$. Thus, in astronomical triangle PMZ ,

$$PZ = 48^{\circ}10'; MP = 75^{\circ}44'; \text{ and } MZ = 90^{\circ}.$$

The parts of the triangle desired are angles MPZ and ZPM . Triangle PMZ is quadrantal so that the solution can best be carried out in polar triangle $P'M'Z'$ (P' and Z' not to be confused with those of Figure 32). In spherical triangle $P'M'Z'$,

$$P' = 90^\circ; M' = 131^\circ 50'; \text{ and } Z' = 104^\circ 16'.$$

Let m' , p' , and z' represent the supplements of M , and Z , respectively. Using Napier's rules to solve for and z' , the required formulas are:

$$\cos p' = \cot M' \cot Z'; \text{ and } \cos z' = \cos Z' / \sin M'.$$

The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cot M' &= (n) \log \cot 48^\circ 10' = 9.9519 - 10 \\ \log \cot Z' &= (n) \log \cot 75^\circ 44' = 9.4053 - 10 \\ \log \cos p' &= 9.3572 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$p' = 76^\circ 49'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cos Z' &= (n) \log \cos 75^\circ 44' = 9.3917 - 10 \\ \operatorname{colog} \sin M' &= \operatorname{colog} \sin 48^\circ 10' = 0.1278 \\ \log \cos z' &= 9.5195 - 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$z' = 70^\circ 41' \text{ or } 109^\circ 19'.$$

Thus, $P = 103^\circ 11'$ and $Z = 70^\circ 41'$. Divide $P = 103^\circ 11'$ 103.18° by 15° to get $P = 6.88$ hours or 6 hours, 53 minutes before noon. Therefore, the sun will rise at 5:07 A.M. a bearing (azimuth) of $70^\circ 41'$.

To find the lengths of the longest and shortest days at a known terrestrial point and the bearing of the sun at sunrise on each of these days. Essential to the solution is an example of this type is having the information that the sun's declination is $23^\circ 27'$ on the longest day of the year and $-23^\circ 27'$ on the shortest day of the year, for the northern hemisphere of the earth. Fairbanks, Alaska, has a

latitude of $64^{\circ}51' \text{ N}$ [6;211].

In Figure 32, computing for the longest day, $D'M = 3^{\circ}27'$; $C'Z = 64^{\circ}51'$; and $EM = 0^{\circ}$. Thus, in astronomical triangle PMZ,

$$MP = 66^{\circ}33'; \quad PZ = 25^{\circ}9'; \quad \text{and} \quad MZ = 90^{\circ}.$$

Thus, in polar triangle $P'M'Z'$,

$$P' = 90^{\circ}; \quad Z' = 113^{\circ}27'; \quad \text{and} \quad M' = 154^{\circ}51'.$$

The parts of triangle PMZ desired are angles P and Z.

Using Napier's rules to solve for their supplements, p' and

z' , in polar triangle $P'M'Z'$ requires the relationships:

$$\cos p' = \cot M' \cot Z'; \quad \text{and} \quad \cos z' = \cos Z' / \sin M'.$$

The computation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cot M' &= (n) \log \cot 25^{\circ}9' &= 0.3283 \\ \log \cot Z' &= (n) \log \cot 66^{\circ}33' &= \frac{9.6372 - 10}{\log \cos p' = 9.9655 - 10} \end{aligned}$$

$$p' = 22^{\circ}32'.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cos Z' &= (n) \log \cos 66^{\circ}33' &= 9.5998 - 10 \\ \text{colog} \sin M' &= \text{colog} \sin 25^{\circ}9' &= \frac{0.3717}{\log \cos z' = 9.9715 - 10} \end{aligned}$$

$$z' = \frac{20^{\circ}32'}{159^{\circ}28'} \text{ or } 159^{\circ}28'.$$

Thus, $P = 157^{\circ}28'$ and $Z = 20^{\circ}32'$. Converting P to hours and minutes gives $P = 10$ hours, 30 minutes. This represents the number of hours before solar noon that the sun rises and also the number of hours from solar noon until sunset. Therefore, the length of the longest day is 21 hours, 0 minutes and the bearing of the sun at sunrise is $20^{\circ}32'$.

In Figure 32, computing for the shortest day,

$M = -23^{\circ}27'$; $C'Z = 64^{\circ}51'$; and $EM = 0^{\circ}$. Thus, in astronomical triangle PMZ,

$$MP = 113^{\circ}27'; PZ = 25^{\circ}9'; \text{ and } MZ = 90^{\circ}.$$

Again using the relationships:

$$\cos p' = \cot M' \cot Z \text{ and } \cos z' = \cos Z' / \sin M',$$

to solve for p' and z' in polar triangle $P'M'Z'$, in which

$$P' = 90^{\circ}; Z' = 66^{\circ}33'; \text{ and } M' = 154^{\circ}51',$$

the computation is:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \log \cot M' = (n) \log \cot 25^{\circ}9' & = & 0.3283 \\ \log \cot Z' = \log \cot 66^{\circ}33' & = & 9.6372 - 10 \\ & \log \cos p' & = 9.9655 - 10 \end{array}$$

$$p' = \frac{22^{\circ}32'}{159^{\circ}28'} \text{ or } 159^{\circ}28'.$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \log \cos Z' = \log \cos 66^{\circ}33' & = & 9.5998 - 10 \\ \operatorname{colog} \sin M' = \operatorname{colog} \sin 25^{\circ}9' & = & 0.3717 \\ & \log \cos z' & = 9.9715 - 10 \end{array}$$

$$z' = 20^{\circ}32'.$$

Thus, $P = 22^{\circ}32'$ and $Z = 159^{\circ}28'$. P is equivalent

to 1.5 hours, which is just half of the daylight hours.

Therefore, the length of the shortest day is 3 hours, 0 minutes and the bearing of the sun at sunrise is $159^{\circ}28'$.

To find the latitude of the observer if the altitude, hour angle, and declination of a celestial object are known.

Example: To find the latitude of an observer if at 9:28 A.M. the sun's altitude is $37^{\circ}26'$ and the sun's declination is

20' [6;210, 211-prob. 7].

In Figure 32, the given parts are:

$t = 2$ hours, 32 minutes before noon; $EM = 37^{\circ}26'$; and $M = 6^{\circ}20'$.

t , 2 hours, 32 minutes is equivalent to 38° so that, in triangle PMZ,

$$MPZ = 38^{\circ}; \quad MZ = 52^{\circ}34'; \quad \text{and} \quad MP = 83^{\circ}40'.$$

The altitude of Z, $C'Z$, is the required part. Solving for its complement, PZ , in triangle MPZ can be accomplished by solving for Z by the law of sines and then using Napier's Analogies to solve for PZ . From the law of sines,

$$\sin Z = \sin P \sin MP / \sin MZ.$$

The computation is:

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \log \sin P & = & \log \sin 38^{\circ} & = & 9.7893 - 10 \\ \log \sin MP & = & \log \sin 83^{\circ}40' & = & 9.9973 - 10 \\ \text{colog} \sin MZ & = & \text{colog} \sin 52^{\circ}34' & = & 0.1001 \\ & & \log \sin Z & = & 9.8867 - 10 \\ & & Z & = & 50^{\circ}23' \text{ or } 129^{\circ}37'. \end{array}$$

Rules of species do not eliminate either one of these values of Z. Thus, two solutions appear to be possible. In the first solution $Z_1 = 50^{\circ}23'$ and in the second $Z_2 = 129^{\circ}37'$. Formula (48) of Napier's Analogies, solved for $\tan \frac{1}{2}c$ and with the proper substitutions, can be used to solve for PZ in triangle PMZ. Thus,

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}PZ = \tan \frac{1}{2}(MP-MZ) \sin \frac{1}{2}(P+Z) / \sin \frac{1}{2}(Z-P).$$

The computations are:

$$\begin{aligned}\log \tan \frac{1}{2}(MP-MZ) &= \log \tan 15^{\circ}33' = 9.4445 - 10 \\ \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(Z_1+P) &= \log \sin 44^{\circ}12' = 9.8434 - 10 \\ \text{colog} \sin \frac{1}{2}(Z_1-P) &= \text{colog} \sin 6^{\circ}12' = 0.9666 \\ &\quad \log \tan \frac{1}{2}PZ = 0.2545\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}PZ = 60^{\circ}54'$$

$$PZ = 121^{\circ}48'.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \tan \frac{1}{2}(MP-MZ) &= \log \tan 15^{\circ}33' = 9.4445 - 10 \\ \log \sin \frac{1}{2}(Z_2+P) &= \log \sin 83^{\circ}49' = 9.9975 - 10 \\ \text{colog} \sin \frac{1}{2}(Z_2-P) &= \text{colog} \sin 45^{\circ}49' = 0.1444 \\ &\quad \log \tan \frac{1}{2}PZ = 9.5864 - 10\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}PZ = 21^{\circ}6'$$

$$PZ = 42^{\circ}12'.$$

An ambiguity about a second solution can now be eliminated since PZ must be less than or equal to $90^{\circ}[6;211]$. Thus, $Z = 42^{\circ}12'$ and the latitude of the observer must be $47^{\circ}48'$.

In a given latitude, to find the altitude and azimuth of a celestial object whose declination and hour angle are known. Example: To find the altitude and azimuth of a star M as observed from A whose latitude is $22^{\circ}25'$ N at an instant of time when the declination of M is $76^{\circ}25'$ and the local hour angle of M is 4 hours, 40 minutes, west $[6;209, 11\text{-prob. } 13]$.

In astronomical triangle PMZ,

$$PZ = 67^{\circ}35'; PM = 13^{\circ}35'; \text{ and } P = 70^{\circ} \text{ west.}$$

The unknown parts are MZ(to find EM)and Z. Expressing one of the haversine formulas in terms of the known parts re-

ults in

$$\text{hav } MZ = \text{hav}(PZ-PM) + \sin PZ \sin PM \text{ hav } P.$$

The computation is:

$$\text{hav}(PZ-PM) = \text{hav } 54^\circ = 0.20611$$

$$\log \sin PZ = \log \sin 67^\circ 35' = 9.96588 - 10$$

$$\log \sin PM = \log \sin 13^\circ 35' = 9.37081 - 10$$

$$\log \text{hav } P = \log \text{hav } 70^\circ = \underline{9.51718 - 10}$$

$$\log \text{product} = 8.85387 - 10$$

$$\text{product} = 0.07143$$

$$\text{hav } MZ = 0.27754$$

$$MZ = 63^\circ 35'.$$

Thus, the altitude of M = EM = $90 - 63^\circ 35' = 26^\circ 25'$.

Using the law of sines to solve for Z results in the relationship

$$\sin Z = \sin P \sin MP / \sin MZ .$$

The computation is:

$$\log \sin P = \log \sin 70^\circ = 9.9730 - 10$$

$$\log \sin MP = \log \sin 13^\circ 35' = 9.3708 - 10$$

$$\text{colog } \sin MZ = \text{colog } \sin 63^\circ 35' = \underline{0.0479}$$

$$\log \sin Z = 9.3917 - 10$$

$$Z = 14^\circ 16'.$$

But M is west of Z, so the azimuth of M is $360^\circ - Z = 345^\circ 44'$.

Time when the sun will reach the prime vertical (position where bearing is due west or east), the latitude and declination being known. Example: Determine the time when the sun will be on the prime vertical, both morning and evening, if the declination of the sun is 18° N and the latitude

f an observer is 46° N [7;78, 82-prob. 6a].

The sun, M, will be due east or due west of Z when $\angle MZ = 90^{\circ}$. The morning and afternoon times will be equally spaced before and after solar noon [7;81]. In astronomical triangle PMZ,

$$Z = 90^{\circ}; PM = 72^{\circ}; \text{ and } PZ = 44^{\circ}.$$

Using Napier's rules on right triangle PMZ to find results in the use of the relationship:

$$\cos P = \cot PM \tan PZ .$$

the computation is:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \cot PM &= \log \cot 72^{\circ} = 9.5118 - 10 \\ \log \tan PZ &= \log \tan 44^{\circ} = 9.9848 - 10 \\ \log \cos P &= 9.4966 - 10 \\ P &= 71^{\circ}43'. \end{aligned}$$

Converting $P = 71^{\circ}43'$ to hours and minutes, the result is $P = 4$ hours, 47 minutes. Thus, the sun's bearing will be due west at 4:47 P. M. and due east at 7:13 A. M.

Many other astronomical applications of the spherical triangle are given in textbooks. Some of these use the right ascension coordinate system (see Crockett [3;189-192]) while others go into much more detail than is possible in this work. Several applications of spherical geometry will be considered in the remainder of this chapter that could be classified as geometric applications.

IV. INSCRIBED AND CIRCUMSCRIBED CIRCLES

Circles can be described touching the sides of a given spherical triangle, or passing through the vertices of the triangle. The circle may be inside the spherical triangle or the triangle may be inside the circle. The purpose of this section is to derive formulas for the angular radii of the incircle, the excircle, and the circumcircle.

The Incircle

The circle which can be inscribed within a given spherical triangle so as to touch each of the sides of the triangle internally is called the inscribed circle or incircle. (Figure 33) The pole (nearest pole) of the incircle is the point of concurrency of the angle bisectors of the given triangle. The radius of the incircle will be denoted by r [11;135].

A formula for r . In Figure 33, P is the pole of the circle inscribed in spherical triangle ABC . AP , BP , and CP are the angle bisectors of angles A , B , and C , respectively. PD , PE , and PF are the perpendicular arcs to the sides a , b , and c , respectively, of triangle ABC . Each of these arcs is equal to r .

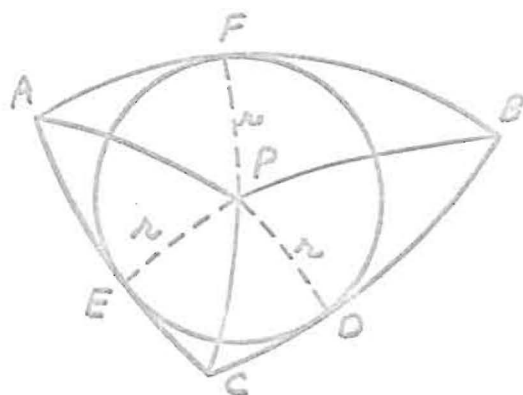


Figure 33

e pairs of triangles, APE and APF; BPD and BPF; and CPD and CPE, are symmetric in pairs and right-angled at D, E, and F.

