

$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - \left(\frac{(\Delta t)(GS)(\sin TC)}{60 \cos L_1} \right) \quad TC=90^\circ, 270^\circ$$

or DEST Longitude = Departure Longitude – (Elapsed Time * Ground Speed * sin (True Course)) / (60 * cos (Departure Latitude)))

Otherwise:

$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 - \frac{180}{\pi} \left\{ (\tan TC) \left[(\ln \tan(45 + \frac{1}{2}L_2)) - (\ln \tan(45 + \frac{1}{2}L_1)) \right] \right\}$$

or DR Longitude = Departure Longitude – (180 / 3.14159) * (tan (True Course) * Ln (tan (45 + 0.5 * Destination Latitude)) – Ln (tan (45 + 0.5 * Departure Latitude)))

NOTE: The flight path may not cross either pole.

For long distances, use formula below:

DR Latitude = 90.0 – acos (sin (– Departure Latitude) * cos (Distance / 60.0) + cos (– Departure Latitude) * sin (Distance / 60.0) * cos (True Course))

DR Longitude = Departure Longitude +/- acos ((cos (Distance / 60.0) – sin (– DR Latitude) * sin (– Departure Latitude)) / (cos (– DR Latitude) * cos (– Departure Latitude)))

NOTE: Distance can be replaced with (Ground Speed * Elapsed Time) where Elapsed Time is in hours

A2.10. Rhumb Line Planning:

Variables:

t = Time between positions
C = Rhumb line True Course
D = Rhumb line Distance
= Pi (>3.14159)

$$C = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\pi(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)}{180(\ln \tan(45 + \frac{1}{2}L_2) - \ln \tan(45 + \frac{1}{2}L_1))} \right]$$

or True Course = atan((3.14159 * (Departure Longitude – Destination Longitude)) / (180 * Ln (tan (45 + 0.5 * Destination Latitude)) – Ln (tan(45 + 0.5 * Departure Latitude))))

$$D = 60(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) \cos L_1 \quad C = 0$$

or Distance = 60 * (Destination Longitude – Departure Longitude) * cos (Departure Latitude)

$$D = \frac{60(L_2 - L_1)}{\cos C} \quad C \neq 0$$

or Distance = 60 * (Destination Latitude – Departure Latitude) * cos (Rhumb line True Course)