In right spherical triangle BPD, using Napier's rules,

$$\tan PD = \tan r = \tan \frac{1}{2}B \sin BD.$$

The pairs of triangles being symmetric implies that AE = AF, BE = BF, and CD = CF. Thus, $s = BD + AE + EC$ and

$$BD = s - (AE+EC) = s - b.$$

Substituting $s - b$ for BD in the above relationship results

$$\tan r = \tan \frac{1}{2}B \sin(s-b).$$

Substituting in the expression for $\tan \frac{1}{2}B$ from the half angle formula for $\tan \frac{1}{2}B$ gives

$$\tan r = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-c)}{\sin s \sin(s-b)}} \cdot \sin(s-b), \text{ or}$$

$$\tan r = \sqrt{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin(s-c) / \sin s}. \quad (55)$$

Formula (55) expresses the tangent of the radius of the inscribed circle in terms of the sides of spherical triangle ABC. The same result would have been obtained had any one of the other right-angled triangles in Figure 33 been used [11;136, 137].

The Excircle

A circle which touches one side of a spherical triangle and the other two sides extended is called the es-

scribed circle or excircle. (Figure 34) The pole (nearest pole) of an excircle is the point of concurrency of the bisectors of the exterior angles of the triangle. Every spherical triangle has three excircles associated with it, which are actually incircles of the colunar triangles of the given triangle. Let r_1 , r_2 , and r_3 represent the angular radii of the incircles of colunar triangles $A'BC$, $B'AC$, and $C'AB$, respectively [11;135, 136].

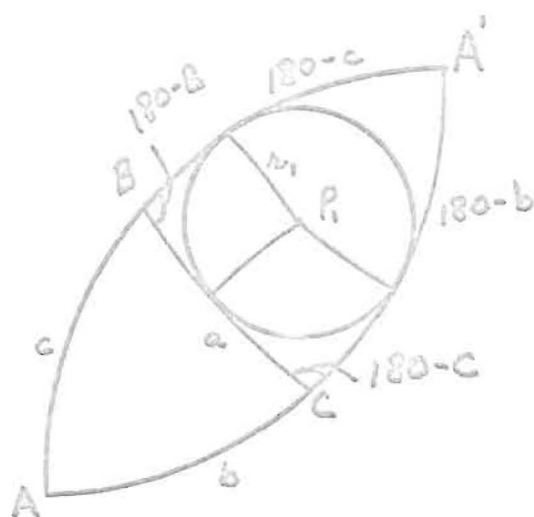


Figure 34

Formulas for r_1 , r_2 , and r_3 . In colunar triangle $A'BC$,

$$s_1 = \frac{1}{2}(a+180-b+180-c) ;$$

$$s_1 = \frac{1}{2}(360+a-b-c) ;$$

$$s_1 = 180 - (s-a) ;$$

and the other parts are as shown in Figure 34.

Using these results, formula (55) becomes

$$\text{an } r_1 = \sqrt{\sin(s_1-a) \sin(s_1-180+b) \sin(s_1-180+c) / \sin s_1} ;$$

$$\text{an } r_1 = \sqrt{\sin(180-s) \sin(a+b-s) \sin(a+c-s) / \sin(s-a)} ;$$

$$\text{an } r_1 = \sqrt{\sin s \sin(s-c) \sin(s-b) / \sin(s-a)} . \quad (56)$$

In a similar manner, formulas for r_2 and r_3 can be

derived. Thus,

$$\tan r_2 = \sqrt{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-c) / \sin(s-b)} \quad ; \text{ and (57)}$$

$$\tan r_3 = \sqrt{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) / \sin(s-c)} \quad . \quad (58)$$

Formulas (56), (57), and (58) express the radii of the three excircles in terms of the sides of the given triangle [11;139, 140].

The Circumcircle

The circle which passes through each of the three vertices of a given spherical triangle is called the circumscribing circle or circumcircle. The pole of the circumcircle of a spherical triangle is the point of intersection of the arcs of great circles perpendicular to the sides of the triangle at their midpoints. Let R denote the radius of the circumcircle [11;136].

A formula for R . In Figure 35, P is the pole of the circle circumscribing spherical triangle ABC . DP , EP , and FP are the perpendicular bisecting arcs of the sides of triangle ABC . Thus, $AE = CE$; $AF = BF$; and $BD = CD$. The pairs of triangles, AEP and CEP ; AFP and BFP ; BDP and CDP , are symmetric

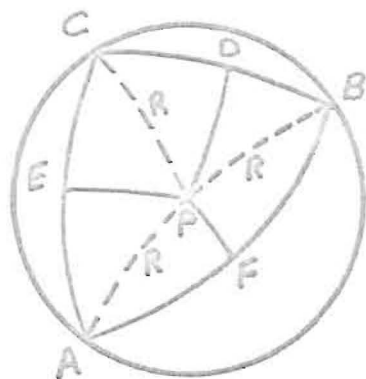


Figure 35

pairs and right-angled at D, E, and F. Therefore,
 $AP = BP = CP = R$, and the following pairs of angles are
 equal:

$$EAP = ECP; FAP = FBP; \text{ and } DBP = DCP.$$

In right spherical triangle APF, using Napier's rules,

$$\tan AP = \tan AF / \cos PAF.$$

But, $AP = R$, $AF = \frac{1}{2}c$, and $PAF = S - C$ since $FAP + ECP +$
 $CP = S$, or $FAP = S - C$. Therefore, the last expression for
 $\tan AP$ becomes

$$\tan R = \tan \frac{1}{2}c / \cos(S-C), \text{ which}$$

upon substituting from the half side formulas, becomes

$$\tan R = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S \cos(S-C)}{\cos(S-A) \cos(S-B)}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(S-C)}, \text{ or}$$

$$\tan R = \sqrt{\frac{-\cos S}{\cos(S-A) \cos(S-B) \cos(S-C)}}. \quad (59)$$

Formula (59) expresses the tangent of the radius of
 the circumscribed circle in terms of the angles of spherical
 triangle ABC. The same result would have been obtained had
 any one of the right-angled triangles in Figure 35 been used
 [11; 140, 141].

V. OTHER GEOMETRIC APPLICATIONS

Distances from a point within a tri-rectangular spher-
ical triangle to its vertices. Let ABC be a tri-rectangular
 spherical triangle (all sides and angles equal to 90°); let

, q , and r be the great circle distances from any point within the triangle to the vertices A , B , and C , respectively. (Figure 36) Then,

$$\cos^2 p + \cos^2 q + \cos^2 r = 1 . \quad (60) \quad [4;55].$$

Proof: Extend each of the great circle arcs AP , BP , and CP to meet the sides of the triangle at D , E , and F , respectively. A , B , and C being poles of the opposite sides of the triangle makes the arcs AD , BE , and CF perpendicular. Thus, any triangle having D , E , or F as a vertex will be right-angled at that vertex. Each of arcs AD , BE , and CF is equal to 90° .

In right spherical triangle AFP , using Napier's rules,

$\sin PF = \sin FAP \sin p$, which, since $PF = 90 - r$, is

$$\cos r = \sin FAP \sin p . \quad (1)$$

In right spherical triangle AEP , again using Napier's rules,

$$\sin EP = \sin EAP \sin p , \text{ or}$$

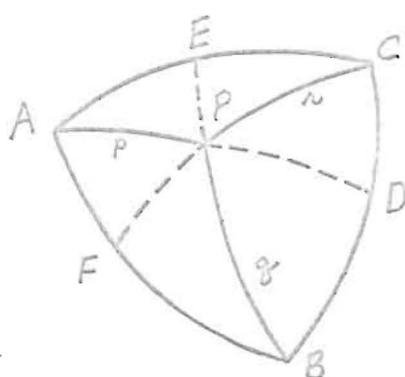


Figure 36

$$\cos q = \cos FAP \sin p, \quad (ii)$$

Since $EP = 90 - q$ and $EAP = 90 - FAP$.

Squaring (i) and (ii) and adding, gives

$$\cos^2 r + \cos^2 q = \sin^2 FAP \sin^2 p + \cos^2 FAP \sin^2 p.$$

Factoring on the right side of the last equation, substituting $1 - \cos^2 p$ for $\sin^2 p$ and 1 for $\sin^2 FAP + \cos^2 FAP$, and transposing gives

$$\cos^2 p + \cos^2 q + \cos^2 r = 1,$$

which is formula (60).

Let O be the center of the sphere upon which tri-rectangular triangle ABC is placed. The arcs p , q , and r measure the angles which OP makes with lines OA , OB , and OC . In Analytic Geometry the angles p , q , and r are called the direction angles of line OP and the relation expressed in formula (60) is fundamental [14;197].

Distances from a point within a tri-rectangular spherical triangle to its sides. Let P be any point within a tri-rectangular spherical triangle and x , y , and z represent the distances from P to A , B , and C , respectively. (Figure 37) Then,

$$\sin^2 x + \sin^2 y + \sin^2 z = 1. \quad (61)$$

Proof: Figure 37 is equal in all respects to Figure 6 with the exception of x , y , and z to indicate arcs DP , EP , and FP , respectively. In right spherical triangles

AP and BFP,

$\cos p = \cos AF \cos z$ and $\cos q = \sin AF \cos z$,

since $AF + BF = 90^\circ$. Squaring

each side of both equations,

adding the equations and simpli-

fying gives

$$\cos^2 p + \cos^2 q = \cos^2 z. \quad (i)$$

Likewise, considering

triangles AEP and CEP,

$\cos p = \cos AE \cos y$ and

$\cos r = \sin AE \cos y$, or

$$\cos^2 p + \cos^2 r = \cos^2 y. \quad (ii)$$

Also, considering triangles BDP and CDP,

$\cos q = \cos BD \cos x$ and $\cos r = \sin BD \cos x$, or

$$\cos^2 q + \cos^2 r = \cos^2 x. \quad (iii)$$

Addition of (i) through (iii) gives

$$2(\cos^2 p + \cos^2 q + \cos^2 r) = \cos^2 x + \cos^2 y + \cos^2 z.$$

Substituting from (60) on the left side and using the iden-

tity $1 - \sin^2 x = \cos^2 x$ for x , y , and z on the right side

gives

$$2(1) = 3 - (\sin^2 x + \sin^2 y + \sin^2 z)$$

which is equivalent to formula (61) [4;56].

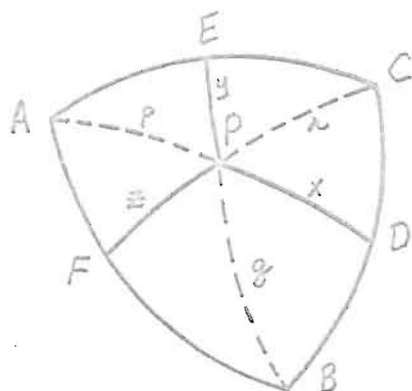


Figure 37

Angle between two directions. Let ABC be a tri-rec-

angular spherical triangle on a sphere with center O . Let P and P' be any two points within triangle ABC and $p, q, r, p', q',$ and r' be the arcs drawn to the vertices as in Figure 38. Then, if $x = PP'$,

$$\cos x = \cos r \cos r' + \cos p \cos p' + \cos q \cos q'. \quad (62)$$

Proof: Extend arcs CP

and CP' to meet side AB at Q

and Q' , respectively. Let

$CQ = y$ and $AQ' = y'$. Then

angle $PCP' = y' - y$. Thus,

in triangle PCP' , by the law

of cosines,

$$\cos x = \cos r \cos r' +$$

$$\sin r \sin r' \cos(y' - y).$$

Using an addition identity,

$$\cos x = \cos r \cos r' + \sin r \sin r' \cos y' \cos y +$$

$$\sin r \sin r' \sin y' \sin y. \quad (i)$$

In right spherical triangles APQ , $AP'Q'$, BPQ , and

$BP'Q'$,

$$\cos p = \cos PQ \cos y = \sin r \cos y;$$

$$\cos p' = \cos P'Q' \cos y' = \sin r' \cos y'; \quad (ii)$$

$$\cos q = \cos PQ \cos BQ = \sin r \sin y;$$

$$\cos q' = \cos P'Q' \cos BQ' = \sin r' \sin y'.$$

Substituting the results of (ii) into (i) gives

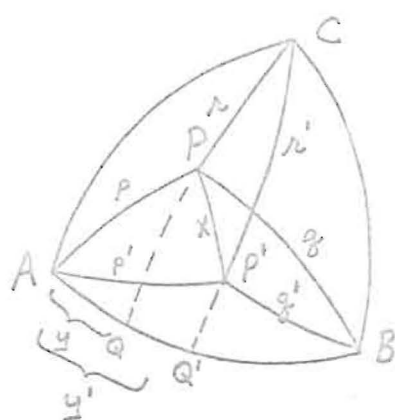


Figure 38

$\cos x = \cos r \cos r' + \cos p \cos p' + \cos q \cos q'$
 which is the desired result [4;57, 58].

Since x measures angle POP' , formula (62) is the formula for the cosine of the angle between two lines in space, OP and OP' , in terms of the direction cosines of these lines [14;198].

Distance from point between two great circles to their intersection. Let P be a point between two great circles AC and BC . (Figure 39) Let p and q represent the distances from P to AC and BC , respectively. Also, $PC = x$, angle $ACB = C$, angle $ACP = y$, and angle $BCP = C - y$. The problem is to find an expression for x in terms of p , q , and C .

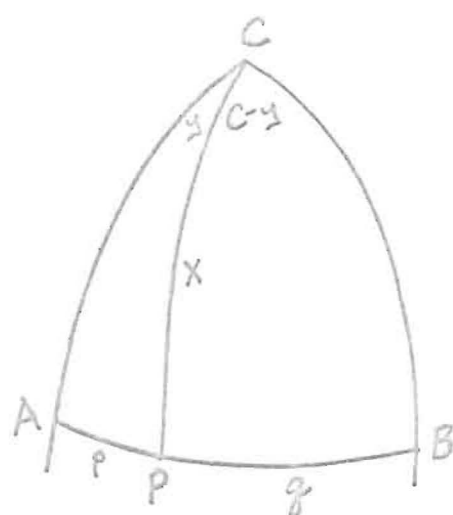


Figure 39

In right spherical triangle CAP , using Napier's rules,
 $\sin p = \sin x \sin y$, or
 $\sin y = \sin p / \sin x$. (1)

Likewise, in right spherical triangle CBP ,

$$\sin q = \sin x \sin(C-y), \text{ or}$$

$$\sin q = \sin x \sin C \cos y - \sin x \cos C \sin y. \quad (11)$$

From (1), $\cos y = \frac{\sqrt{\sin^2 x - \sin^2 p}}{\sin x},$

ere upon substituting this in (ii) and also $\sin p/\sin x$
r $\sin y$ the result is

$$\sin q = \sin C \sqrt{\sin^2 x - \sin^2 p} - \cos C \sin p.$$

Thus,

$$\sin q + \cos C \sin p = \sin C \sqrt{\sin^2 x - \sin^2 p} ;$$

$$(\sin q + \cos C \sin p)^2 = \sin^2 C (\sin^2 x - \sin^2 p) ;$$

$$\frac{(\sin q + \cos C \sin p)^2}{\sin^2 C} + \sin^2 p = \sin^2 x ;$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{\sin C} \sqrt{\sin^2 q + 2 \sin q \cos C \sin p + \cos^2 C \sin^2 p + \sin^2 C \sin^2 p} ; \text{ or}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{\sin C} \sqrt{\sin^2 p + \sin^2 q + 2 \sin p \sin q \cos C} . \quad (63)$$

Formula (63) is the desired result [4;60, 61].

Horizontal angle between two points. Points A and B
e observed from O in a horizontal plane A'OB'. The angles
elevation of A and of B can
measured with a sextant, as
ll as the inclined angle AOB.
find the horizontal angle
OB' between the points A and
as seen from O. (Figure 40)

Let OZ be the vertical
ne of intersection of the
rtical planes AOA' and BOB'.
gles AOA', BOB', and AOB are

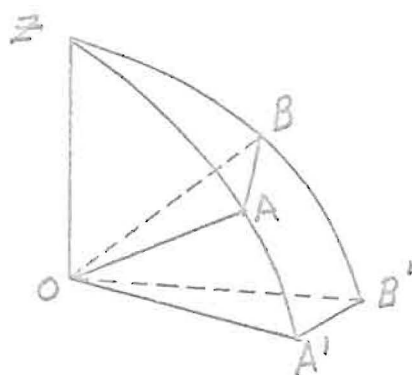


Figure 40

own from the readings with a sextant from which AZ , BZ , and AB , respectively, are easily obtained.

Angle $A'OB'$, being the desired quantity, is equal to the measure of arc $A'B'$ which in turn is equal in measure to angle $A'ZB'$. But the three sides of spherical triangle (considering O as the center of the sphere) ABZ being known make the determination of angle AZB the required solution [14;196]. Angle AZB could be computed using a half angle formula.

To find the angle between two chords of a spherical triangle. Let ABC be a spherical triangle on the sphere with O as center. (Figure 41) To find an expression for the plane angle BAC when A , b , and c are the known parts of spherical triangle ABC . Let $A' =$ plane angle BAC and $A =$ spherical angle BAC .

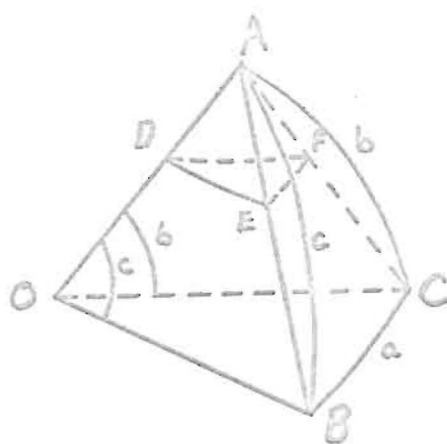


Figure 41

Describe a sphere about O , A the center, intersecting planes AOB , AOC , and ABC in arcs AE , DF , and EF , respectively. The sphere with O as center has OA , OB , and OC as radii. Thus, plane angles OAB and OAC are equal in measure as are OAC and OCA . Therefore,

$$DE = OAB = (180-c)/2 = 90 - \frac{1}{2}c ;$$

$$DF = OAC = (180-b)/2 = 90 - \frac{1}{2}b ;$$

$$EDF = A ; \text{ and}$$

$$EF = EAF = A' .$$

spherical angles EDF and A are equal since both have the measure of dihedral angle B - OA - C.

In spherical triangle DEF, using the law of cosines,

$$\cos EF = \cos DF \cos DE + \sin DF \sin DE \cos EDF .$$

Substituting in the relationships established above gives the desired result of

$$\cos A' = \sin \frac{1}{2}b \sin \frac{1}{2}c + \cos \frac{1}{2}b \cos \frac{1}{2}c \cos A [14;198] . \quad (64)$$

Surface area and volume of a parallelopiped. Given the lengths of three edges of a parallelopiped that meet in a point, and the angles formed

by them, to find the surface

area and volume of the paral-

lelopiped in Figure 42. Let

OD be the perpendicular from

O to the base EOCE of paral-

lelopiped OG. Then AOD is a

plane perpendicular to base

EOCE. Let the known angles

and edges be represented as

follows:

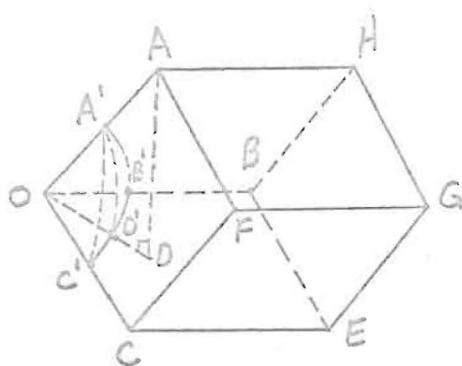


Figure 42

$$BOC = a \quad ; \quad AOC = b \quad ;$$

$$AOB = c \quad ; \quad OA = 1 \quad ;$$

$$OB = m \quad ; \quad OC = n \quad .$$

With O as center, describe a unit sphere intersecting the planes of the faces as shown with primed letters.

Thus, the surface area is given by

$$S = 2 \text{ OBEC} + 2 \text{ OAFB} + 2 \text{ OAHB} \quad ;$$

$$S = 2(mn \sin a + ln \sin b + lm \sin c) \quad . \quad (65)$$

In spherical triangle A'B'C', A'B', A'C', and B'C' are equal to c, b, and a, respectively. In right-angled triangle A'B'D', right-angled at D', using Napier's rules,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin A'D' &= \sin A'B' \sin A'B'D' \quad ; \text{ or} \\ \sin A'D' &= \sin c \sin A'B'D' \quad . \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Since A'D' = angle AOD, thus

$$\begin{aligned} AD &= OA \sin AOD \quad ; \\ AD &= 1 \sin A'D' \quad ; \\ AD &= 1 \sin c \sin A'B'D' \quad . \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

From plane trigonometry, $\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$,

thus

$$\sin A'B'D' = 2 \sin \frac{1}{2}A'B'D' \cos \frac{1}{2}A'B'D' \quad .$$

Using half angle formulas,

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}A'B'D' = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-c)}{\sin a \sin c}} \quad , \text{ and}$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}A'B'D' = \sqrt{\frac{\sin s \sin(s-b)}{\sin a \sin c}} \quad . \quad \text{Hence,}$$

$$\sin A'B'D' = \frac{2}{\sin a \sin c} \sqrt{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)} \quad . \quad (iii)$$

The volume of the parallelopiped is given by

$$V = (\text{area } OBEC) AD \quad ;$$

$$V = mn \sin a (1 \sin c \sin A'B'D') \quad ;$$

$$= 2lmn \sqrt{\sin s \sin(s-a) \sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)} \quad [3;175, 176]. \quad (66)$$

Volume of a regular polyhedron. In Figure 43, AB is the edge in which two adjacent faces of the regular polyhedron intersect, D the midpoint of AB, C and E the centers of the two polygonal faces where the inscribed sphere with center O is tangent to those faces.

Then

$$AD = DE \quad ; \quad DA = DB \quad ;$$

$$\angle C = \angle BDC = \angle BDE = \angle ADE = 90^\circ \quad ;$$

$$\angle CO = \angle DEO = 90^\circ.$$

Let a = length of an edge

s = number of sides of each

polygonal face; n = number of

faces meeting at a vertex of the polyhedron; N = number of

faces of the polyhedron; E = edge angle CDE of the poly-

hedron.

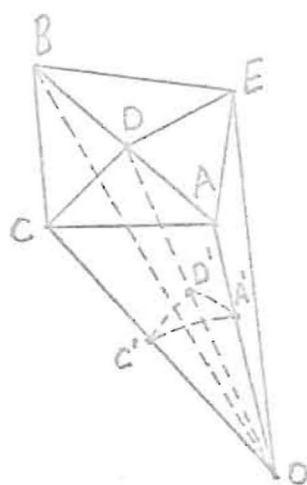


Figure 43

The volume of a regular polyhedron is equal to the sum of the volumes of the N congruent right regular pyramids which can be formed from a regular polyhedron using the faces of the polyhedron as bases of the pyramids and the center of the inscribed sphere as the common vertex. Thus, the volume of a regular polyhedron is given by

$$V = \frac{1}{3} (CO)(A)(N) , \quad (1)$$

where CO in Figure 43 represents the altitude of one of the pyramids, A the area of one of the faces of the polyhedron as the base of one of the pyramids, and N the number of faces of the polyhedron.

Then,

$$CD = AD \cot ACD = \frac{1}{2}a \cot \frac{180^\circ}{s} ; \quad (ii)$$

$$CO = CD \tan CDO = \frac{1}{2}a \cot \frac{180^\circ}{s} \tan \frac{1}{2}E . \quad (iii)$$

The area, A , of each face is given by

$$A = (CD)(AD) \cdot s ;$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} a^2 s \cot \frac{180^\circ}{s} . \quad (iv)$$

Thus, from (i) through (iv), the volume of a regular polyhedron is given by

$$V = \frac{1}{24} a^3 s N \cot^2 \frac{180^\circ}{s} \tan \frac{1}{2}E . \quad (67)$$

In order for formula (67) to be useful, it is necessary to be able to compute $\frac{1}{2}E$ from s , n , and N . Spherical trigonometry is used to establish the desired relationship. If a sphere, with unit radius, is described about O , its inter-

section with planes AOC, COD, and AOD will form spherical triangle A'C'D'. Then,

$$A'C'D' = ACD = \frac{180^\circ}{s} ;$$

$$A'D'C' = ADC = 90^\circ ;$$

$$C'A'D' = CAD = \frac{1}{2}(360^\circ/n) = \frac{180^\circ}{n} .$$

By Napier's rules,

$$\cos C'A'D' = \cos C'D' \sin A'C'D' ; \text{ or}$$

$$\cos \frac{180^\circ}{n} = \cos C'D' \sin \frac{180^\circ}{s} .$$

At,

$$\cos C'D' = \cos COD = \cos(90^\circ - CDO) = \sin CDO = \sin \frac{1}{2}E.$$

Therefore,

$$\cos \frac{180^\circ}{n} = \sin \frac{1}{2}E \sin \frac{180^\circ}{s} , \text{ or}$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}E = \cos \frac{180^\circ}{n} / \sin \frac{180^\circ}{s} . \quad (68)$$

Formula (68) is used to find $\frac{1}{2}E$ and this result used in formula (67) to compute the volume of the regular polyhedron [3;176, 177].

Example: To find the volume of a regular octahedron whose edge is eight inches. A regular octahedron is made up of eight equilateral triangles, four meeting at a vertex. Thus,

$$a = 8 \text{ inches} ; \quad s = 3 ;$$

$$n = 4 ; \quad N = 8 .$$

From formula (68),

$$\sin \frac{1}{3}E = \cos 45^\circ / \sin 60^\circ = \sqrt{2/3} \quad ; \text{ or}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{3}E = \sqrt{2} \quad .$$

Thus, the volume, as given by formula (67), is

$$V = \frac{1}{24} (8^3)(3)(8) \cot^2 60^\circ \tan \frac{1}{3}E \quad ;$$

$$V = 8^3(1/3) \sqrt{2} = \frac{512}{3} \sqrt{2} \quad ; \text{ or}$$

$$V = 241.32 \text{ cubic inches.}$$

This concludes the development of spherical trigonometry which was made from the postulates and theorems of Euclidean geometry. The next chapter will develop some of the formulas of spherical trigonometry from the not so familiar Non-Euclidean basis. The results will prove interesting.

CHAPTER VI

ELLIPTIC TRIGONOMETRY OF A RIGHT TRIANGLE

The first five chapters were devoted to developing the trigonometry of the sphere using Euclidean Geometry. This chapter will develop spherical trigonometry using the postulates and theorems common to Riemannian(Elliptic)Geometry. The sphere is a model for Riemannian Geometry[12;119] so that we could expect the trigonometry of Riemannian Geometry to be equivalent to that developed for the sphere. Only the formulas for right triangles will be developed in this chapter. For convenient reference, the postulates and some of the theorems, lemmas, and corollaries commonly included in a development of Riemannian Geometry will be stated, without proof, at this time.

I. RIEMANNIAN GEOMETRY

Postulates. The postulates that will be used as a basis for Riemannian Geometry are those of the familiar Hilbert system for Euclidean Geometry(see Wolfe[16;12-16])with the usual major changes as required for Riemannian Geometry. The postulates dealing with the uniqueness of a line as determined by two points, the infinitude of a line, and the parallel postulate are changed to:

1. Two distinct points determine at least one straight line.

2. Every straight line is boundless.

3. Two straight lines always intersect one another.

The other changes required in the Hilbert System are considered to be familiar to the reader.

Theorems. The theorems listed below are actually lemmas, theorems, and corollaries commonly included in developments of Riemannian Geometry. They are all listed below as theorems as an aid to future reference.

Theorem 1. In any triangle which has one of its angles a right angle, each of the other two angles is less than, equal to, or greater than a right angle, according as the side opposite it is less than, equal to, or greater than q , and conversely [16;180]. Note: The distance from any point to a line to the pole of that line is q .

Theorem 2. The line joining the midpoints of the base and summit of a Saccheri quadrilateral is perpendicular to both of them, and the summit angles are equal and obtuse [16;181].

Theorem 3. In a trirectangular quadrilateral (Lambert quadrilateral) the fourth angle is obtuse and each side adjacent to this angle is smaller than the side opposite [16;181].

Theorem 4. If any triangle has one of its angles a right angle, then the angle-sum of the triangle is greater than two right angles [16;182].

Theorem 5. The sum of the angles of any triangle is greater than two right angles [16;182].

Theorem 6. The sum of the angles of every quadri-

lateral is greater than four right angles [16;183].

It will also be necessary to use those propositions of Euclid whose proofs are valid without the parallel postulate and do not demand the infinitude of the line [16;17, 18, 77]. It is for this reason that most investigations will be carried out restricting the lengths of segments less than or equal to q .

Euclidean, Hyperbolic, and Elliptic Geometries.

Gauss used the name non-Euclidean to describe a system of geometry which differs from Euclid's in its properties of parallelism [2;vii]. During the time of Saccheri (1667-1773) the favorite starting-point in demonstrating a postulate on parallels was to conceive of parallels as equidistant straight lines. Saccheri, recognizing the error in that approach, started with two equal perpendiculars AC and BD at the ends of a segment AB. When the ends, C and D, are joined it is easily proven that the angles at C and D are congruent but it is not easily proven that they are right angles. With an open mind, Saccheri proposes three hypotheses:

- (1) The hypothesis of the right angle.
- (2) The hypothesis of the obtuse angle.
- (3) The hypothesis of the acute angle.

Saccheri was trying to prove the dependence of the fifth Postulate of Euclid. His method of proof was to be in-

rect, that is, he wanted to show that in assuming either of the last two hypotheses he would eventually find a contradiction and thus prove the first hypothesis which is equivalent to the Fifth Postulate of Euclid. His work left him short of his goal but he did establish a number of noteworthy theorems, some of which are:

If one of the three hypotheses is true in any one case, the same hypothesis is true in every case.

On the hypothesis of the right angle, the obtuse angle, or the acute angle, the sum of the angles of a triangle is equal to, greater than, or less than two right angles.

On the hypothesis of the right angle two straight lines intersect, except in the one case in which a transversal cuts them at equal angles.

On the hypothesis of the obtuse angle two straight lines always intersect.

On the hypothesis of the acute angle there is a whole pencil of lines through a given point which do not intersect a given straight line, but have a common perpendicular with it, and these are separated from the pencil of lines which cut the given line by two lines which approach the given line more and more closely, and meet it at infinity.

Saccheri managed to demolish the hypothesis of the obtuse angle by showing that the sum of two angles of a triangle need not be less than two right angles. After nearly twenty additional theorems he managed to demolish the hypothesis of the acute angle by showing that two lines which meet in a point at infinity can be perpendicular at that point to the same straight line. He did not seem to be satisfied with his

proof, and he offered another proof in which he lost himself in the infinitesimal.

Saccheri's lack of sufficient imagination and his being bound by tradition, plus a firm belief that Euclid's hypothesis was the only true one, kept him from the discovery a century later of the two non-euclidean geometries which follow from his hypotheses of the obtuse and acute angle.

Lambert(1728-1777)also fell just short of the discovery. Using a starting point very similar to Saccheri's, he also named the three hypotheses, but he added to Saccheri's discoveries. With the hypothesis of the obtuse angle he showed that the area of a triangle is proportional to the excess of the sum of its angles over two right angles, which is the case for the geometry on the sphere. He also concluded that the hypothesis of the acute angle would be verified on a sphere of imaginary radius.

He dismissed the hypothesis of the obtuse angle since it required that two straight lines enclose a space. His argument against the hypothesis of the acute angle included the non-existence of similar figures[13;11-14].

That the three hypotheses, right angle, obtuse angle, and acute angle, eventually led to the discovery of three systems of geometry called the Parabolic, the Elliptic, and the Hyperbolic Geometries is a matter of record[10;27]. Klein in 1871 attached those names to the systems that were

developed respectively by Euclid, Riemann-Cayley, and Bolyai-Batschewsky [2;vii]. Riemann developed the differential geometry of spherical space. Cayley (1821-1895) considered space "in the large" and defined distance in terms of homogeneous coordinates [2;13].

Two Elliptic Geometries. If a is a line in Elliptic geometry it is frequently taken that each line has two distinct poles, call them A and A' . In this geometry each pair of lines intersect in exactly two antipodal points, and every line is of length $4q$. This geometry is the spherical type and has the character of a two-sided surface. The plane of this geometry is referred to as the Double Elliptic Plane. Riemann most likely had this plane in mind [16;179, 180].

If the points A and A' are taken to be the same point each line then has exactly one pole. Klein is credited with having suggested this perfectly consistent geometry. In this geometry, two points always determine a line, two lines intersect in only one point, and straight lines are finite and closed, but of length $2q$. The distinguishing feature of this type of Elliptic Geometry is that a line does not separate the plane into two regions, that is, it is always possible to pass from one side of a line to the other without crossing the line. The one-sided nature of the plane of this geometry can be illustrated with a Mobius strip. This plane is called

the Single Elliptic Plane [16; 64, 179, 180].

II. THE TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS OF AN ANGLE

The remainder of this chapter will be devoted to developing some of the basic formulas of spherical trigonometry using the basis of Riemannian Geometry as stated in part one of this chapter. Sommerville (see [13; 114-122]) develops the trigonometric formulas of the elliptic plane by assuming that euclidean geometry holds in the infinitesimal domain of the elliptic plane. Sommerville uses the differential and the integral calculus to a great extent in developing the necessary relationships. The plan that will be followed in the remaining sections of this chapter is patterned after the approach used by Wolfe (see [16; 185-200]).

Sine and cosine of an angle T . The sine of T and the cosine of T will be defined only for acute values of T . Let T (Figure 44), with vertex O , be any acute angle. From any point P on the one side of T draw PQ perpendicular to the other side labeling the point on the other side Q . Let r , x , and y represent the lengths of OP , OQ , and PQ , respectively.

As an added restriction to P ,

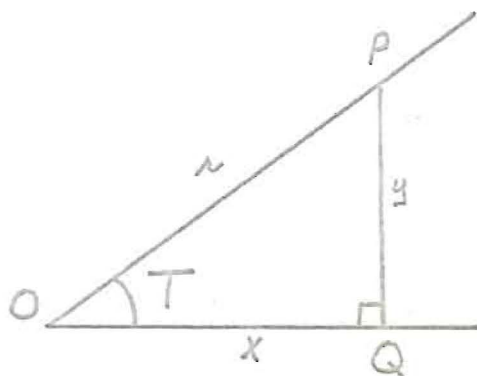


Figure 44

ck P so that r is less than q . The ratios y/r and x/r are constant, when the value of r (position of P) is changed, as they do approach finite limits as r approaches zero. It is these limits which are defined to be the sine and cosine of T . Thus,

$$\sin T = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\cos T = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{r} ,$$

where the other trigonometric functions follow in the conventional manner [16; 185, 186].

Theorems concerning the parts of triangle OPQ. The following theorems will be needed in the work to follow.

Theorem 7. As r decreases, the angle OPQ decreases.

Proof: Let P_1 and P_2

(Figure 45) be any two positions of P (Figure 44) such that OP_1 is less than OP_2 and OP_2 is less than q . P_1Q_1 and P_2Q_2 are perpendiculars from P_1 and P_2 respectively. It is sufficient to show angle OP_1Q_1 less than angle OP_2Q_2 .

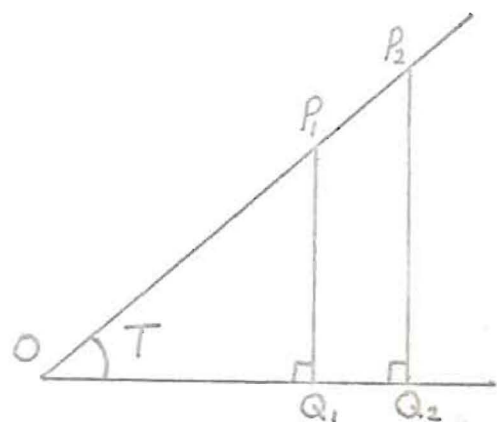


Figure 45

Angles OP_1Q_1 and $Q_1P_1P_2$ are supplementary making their sum equal to two right angles. $P_1Q_1Q_2P_2$ is a quadrilateral

that the sum of the angles of the quadrilateral at P_1 , Q_1 , Q_2 , and P_2 must exceed four right angles (Theorem 6). But the angles at Q_1 and Q_2 are right angles since P_1Q_1 and P_2Q_2 are perpendiculars from P_1 and P_2 . Thus, the sum of the angles $\angle P_1P_2Q_2$ and $\angle P_1P_2Q_1$ must exceed two right angles. Therefore, angle OP_2Q_2 is greater than angle OP_1Q_1 and the proof is complete.

A result of this theorem is that the angle at P (Figure 44) approaches a right angle as OP approaches q [16;186].

If OP is made equal to q (Figure 46) and a perpendicular to OP at P is drawn, it will intersect

the circle at a point, call it Q' . Now

to show $Q' = Q$. $OP = q$ and OP

perpendicular to PQ' implies

that O is a pole of line PQ' .

Thus, PQ' is perpendicular to

OQ' . But, PQ is perpendicular

to OQ , so that if $Q \neq Q'$ then P is a pole of line QQ' and

$OQ = PQ' = q$. This is impossible. Angle T is given acute,

thus, Theorem 1 implies that PQ as also PQ' must be less than

q . Hence, P cannot be a pole of line QQ' and therefore

$Q = Q'$. $Q = Q'$ makes O a pole of line PQ and P a right angle.

Theorem 8. As r decreases continuously, so also does $\angle T$. (Figure 44)

Proof: As before, let OP_1 (Figure 47) be less than

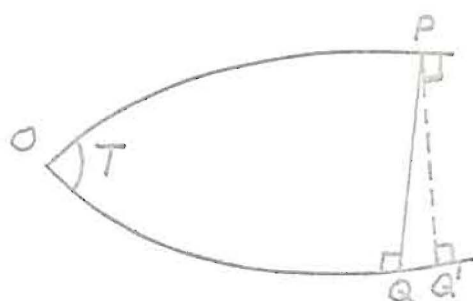


Figure 46

2. Exactly one of the following must be true:

$$P_1Q_1 = P_2Q_2; P_1Q_1 > P_2Q_2; \text{ or } P_1Q_1 < P_2Q_2.$$

An indirect proof will be used.

Suppose $P_1Q_1 = P_2Q_2$.

Then $P_1Q_1Q_2P_2$ is a Saccheri quadrilateral and angle $P_1P_2Q_2$ is obtuse. Angle OP_2Q_2 is a right angle when $OP_2 = q$. But, OP_2 is less than q , thus, by Theorem 7 angle $P_1P_2Q_2$ is acute.

This contradicts the supposition.

$P_1Q_1 = P_2Q_2$. Therefore,

$P_1Q_1 \neq P_2Q_2$.

Suppose $P_1Q_1 > P_2Q_2$. If $P_1Q_1 > P_2Q_2$ there exists a point R on segment P_1Q_1 such that $RQ_1 = P_2Q_2$. Then $RQ_1Q_2P_2$ is a Saccheri quadrilateral and angle RP_2Q_2 is obtuse so that angle OP_2Q_2 must also be obtuse. But, as in the last case, OP_2 less than q and Theorem 7 imply that angle OP_2Q_2 is acute. Hence, $P_1Q_1 > P_2Q_2$ is also contradicted. Therefore, the only remaining possibility, $P_1Q_1 < P_2Q_2$, must be true. That is, decreases as r decreases [16; 36].

Theorem 9. As r decreases continuously, so also does the ratio x/r . (Figure 44)

Proof: Divide OQ into n equal parts, $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots, Q_{n-1}$ being the points of division. (Figure 48) The perpen-

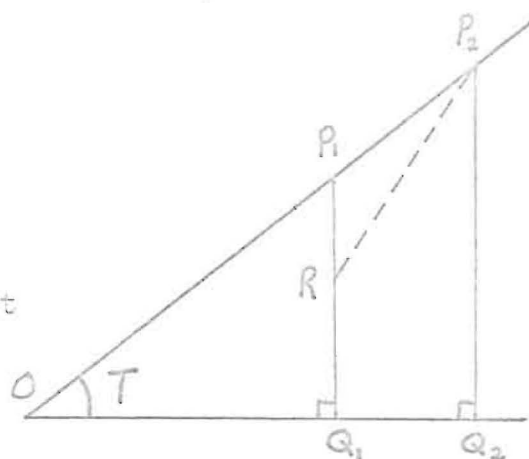


Figure 47

culars at these points intersect OP at $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_{n-1}$. It will be shown that these points of intersection

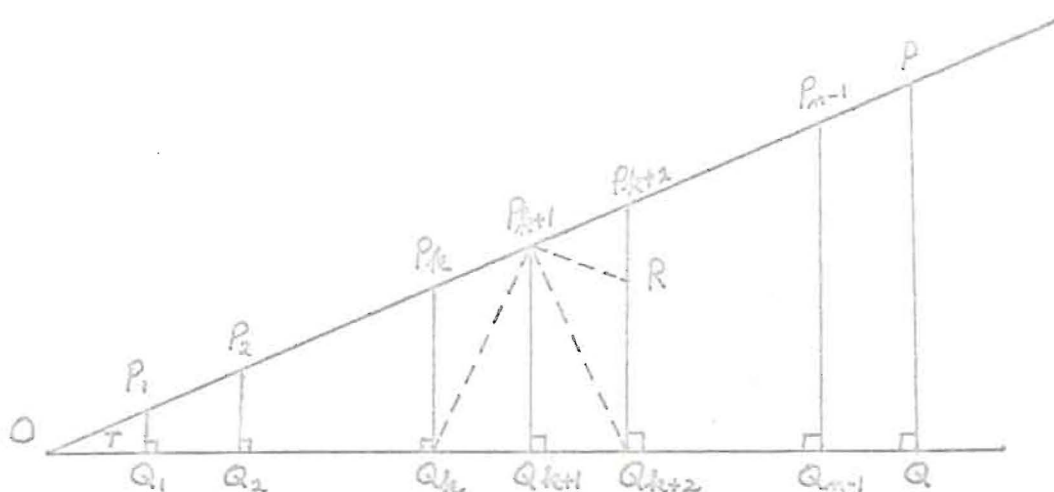


Figure 48

OP do not divide OP into n equal parts. Consider any three consecutive perpendiculars, say $P_k Q_k$, $P_{k+1} Q_{k+1}$, and $P_{k+2} Q_{k+2}$. Theorem 8 gives assurance that $P_k Q_k$ is less than $P_{k+2} Q_{k+2}$. From point R on $Q_{k+2} P_{k+2}$, where $Q_{k+2} R$ equals $P_k Q_k$, draw segment $P_{k+1} R$. Likewise, draw segments $Q_k P_{k+1}$ and $Q_{k+1} Q_{k+2}$. Triangles $Q_k Q_{k+1} P_{k+1}$ and $Q_{k+2} Q_{k+1} P_{k+1}$ have right angles at Q_{k+1} , the side $P_{k+1} Q_{k+1}$ in common, and sides $Q_k Q_{k+1}$ and $Q_{k+1} Q_{k+2}$ congruent so they are congruent by side-angle-side. Thus, by corresponding parts, $Q_k P_{k+1} = Q_{k+2} P_{k+1}$ and angle $P_{k+1} Q_k Q_{k+1}$ is congruent to angle $P_{k+1} Q_{k+2} Q_{k+1}$. Consequently, triangles $P_k Q_k P_{k+1}$ and $R Q_{k+2} P_{k+1}$ have the angles at Q_k and Q_{k+2} congruent, the sides $P_k Q_k$ and $R Q_{k+2}$ congruent and the sides $Q_k P_{k+1}$ and $Q_{k+2} P_{k+1}$. Hence, triangles

$P_k P_{k+1}$ and $RQ_{k+2} P_{k+1}$ are also congruent by side-angle-side. Thus, the pairs of corresponding parts, $P_k P_{k+1}$ and RP_{k+1} , and angles $Q_k P_k P_{k+1}$ and $Q_{k+2} RP_{k+1}$, are congruent. Theorem 6 implies that the sum of angles $Q_k P_k P_{k+1}$ and $Q_{k+2} P_{k+2} P_{k+1}$ is greater than two right angles. Angles $Q_{k+2} RP_{k+1}$ and $P_{k+1} RP_{k+2}$ are supplementary and have a sum of two right angles. These results and the previous result of angles $Q_k P_k P_{k+1}$ and $Q_{k+2} RP_{k+1}$ being congruent imply that angle $P_{k+1} P_{k+2} R$ must be greater than angle $P_{k+1} RP_{k+2}$. This important result implies, since each side of triangle $RP_{k+1} P_{k+2}$ is less than q , that side $P_{k+1} R$ is longer than side $P_{k+1} P_{k+2}$ [16;177]. Therefore, P_{k+1} is greater than $P_{k+1} P_{k+2}$, that is, as x receives equal increments r receives decreasing increments.

Taking the results above to the ratio x/r , observe that, as r increases, the ratio x/r decreases. When r equals q , OP_1 is less than q and angle $OP_1 Q_1$ is a right angle only when $OP_1 = q$. Then, by Theorem 7, angle $OP_1 Q_1$ must be acute. Then, in triangle $OP_1 Q_1$ angle P_1 acute and angle Q_1 a right angle implies that OP_1 is greater than OQ_1 . Thus the ratio x/r must be less than one when r is less than q . Then for any positions of P , for which the x 's are commensurable, the corresponding ratios are not equal, the larger ratio corresponding to the larger value of r . If the x 's are not commensurable the same conclusion can be reached by a limiting pro-

ess. Thus, in summary, the ratio x/r increases continuously as r increases and therefore decreases as r decreases [16;187, 188].

Theorem 10. In Figure 48, if $OP = OQ = q$, then the ratio $\frac{PP_{n-1}}{QQ_{n-1}}$ increases as QQ_{n-1} does and decreases as QQ_{n-1} decreases [16;188].

Proof: If $OP = OQ = q$, O is a pole of line PQ and OP and OQ are perpendicular to PQ . Angle $P_{n-1}Q_{n-1}Q$ is a right angle so quadrilateral $PQQ_{n-1}P_{n-1}$ is a Lambert Quadrilateral. By Theorem 3 PP_{n-1} is less than QQ_{n-1} . Consider Lambert Quadrilateral $P_{n-2}Q_{n-2}QP$. Theorem 3 again implies that PP_{n-2} is less than QQ_{n-2} . But QQ_{n-1} equals $Q_{n-1}Q_{n-2}$ and, by Theorem 3, PP_{n-1} is less than $P_{n-1}P_{n-2}$, so, reasoning as before, the ratio $\frac{PP_{n-1}}{QQ_{n-1}}$ must increase as QQ_{n-1} increases since, as QQ_{n-1} receives equal increments, PP_{n-1} receives increasing increments. Likewise, the ratio must decrease as QQ_{n-1} decreases.

Theorem 11. As r decreases continuously, the ratio x/r increases.

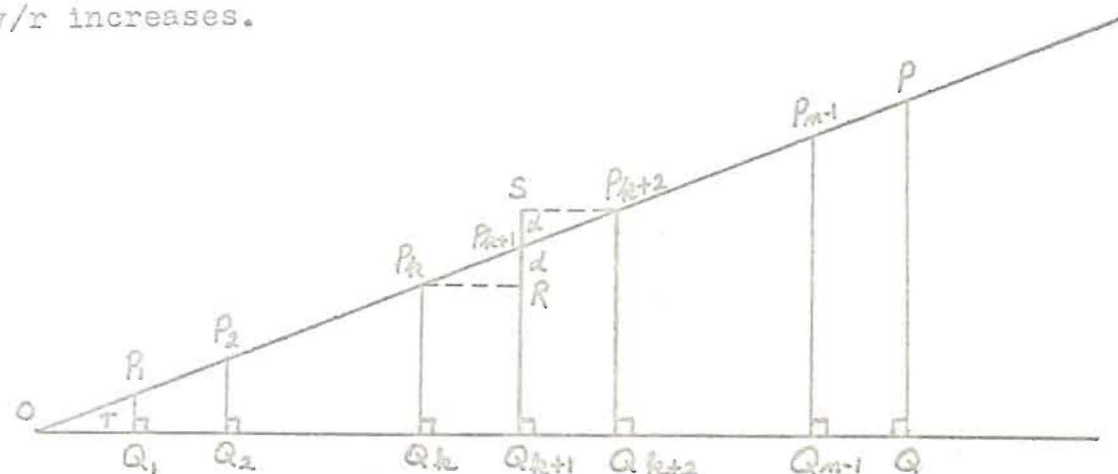


Figure 49

Proof: Divide OP in n equal parts, with $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_{n-1}$ being the points of division. (Figure 49) Draw the perpendiculars $P_1Q_1, P_2Q_2, P_3Q_3, \dots, P_{n-1}Q_{n-1}$ to OQ . Consider any three consecutive perpendiculars, say $P_kQ_k, P_{k+1}Q_{k+1}$, and $P_{k+2}Q_{k+2}$. P_kQ_k being the smallest as a result of Theorem 8, draw the perpendicular through P_k to $Q_{k+1}P_{k+1}$ meeting $Q_{k+1}P_{k+1}$ at R , R between Q_{k+1} and P_{k+1} . Call the length of RP_{k+1} , d . Since $Q_{k+1}P_{k+1}$ is likewise shorter than $P_{k+2}P_{k+1}$, extend $Q_{k+1}P_{k+1}$ through P_{k+1} to S so that $P_{k+1}S = d$. Now, $P_kP_{k+1} = P_{k+1}P_{k+2}$, $RP_{k+1} = P_{k+1}S$, and vertical angles $\angle P_{k+1}R$ and $\angle SP_{k+1}P_{k+2}$ are congruent, hence triangles $P_kP_{k+1}R$ and $P_{k+2}P_{k+1}S$ are congruent by side-angle-side. Thus, angle $\angle RP_{k+1}$ a right angle implies angle $\angle P_{k+2}SP_{k+1}$ is also a right angle. $P_kQ_kQ_{k+1}R$ is a Lambert quadrilateral, P_k the obtuse angle, so that

$$P_kQ_k < RQ_{k+1} = P_{k+1}Q_{k+1} - d$$

$$P_{k+1}Q_{k+1} - P_kQ_k > d. \quad (i)$$

Likewise, $SQ_{k+1}Q_{k+2}P_{k+2}$ is a Lambert quadrilateral, P_{k+2} the obtuse angle, so that

$$P_{k+2}Q_{k+2} < SQ_{k+1} = P_{k+1}Q_{k+1} + d$$

$$P_{k+2}Q_{k+2} - P_{k+1}Q_{k+1} < d. \quad (ii)$$

Inequalities (i) and (ii) indicate that as r receives equal increments, y receives decreasing increments. Reasoning as before, as r increases continuously the ratio y/r decreases, and as r decreases the ratio y/r increases [16;188, 189].

It is necessary now to show that the ratios x/r and y/r actually approach limits as r approaches zero. The proof of the next theorem will accomplish this end.

Theorem 12. The limit of the ratio x/r as r approaches zero and the limit of the ratio y/r as r approaches zero both exist.

Proof for x/r : Theorem 9, the proof of Theorem 9, and the paragraph following that proof indicate that the ratio x/r is less than one, always positive, and decreases as r decreases. Thus, the ratio x/r approaches a limit which may be a positive number or zero. The proof that it is not zero will be considered in the proof of the ratio y/r .

Proof for y/r : Theorem 11 fails to show that y/r must also approach a limit since it is not yet known that y/r for every r is bounded above. But, considering Figure 50, where angle POQ is the acute angle considered in the previous theorems, and OK is constructed

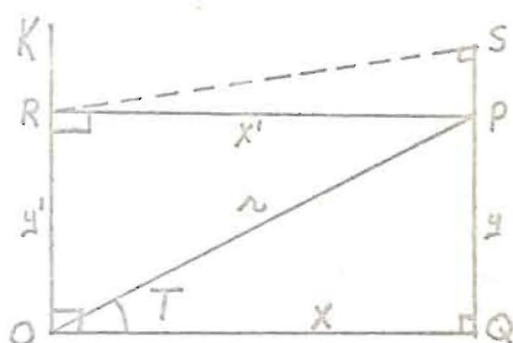


Figure 50

perpendicular to OQ , PR is drawn perpendicular to OK at R and PQ is perpendicular to OQ . Call the lengths of OQ , PQ , OR , and RO x , y , x' , and y' , respectively. Recall that r is less than q and angle POQ is acute so that angle ROP must also be acute.

Lambert Quadrilateral $ROQP$ is obtuse-angled at RPQ . Thus, by Theorem 3, x' is less than x and y is less than y' . Applying the theorems just developed to the acute angles POQ and ROP , as r decreases the ratio x/r decreases while the ratio y'/r increases. But x greater than x' implies that the limit of the ratio x/r cannot be zero since it must always be greater than the non-negative ratio x'/r . Hence the limit of a ratio x/r is a positive number.

Likewise, as r decreases the ratio y/r increases while the ratio y'/r decreases. But, y' is greater than y making the ratio y'/r always greater than the ratio y/r . The ratio y'/r is always positive and less than one so that y/r must approach a finite limit less than one from below [16;189].

III. PROPERTIES OF A VARIABLE

LAMBERT QUADRILATERAL

Careful investigation of Lambert Quadrilateral $PQOR$ of Figure 50 will serve to introduce a most important function. If side y' is fixed and side x is allowed to vary, then x' , y , r , T , and obtuse angle RPQ will be variable also.

In particular, the behavior of the ratio x'/x as x approaches zero with y' fixed will be examined. The proof of a theorem concerning this function is of necessity preceded by two supporting theorems.

Theorem 13. If two Lambert quadrilaterals $ABCD$ and $A'B'C'D'$ have their obtuse angles at A and A' , and if AB and $A'B'$ are equal, while BC is less than $B'C'$ and each is less than q , then angle BAD is less than angle $B'A'D'$ [16;190].

Proof: An indirect proof will be used. Since figures can be moved in the elliptic plane, place Lambert Quadrilateral

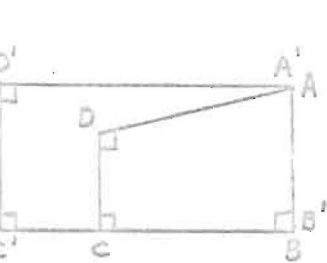


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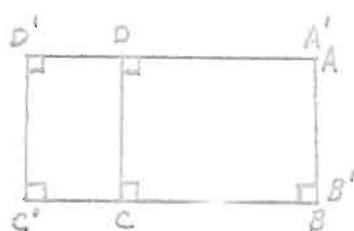


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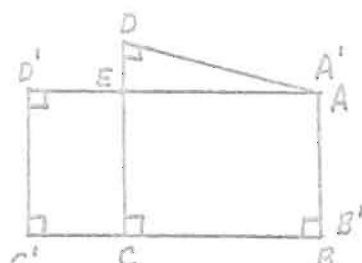


Figure 53

$ABCD$ on Lambert quadrilateral $A'B'C'D'$ so that A is on A' , B is on B' , and C is on segment $B'C'$. This is possible since BC is less than $B'C'$ and $AB = A'B'$. Point D can take on the three relative positions as illustrated by Figures 51, 52, and 53 depending upon whether angle BAD is less than angle $B'A'D'$, angle BAD equals angle $B'A'D'$, or angle EAD is greater than angle $B'A'D'$, respectively. It will be shown that the latter two possibilities lead to contradictions.

Suppose angle $BAD = \text{angle } B'A'D'$. (Figure 52) Then D

will lie on $A'D'$ and it is seen that $CDD'C'$ is a quadrilateral having all four angles right angles. This contradicts Theorem 6, hence, angle BAD is not equal to angle $B'A'D'$.

Suppose angle BAD is greater than angle $B'A'D'$. (Figure 53) Since the quadrilaterals are restricted in size by the hypothesis, CD will intersect segment $A'D'$ in a point E . Thus, $C'D'E$ is a Lambert quadrilateral and so angle CED' must be obtuse. Then angle AED is also obtuse. But, angle ADC is right, so the sum of angles ADE and AED in triangle ADE is greater than two right angles under this supposition. This contradicts Euclid I, 17 since CB less than q implies DA less than q and Euclid I, 17 holds for restricted triangles [16;177].

Thus, the last two possibilities have been eliminated so that it must be true that angle BAD is less than angle $B'A'D'$.

Theorem 14. If $ABCD$ is a Lambert quadrilateral, obtuse-angled at A , then, if AB is kept fixed and BC allowed to

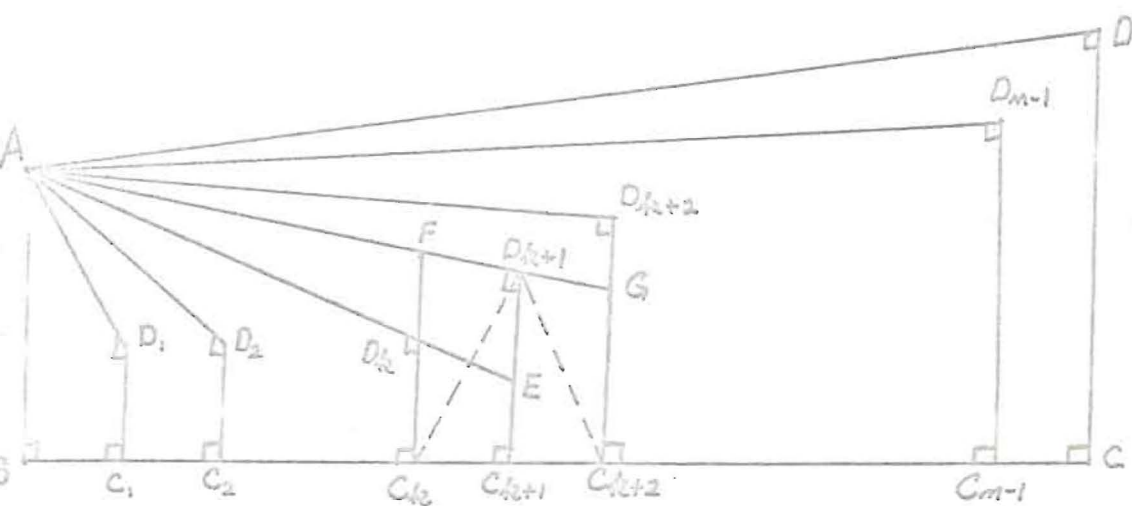


Figure 54

increase continuously and approach zero, the ratio AD/BC increases.

Proof: Divide BC into n congruent parts, $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_{n-1}$ being the points of division. (Figure 54) Construct the perpendiculars to BC at these points of division, and through A draw the perpendiculars $AD_1, AD_2, \dots, AD_{n-1}$ to the perpendiculars from BC forming n Lambert quadrilaterals all obtuse-angled at A . From Theorem 12 it is clear angle A decreases as BC decreases. Let any three consecutive Lambert quadrilaterals be represented by $ABC_kD_k, ABC_{k+1}D_{k+1}$, and $BC_{k+2}D_{k+2}$. Extend AD_k through D_k to meet $C_{k+1}D_{k+1}$ in E , AD_k through D_k to meet AD_{k+1} in F , and AD_{k+1} through D_{k+1} to meet $C_{k+2}D_{k+2}$ in G . If C_kD_{k+1} and $C_{k+2}D_{k+1}$ are drawn, it is seen that triangles $C_kC_{k+1}D_{k+1}$ and $C_{k+2}C_{k+1}D_{k+1}$ are congruent by side-angle-side. Then, triangles C_kFD_{k+1} and $C_{k+2}GD_{k+1}$ are congruent by angle-side-angle. Hence, FD_{k+1} is equal to $D_{k+1}G$. Angle AGC_{k+2} is obtuse making angle AGD_{k+2} acute. Angle $AD_{k+2}G$ is a right angle, thus

$$AG > AD_{k+2}.$$

Likewise, angle C_kFD_{k+1} obtuse makes angle AFD_k acute. Angle AD_kC_k is a right angle, thus

$$AF > AD_k.$$

Then

$$AG = AD_{k+1} + D_{k+1}G = AD_{k+1} + FD_{k+1} > AD_{k+2},$$

here upon adding $-AD_{k+1}$ to both sides of the last inequality, the result is

$$AD_{k+1} - AF > AD_{k+2} - AD_{k+1} .$$

Since $AF > AD_k$, the last inequality may be written

$$AD_{k+1} - AD_k > AD_{k+2} - AD_{k+1} .$$

Reasoning as in the proofs of Theorems 9 through 12, as BC takes on equal increments AD takes on decreasing increments, hence, the ratio AD/BC decreases as BC increases and increases as BC decreases [16;190, 191].

Theorem 15. If the sides of a Lambert quadrilateral are $x, y, x',$ and y' , where x and x', y and y' are pairs of opposite sides, x' and y including the obtuse angle, and if y' is kept fixed while x is allowed to approach zero, then the ratio x'/x decreases and approaches a limit indicated by (y') .

Proof: By Theorem 10 the ratio x'/x decreases as x approaches zero. Since x' is less than x , the ratio x'/x approaches a limit less than one. It must now be shown the limit is not zero.

In Figure 50, draw RS perpendicular to QP extended through P. By Theorem 14, the ratio RS/x increases as x decreases. Angle S a right angle implies that RS is less than P, hence, the ratio x'/x is always greater than the ratio RS/x. Thus, the ratio x'/x has a limit which is greater than zero. This limit depends upon the length of y' and will be

designated by $t(y')$. Note that, in the preceding discussion, $t(y')$ is restricted to lie between zero and q . As y' approaches zero RS becomes very nearly equal to Oq so $t(y')$ approaches q ; as y' approaches q , R and S become very close together so $t(y')$ approaches zero.

It has been shown that in quadrilateral $OqSR$

$$t(y') > \frac{RS}{x} ,$$

and in quadrilateral $OQPR$

$$t(y) > \frac{x'}{x} .$$

Since $t(y')$ is defined to be the limit of $\frac{x'}{x}$ as x approaches zero and $\frac{x'}{x}$ is always decreasing as x decreases, the above inequality may be written

$$t(y) > \frac{x'}{x} > t(y') .$$

This last inequality will be of importance in the considerations to follow. Since y' is greater than y , it follows that $t(y')$ decreases as x increases and increases as x decreases [6;190-192].

IV. THE CONTINUITY OF THE FUNCTION $t(x)$

Let $ABCD$ be a Lambert quadrilateral with obtuse angle at C . (Figure 55) Segments AB , BC , and DA have lengths designated by x , u , and v , respectively. Theorem 15 and its proof supplies the important relationship that, if x is fixed and v is al-

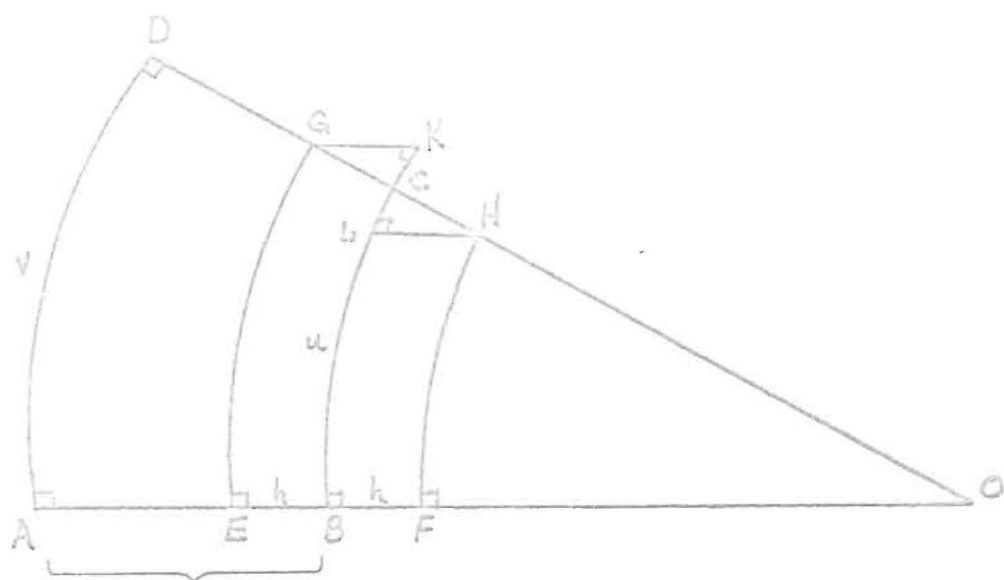


Figure 55

As x is allowed to approach zero, the ratio $\frac{u}{v}$ approaches from above a limit less than one, which is determined by the length of x and is designated $t(x)$. Notice that in applying Theorem 15 to Figure 55 and the preceding statement the pairs of variables x and y' , u and x' , and v and x must be interchanged. As the pairs of variables do assume the same relative positions with respect to the Lambert Quadrilateral and its obtuse angle. It is the purpose of this section to prove the function $t(x)$ is continuous. The proof follows.

Produce DC through C until it cuts AB produced through B in O . The right angles at A and D make O the pole of AD and each of AO and DO of length q . Measure off on AO , in each direction from B , segments BE and BF of length h , where h is less than the smaller of x and $q-x$. Draw the perpendiculars to AO at E and F intersecting DO in G and H , respec-

ively. From G and H draw the perpendiculars GK and HL to C, BC extended in the case of GK.

Consider triangles CKG and CBO. Each have the angle at C congruent acute vertical angles. Segment CO greater than segment CG implies, as a consequence of Theorem 9, that

$$\frac{CK}{CG} < \frac{CB}{CO} \quad (i)$$

Now $CK = BK - BC = BK - u$, so that making this substitution in (i), multiplying both sides of (i) by CG and dividing both sides by v, the result is

$$\frac{BK-u}{v} < \frac{u}{v} \cdot \frac{CG}{CO} \quad (ii)$$

Changing the left side of (ii) to the difference of two fractions, multiplying the first of those by GE/GE, and commuting on the right side gives

$$\frac{GE}{v} \cdot \frac{BK}{GE} - \frac{u}{v} < \frac{CG}{CO} \cdot \frac{u}{v} \quad (iii)$$

Next, the limit of (iii) will be taken as v is allowed to approach zero. But first, a closer look at Figure 55 and each of the terms of (iii) is necessary. As v approaches zero, the limit of GE/v is $t(x-h)$. As mentioned before, the limit of u/v will be $t(x)$. As v approaches zero, so does u. Lambert quadrilateral BKGE is obtuse-angled at G. Thus, as u approaches zero, the limit of GE/BK is $t(h)$. Now to analyze the ratio CG/CO . Triangle BCO has a right angle at B. As v approaches zero point C approaches point B. Right triangle

CO implies $CO \geq CB$. Theorem 11 implies that $CG \leq h$. Thus,

$$\frac{CG}{CO} \leq \frac{h}{CB} \leq \frac{h}{q-x} ,$$

and the relationships just established makes the limit of (iii) as v approaches zero

$$\frac{t(x-h)}{t(h)} - t(x) \leq \frac{h}{q-x} \cdot t(x) , \quad (iv)$$

or, multiplying both sides of (iv) by $t(h)$ gives

$$t(x-h) - t(x) t(h) \leq \frac{h}{q-x} \cdot t(x) t(h) . \quad (v)$$

Inequality (v) establishes half of the desired result. Proceeding as above, consider triangles CLH and CBO which are right-angled at L and B, respectively. Angle BCD of Lambert quadrilateral ABCD obtuse implies angle BCO must be acute. Theorem 9, noting that segment CH is shorter than segment CO, implies

$$\frac{CL}{CH} < \frac{CB}{CO} . \quad (i')$$

Now $CB = u$ and $CL = u - BL$, so that making this substitution in (i'), multiplying both sides by CH and dividing both sides by v , (i') becomes

$$\frac{u-BL}{v} < \frac{u}{v} \cdot \frac{CH}{CO} . \quad (ii')$$

Again changing the form of the left side of (ii'), multiplying BL/v by FH/FH , the result is

$$\frac{u}{v} - \frac{BL}{FH} \cdot \frac{FH}{v} < \frac{u}{v} \cdot \frac{CH}{CO} . \quad (iii')$$

Before taking the limit of (iii') as v approaches zero, an examination of each term is necessary. The limit of $t(x+h)/v$ as v approaches zero is $t(x)$ and that of FH/v is $t(x+h)$. Lambert quadrilateral $BLHF$ is obtuse-angled at H . Thus, the limit of FH/BL as v approaches zero is $t(h)$. Now $CH \leq h$ by Theorem 11 and triangle BCO having a right angle at B implies $CO = q - x \leq CH$. Thus,

$$\frac{CH}{CO} \leq \frac{h}{q-x},$$

and the relationships just established makes the limit of (iii') as v approaches zero

$$t(x) - \frac{t(x+h)}{t(h)} \leq t(x) \cdot \frac{h}{q-x}, \quad (iv')$$

or, multiplying both sides of (iv') by $t(h)$ gives

$$t(x) t(h) - t(x+h) \leq t(x) t(h) \cdot \frac{h}{q-x}. \quad (v')$$

Adding (v) and (v'), the result is

$$t(x-h) - t(x+h) \leq \frac{2h}{q-x} \cdot t(x) t(h),$$

which, as a result of Theorem 15 and its proof, that is, since $t(x)$ and $t(h)$ must each lie between zero and one, can be written

$$t(x-h) - t(x+h) < \frac{2h}{q-x}.$$

This last inequality, in addition to knowing that $t(x)$ is monotone, assures the continuity of $t(x)$. For no matter how small the difference between $t(x-h)$ and $t(x+h)$ is desired,

than the smaller of x and $q-x$, locate points E and F as in figure 56. Draw the perpendiculars to AD at E and F , EG and FH , where G and H lie on segment DO . Draw the perpendicular to BC at C intersecting EG at M and FH extended through H at N .

Consider Lambert quadrilaterals $CDEM$ and $CBFN$. If segments CE and CF were drawn, triangles CBE and CBF are seen to be congruent for the angles at B are right angles, $BE = BF$, and $BC = BC$. Then angles CEG and CFN are congruent as are segments CE and CF and also angles ECM and FCN . Triangles CEM and CFN are thus congruent by angle-side-angle making $CM = CN$. As a consequence of Theorem 9, CH is longer than CG . Thus, there exists a point on segment CH , call it P , where $CG = CP$. Draw PN . Now $CP = CG$, $CM = CN$, and the vertical angles GCM and PCN are congruent so that triangles GCM and PCN are congruent by side-angle-side. Hence, GM is congruent to PN .

As v approaches zero, the angles GMC and HNC approach right angles, angle PNH becomes infinitesimal as do segments PN and HP . Wolfe([16;194]) asserts, without proof, that PH is an infinitesimal of higher order than v . That assumption will be made at this time.

Using the triangle inequality on right triangle PNH , with right angle at P , gives

$$NH - NP < PH. \quad (1)$$

at, $GM = MP$, so (i) can be written

$$MH - GM < PH. \quad (ii)$$

Also, $MH = NF - HF$ and $GM = GE - ME$, so (ii) becomes

$$(NF - HF) - (GE - ME) < PH \quad (iii)$$

Dividing each term of (iii) by v and multiplying NF and ME each by u/u gives

$$\frac{NF}{u} \cdot \frac{u}{v} - \frac{HF}{v} - \frac{GE}{v} + \frac{ME}{u} \cdot \frac{u}{v} < \frac{PH}{v}. \quad (iv)$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{NF}{u} \cdot \frac{u}{v} - \frac{HF}{v} - \frac{GE}{v} + \frac{ME}{u} \cdot \frac{u}{v} \right) = 0,$$

or

$$t(y) t(x) - t(x+y) - t(x-y) + t(y) t(x) = 0,$$

hence,

$$t(x+y) + t(x-y) = 2 t(x) t(y). \quad (v)$$

Equation (v) is the functional equation that will make the most important conclusion of the next section possible [16;193, 194].

VI. THE FUNCTION $t(x)$

Several noteworthy properties of the function $t(x)$ have been observed. They include: $t(x)$ is less than or equal to one; $t(x)$ decreases as x increases; $t(x)$ is equal to one when x is zero and is equal to zero when x is equal to ∞ ; and $t(x)$ satisfies the condition imposed by equation (v) of the last section. These properties bring to mind the

function $\cos x$. It is the purpose of this section to show that

$$t(x) = \cos \frac{x}{k},$$

where k is a constant depending upon the unit of length.

Mathematical induction will be the indicated method of proof, although the actual induction will not be carried out here. Starting with a particular value of x , say x' , since $t(x')$ is between zero and one, there exists a value of k for which

$$t(x') = \cos \frac{x'}{k}. \quad (i)$$

Let $x = px - x$ and $y = x$, then equation (v) of the last section becomes

$$\begin{aligned} t(px-x+x) + t(px-x-x) &= 2t(px-x) t(x), \text{ or} \\ t(px) &= 2t[(p-1)x] t(x) - t[(p-2)x]. \end{aligned} \quad (ii)$$

Recall the trigonometric identity

$$\cos x + \cos y = 2 \cos \frac{x+y}{2} \cos \frac{x-y}{2}. \quad (iii)$$

Let $x = px$ and $y = (p-2)x$, then (iii) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \cos px + \cos [(p-2)x] &= 2 \cos [(p-1)x] \cos x, \text{ or} \\ \cos px &= 2 \cos [(p-1)x] \cos x - \cos [(p-2)x]. \end{aligned} \quad (iv)$$

Equations (ii) and (iv) verify equation (i) when

$x' = px$. It will be asserted, without proof, that since (ii) and (iv) hold for any value of p , that the following equation could be proven by mathematical induction. Thus,

$$t(nx') = \cos \frac{nx'}{k},$$

where n is any positive integer. Likewise, it will be asserted that

$$t\left(\frac{nx^1}{2^m}\right) = \cos \frac{nx^1}{2^mk},$$

where m is any positive integer. Therefore, the relation

$$t(x) = \cos \frac{x}{k}$$

holds for every value of x , where $0 \leq x \leq q$, of the form

$\frac{x^1}{m}$. That it holds for every value of x between zero and q follows from the continuity of the functions $t(x)$ and $\cos x$, and from the realization that, by choosing m and n correctly, $\frac{x^1}{m}$ can be made to differ from any value of x by as small an amount as is desired [16; 194, 195].

VII. RELATING THE PARTS OF A RIGHT TRIANGLE

The relationships that will be developed in this section will be the basic relations of Elliptic Trigonometry. Their establishment will verify once again the sphere as a model for Elliptic(Riemannian)Geometry. A detailed examination of the parts of a right triangle will give the desired results.

Let ABC be any right triangle with right angle at C and restricted in size so that each side is less than q . In

at, each segment of the figure is restricted to a length less than q . Label the sides opposite the angles A , B , and C , a , b , and c , respectively. (Figure 57) Extend BA through

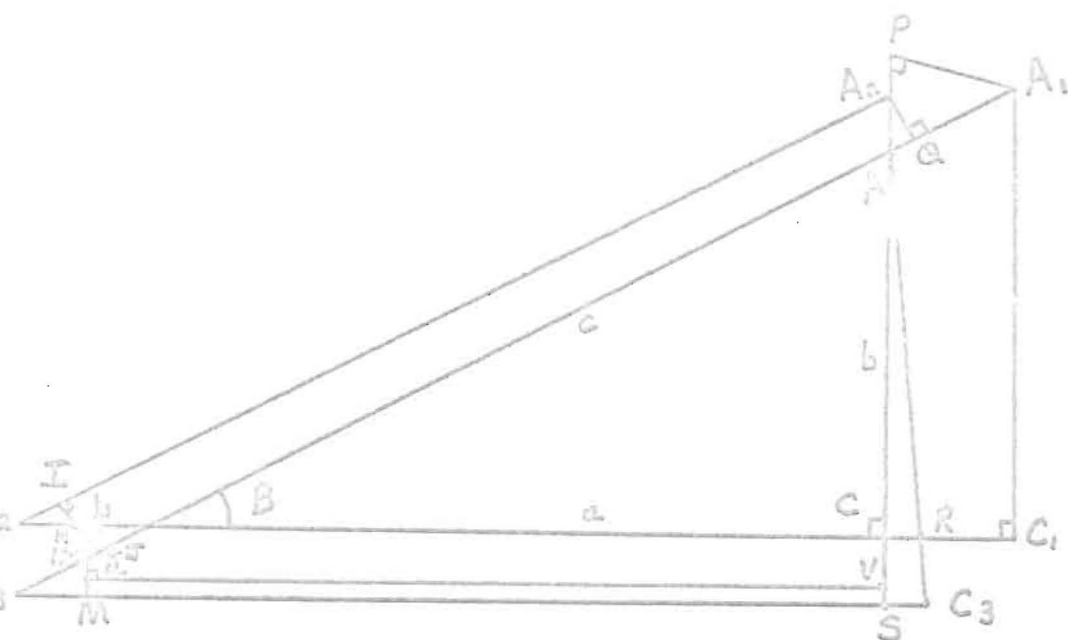


Figure 57

to a point A_1 . Draw the perpendicular from A_1 , A_1C_1 , to BC extended through C . Produce BC through B to B_2 , where $BC = B_2C$. Likewise, produce CA through A to A_2 so that $CA = A_2C$. Draw A_2B_2 . Now $A_1C_1 = A_2C$, angle $ACB_2 = \text{angle } A_1C_1B_1$ and $BC_1 = B_2C$ implies that triangles A_2B_2C and A_1BC_1 are congruent by side-angle-side. Now $B_2C = BC_1$ so subtracting BC from each of these gives $B_2B = CC_1$.

Extend AB through B to B_3 making $AB_3 = A_1B$. Construct at B_3 an angle congruent to angle A_1BC_1 . Make B_3C_3 , the side of angle B_3 , equal to BC_1 and draw AC_3 . Now

$B_3 = A_1B$, angle $A_1EC_1 = \text{angle } AB_3C_3$, and $EC_1 = B_3C_3$ implies that triangles A_1EC_1 and AB_3C_3 are congruent by side-angle-side. Also, $AB_3 = A_1B$ implies that $BB_3 = AA_1$.

From H, the midpoint of BB_2 , draw the perpendicular I to A_2B_2 . Make J a point on segment BB_3 such that $B_2I = BJ$. Draw segment HJ. It will be shown that I, H, and J are collinear. The congruence of triangles A_2B_2C and A_1EC_1 implies that angle B_2 is congruent to angle A_1EC_1 . Angle B_2BB_3 , being vertical to angle A_1EC_1 , is congruent to angle B_2 . Also, H the midpoint of BB_2 implies $B_2H = BH$. Thus, triangles B_2IH and BJH are congruent by side-angle-side. Then angle B_2HI is congruent to angle BHJ , and since BHB_2 is a segment, these angles must be vertical angles making I, H, and J collinear. Note also that IJ is perpendicular to both A_2B_2 and AB_3 .

From K, the midpoint of BB_3 , draw KL perpendicular to segment BB_2 . Make M a point on B_3C_3 such that $BL = B_3M$. Draw segment KM. Angle B_3 was constructed congruent to angle ABC , thus angle LBK is congruent to angle KB_3M . Also, $KB_3 = KB$, since K is the midpoint of BB_3 , and it is seen that triangles BLK and B_3MK are congruent by side-angle-side. Then angle B_3KM is congruent to angle BKL and again, BKB_3 is a segment, it is seen that L, K, and M are collinear. Also, segment LM is perpendicular to both B_2C and B_3C_3 .

Consider triangles ABC and A_1BC_1 . Both have the common angle at B , and noting that A_1B is greater than AB , theorem 7 then implies that angle BA_1C_1 is greater than angle C . But, triangles AB_3C_3 and A_1BC_1 are congruent, so angle C_3 is congruent to angle BA_1C_1 and thus angle BAC_3 is also greater than angle BAC . This result implies that segment B_3C_3 intersects segment BC_1 at a point R between C and C_1 . Extend segment AC through C to intersect segment B_3C_3 in S . Consider triangle ASC_3 which has a right angle at C_3 . The right angle at C_3 implies that AS is greater than AC_3 , but $AC_3 = A_2C$, since triangles A_2B_2C and AB_3C_3 are congruent, making CS greater than both of RC_3 and AA_2 . The congruence of triangles A_2B_2C and AB_3C_3 is assured since both are congruent to triangle A_1BC_1 . As a result, segment CV , equal to AA_2 , can be marked off on segment CS , the point V lying between C and S . Draw segment VU , the perpendicular from V to segment LM , where U is between L and M . This is possible since V is between C and S and both of segments LC and MS are perpendicular to segment LM , and each less than q , segment UV cannot intersect either of LC or MS between U and V , for then a triangle with two right angles would be formed having all sides less than q . Finally, draw segment A_1P perpendicular to segment AC extended through A and segment A_1Q perpendicular to segment AB extended through A [16;196, 197].

Equivalence of important limits. It is important to note that the lengths of segments AA_1 , AA_2 , BB_2 , BB_3 , and CC_1 are dependent upon each other, since all are determined by the choice of the length of segment AA_1 .

First, consider triangles AA_1P and AA_2Q . Both have angle PAQ in common and they have right angles at P and Q , respectively. Now, as AA_1 approaches zero so does AA_2 . Thus,

$$\lim \frac{A_1P}{AA_1} = \lim \frac{A_2Q}{AA_2}, \quad (1)$$

for each limit is the definition of $\sin A$. (Section II, Chapter VI)

Next, consider triangles BLK and BJH . Both have angle HBK in common and have right angles at L and J , respectively. Now, as AA_1 approaches zero so will BB_2 and BB_3 . Then also must BK and BH approach zero as AA_1 approaches zero. Thus,

$$\lim \frac{LK}{BK} = \lim \frac{JH}{BH}, \quad (ii)$$

for each is the definition of $\sin B$. But, from previous results it was shown or given that

$$LK = KM, \quad IH = HJ, \quad B_2H = HB, \quad \text{and} \quad B_3K = KB,$$

which in turn gives

$$2LK = LM, \quad 2JH = IJ, \quad 2BH = BB_2, \quad \text{and} \quad 2BK = BB_3.$$

Thus, equation (ii) above can be written equivalently as

$$\lim \frac{LM}{BB_3} = \lim \frac{IJ}{BB_2}. \quad (iii)$$

Dividing equation (i) above by equation (iii) gives

$$\lim(A_1P/AA_1)/(LM/BB_3) = \lim(A_2Q/AA_2)/(IJ/BB_2) .$$

By construction $AA_1 = BB_3$ and $CC_1 = BB_2$ so this last result can be written

$$\lim \frac{A_1P}{LM} = \lim \frac{A_2Q}{IJ} = \lim \frac{CC_1}{AA_2} ,$$

which can also be expressed as

$$\lim \frac{A_2Q}{IJ} = \lim \frac{A_1P}{CC_1} = \lim \frac{AA_2}{LM} . \quad (iv)$$

Each of these limits will be examined in detail. It will be necessary to make use of the important inequality,

$$t(y) > \frac{x'}{x} > t(y') . \quad (v)$$

Established in the proof of Theorem 15 in Section III of this chapter. Recall that x' and y include the obtuse angle. For convenience, it will be referred to as inequality (v) in what follows.

First, consider Lambert quadrilateral A_2IJQ which has the obtuse angle at A_2 , since the others are known to be right angles. Then, letting

$$y' = JQ, x' = A_2Q, x = IJ, \text{ and } y = IA_2 ,$$

inequality (v) gives

$$t(JQ) < \frac{A_2Q}{IJ} < t(IA_2) .$$

As AA_1 is allowed to approach zero both JQ and IA_2 approach AB . Since the function $t(x)$ is known to be continuous, both $t(JQ)$ and $t(IA_2)$ approach $t(AB)$. Hence,

$$\lim \frac{A_2B}{A_1B} = t(AB) . \quad (vi)$$

Next, consider Lambert quadrilateral A_1PCC_1 which has obtuse angle at A_1 , since the others are known to be right angles. Then, letting

$$y' = PC, x' = A_1P, x = CC_1, \text{ and } y = A_1C_1 ,$$

inequality (v) gives

$$t(PC) < \frac{A_1P}{CC_1} < t(A_1C_1) .$$

As AA_1 approaches zero PC and A_1C_1 each approach AC . Again, as a result of the continuity of the function $t(x)$, both $t(PC)$ and $t(A_1C_1)$ approach $t(AC)$. Hence,

$$\lim \frac{A_1P}{CC_1} = t(AC) . \quad (vii)$$

Finally, the third limit will be examined. The congruence of triangles A_2B_2C and AB_3C_3 established previously implies that $A_2C = AC_3$. In triangle ACR it is seen that AC is less than AR , for angle ACR is a right angle. Thus, RC_3 is less than AA_2 , and as a result

$$\frac{AA_2}{LM} > \frac{RC_3}{LM} .$$

Consider Lambert quadrilateral LMC_3R , which has obtuse angle at R , since the others are known right angles. Then, letting

$$y' = MC_3, x' = RC_3, \text{ and } x = LM ,$$

and observing that as AA_1 approaches zero so will BB_3 and

consequently LM, the second part of inequality (v) implies that

$$\frac{AA_2}{LM} > \frac{BC_3}{LM} > t(MC_3) . \quad (\text{viii})$$

Now, LU is less than LM and CV = AA₂ which results in the inequality

$$\frac{AA_2}{LM} < \frac{AA_2}{LU} = \frac{CV}{LU} .$$

Consider Lambert quadrilateral LUV C, which has obtuse angle at V, since the others are known right angles. Then, letting

$$y = UV, x' = CV, \text{ and } x = LU ,$$

and observing that as AA₁ approaches zero so will BB₃, LM, and LU, the first part of inequality (v) implies that

$$\frac{AA_2}{LM} < \frac{AA_2}{LU} = \frac{CV}{LU} < t(UV) . \quad (\text{ix})$$

As AA₁ approaches zero both UV and MC₃ approach EC. Again the continuity of t(x) implies that both t(MC₃) and t(UV) approach t(EC). Thus, relations (viii) and (ix) imply the result

$$\lim \frac{AA_2}{LM} = t(EC) . \quad (\text{x})$$

Thus, substituting in the results of equations (vi), (vii), and (x) into equation (iv), the most important result

$$t(AB) = t(AC) t(EC) \quad (\text{xi})$$

is obtained [16; 197, 198].

Trigonometric relationships for the parts. In

Section VI of this chapter it was shown that

$$c(x) = \cos \frac{x}{k}$$

for all x . Applying this relationship to equation (xi) above and recalling that

$$AB = c, AC = b, \text{ and } EC = a,$$

equation (xi) becomes

$$\cos \frac{c}{k} = \cos \frac{b}{k} \cos \frac{a}{k}. \quad (1')$$

Equation (1') relates the three sides of a right triangle. This result leads to the important conclusion that the Pythagorean Formula holds for infinitesimal right triangles in Elliptic Geometry. A further result is that the trigonometric functions of angles, as defined in Section II, are connected by the familiar relationships of Euclidean trigonometry, as

$$\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1,$$

$$\tan^2 A + 1 = \sec^2 A, \text{ etc. } [-; 198].$$

To obtain additional formulas for the parts of a right triangle ABC, extend side CA through A a convenient distance u to a point P. (Figure 58) Draw segment PQ, the perpendicular from P to side BA extended through A. Let $y = PQ$ and $w = AQ$. Also, draw segment BP.

Applying equation (1') above to the sides of right triangle BCP results in

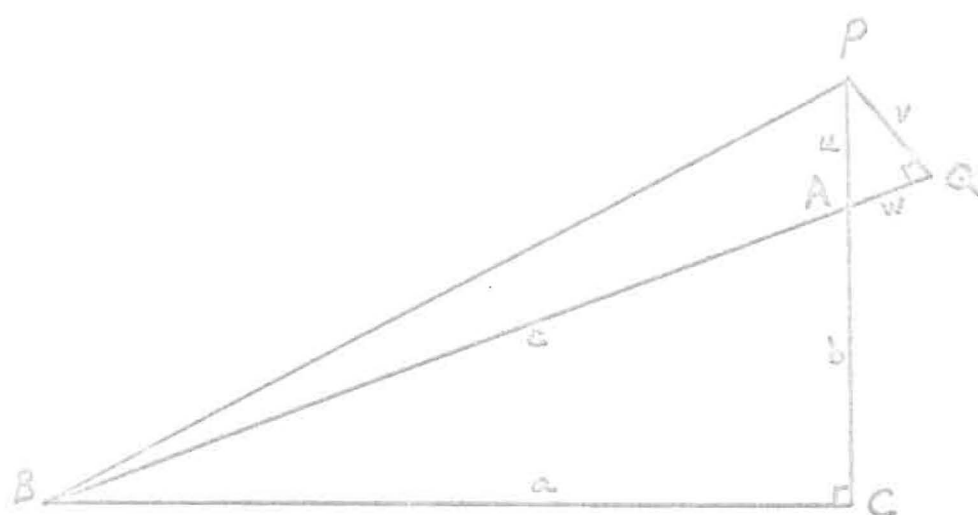


Figure 58

$$\cos(BP/k) = \cos(a/k) \cos((b+u)/k) .$$

solving (1') for $\cos(a/k)$ and substituting in that result, plus using the trigonometric identity

$$\cos(x+y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

in $\cos((b+u)/k)$, the result is

$$\cos(BP/k) = \frac{\cos(c/k)}{\cos(b/k)} \left[\cos(b/k) \cos(u/k) - \sin(b/k) \sin(u/k) \right] ,$$

which, upon distributing the multiplication on the right, becomes

$$\cos(BP/k) = \cos(c/k) \cos(u/k) - \cos(c/k) \tan(b/k) \sin(u/k). (1)$$

Applying equation (1') to the sides of right triangle BPQ the result is

$$\cos(BP/k) = \cos(v/k) \cos((c+w)/k) . \quad (11)$$

Applying equation (1') to the sides of right triangle APQ the result is

$$\cos(u/k) = \cos(w/k) \cos(v/k) , \text{ or}$$

$$\cos(v/k) = \cos(u/k)/\cos(w/k) . \quad (iii)$$

Substituting the result of equation (iii) into equation (ii) for $\cos(v/k)$ and using the addition identity on $\cos((c+w)/k)$, the result is

$$\cos(b/k) = \frac{\cos(u/k)}{\cos(w/k)} [\cos(c/k) \cos(w/k) - \sin(c/k) \sin(w/k)] ,$$

which, upon distributing the multiplication on the right,

becomes

$$\cos(b/k) = \cos(c/k) \cos(u/k) - \cos(u/k) \tan(w/k) \sin(c/k) . (iv)$$

Equating the right sides of equations (i) and (iv), the somewhat

simplified result is

$$\sin(c/k) \tan(b/k) \sin(u/k) = \cos(u/k) \tan(w/k) \sin(c/k) .$$

Dividing each side of the last result by $\sin(c/k) \sin(u/k)$

yields

$$\frac{\tan(b/k)}{\tan(c/k)} = \frac{\tan(w/k)}{\tan(u/k)} . \quad (v)$$

For very small x , $\tan x$ is approximately equal to x . Thus,

as u is allowed to approach zero w will also approach zero

and $\tan(w/k)/\tan(u/k)$ can be approximated by $(w/k)/(u/k)$, or

w/u , as u approaches zero. But, by definition, in triangle

ABC ,

$$\cos A = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{w}{u} .$$

Hence, equation (v) becomes

$$\cos A = \frac{\tan(b/k)}{\tan(c/k)} . \quad (2')$$

Equation (2') relates an acute angle of a right triangle and the two sides which are not opposite it. Using symmetry on equation (2'), the relationship between B, a, and c can be expressed

$$\cos B = \frac{\tan(a/k)}{\tan(c/k)} . \quad (3')$$

Returning to equation (2'), if both sides are squared and $1 - \sin^2 A$ substituted for $\cos^2 A$, the result can be written

$$\sin^2 A = 1 - \frac{\tan^2(b/k)}{\tan^2(c/k)} = \frac{\tan^2(c/k) - \tan^2(b/k)}{\tan^2(c/k)} ,$$

since $\tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$,

$$\sin^2 A = \frac{\sec^2(c/k) - 1 - (\sec^2(b/k) - 1)}{\tan^2(c/k)} ,$$

$$\sin^2 A = \frac{\sec^2(c/k) - \sec^2(b/k)}{\tan^2(c/k)} ,$$

which, upon multiplying by $\cos^2(c/k)/\cos^2(c/k)$ on the right side, becomes

$$\sin^2 A = \frac{1 - \cos^2(c/k)/\cos^2(b/k)}{\sin^2(c/k)} , \text{ or}$$

$$\sin^2 A = \frac{1 - \cos^2(a/k)}{\sin^2(c/k)} = \frac{\sin^2(a/k)}{\sin^2(c/k)}$$

Since $\cos(a/k) = \cos(c/k)/\cos(b/k)$ from equation (1') and $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$. Taking the principal square root of both sides of the last result gives

$$\sin A = \frac{\sin(a/k)}{\sin(c/k)} . \quad (4')$$

Equation (4') relates an acute angle, the side opposite it, and the side opposite the right angle. Using symmetry on equation (4') the relationship between B, b, and c can be expressed

$$\sin B = \frac{\sin(b/k)}{\sin(c/k)} . \quad (5')$$

Thus,

$$\cot A = \frac{\cos A}{\sin A} = \frac{\tan(b/k)}{\tan(c/k)} \cdot \frac{\sin(c/k)}{\sin(a/k)} ,$$

using equations (2') and (4'). Simplifying the right side of this last equation can be carried out using basic trigonometric identities and equation (1') as follows:

$$\cot A = \frac{\sin(b/k) \cos(c/k) \sin(c/k)}{\cos(b/k) \sin(c/k) \sin(a/k)} ,$$

$$\cot A = \frac{\sin(b/k) \cos(a/k) \cos(b/k)}{\cos(b/k) \sin(a/k)} ,$$

$$\cot A = \sin(b/k) \cot(a/k) . \quad (6')$$

Equation (6') relates an acute angle and the two sides not opposite the right angle. By symmetry,

$$\cot B = \sin(a/k) \cot(b/k) . \quad (7')$$

Consider the identity $\cos A = \cot A \sin A$. From equation (6') and (4'),

$$\cos A = \frac{\sin(b/k) \sin(a/k)}{\tan(a/k) \sin(c/k)} = \cos(a/k) \frac{\sin(b/k)}{\sin(c/k)} ,$$

which upon using equation (5') gives

$$\cos A = \cos(a/k) \sin B . \quad (8')$$

Equation (8') relates an acute angle, its opposite side, and the other acute angle. By symmetry,

$$\cos B = \cos(b/k) \sin A. \quad (9')$$

Consider equation (1').

$$\cos(c/k) = \cos(a/k) \cos(b/k).$$

Solving equations (8') and (9') for $\cos(a/k)$ and $\cos(b/k)$, respectively, gives

$$\cos(a/k) = \frac{\cos A}{\sin B} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos(b/k) = \frac{\cos B}{\sin A}.$$

Substituting these results into equation (1') gives

$$\cos(c/k) = \frac{\cos A}{\sin B} \cdot \frac{\cos B}{\sin A}, \text{ or}$$

$$\cos(c/k) = \cot A \cot B. \quad (10')$$

A comparison of equations (1') through (10') with formulas (1) through (10) for right spherical triangles developed in Chapter II shows that they are exactly the same, although in a different order. The correspondence is as follows:

- | | | | |
|------|----------------|-------|---|
| (1) | corresponds to | (1') | ; |
| (2) | corresponds to | (4') | ; |
| (3) | corresponds to | (2') | ; |
| (4) | corresponds to | (6') | ; |
| (5) | corresponds to | (5') | ; |
| (6) | corresponds to | (3') | ; |
| (7) | corresponds to | (7') | ; |
| (8) | corresponds to | (9') | ; |
| (9) | corresponds to | (8') | ; |
| (10) | corresponds to | (10') | . |

It must also be recognized that in (1) through (10), a , b , and c represent the angular measure of the sides of spherical tri-

angle ABC; while in (1') through (10') a, b, and c represent the actual length, in some "linear" unit, of the sides of triangle ABC. But, recall that the length of an arc of a great circle on a sphere is given by

$$s = r\theta ,$$

where s is in linear units, r is the radius of the sphere in the same linear units, and θ is the angular measure of the central angle in radians that subtends the arc. Solving the above relation for θ gives

$$\theta = \frac{s}{r} ,$$

where upon replacing s by a, b or c and r by k, it is seen that equations (1') through (10') are identical to those for a right spherical triangle on a sphere of radius k [16;198-200].

VIII. CONCLUSION

The conclusion reached in the last part of the previous section is the desired goal of this work. Spherical Trigonometry and Elliptic Trigonometry have been shown to be the same in the case of right triangles. Wolfe [16;196], Somerville [13;120], and Coxeter [2;232] indicate that the investigations carried out in Chapter VI would still hold without the restriction of segments to less than q and triangles to right triangles. To the writer it seems amazing that such contrasting starting points, Euclidean versus Elliptic, could possibly end up with equivalent results.

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