

Sight Reduction with a calculator

Estimated Position

B =

L =

UT1 =

date:

Course & Speed

R =

V =

Observation

UT1

Celestial body

Observed Altitude Ho

Sextant Altitude:

Hs

Instrumental Error:

EI

DIP

Height of eye above sea level: h [m]

$$D = 0.0293 \sqrt{h} [^\circ]$$

Apparent Altitude

$$H = Hs + EI - D$$

Refraction

if(H > 15°) R0 = 0.0162 / TAN(H)

P [mb]

T [°C]

$$f = 0.28 P / (T + 273)$$

$$R = f R0$$

Parallax – Sun, Moon, Venus, Mars

$$HP \text{ (Sun } HP = 0.0024^\circ)$$

$$\text{Moon } OB = 0.0032(\sin 2B \cos z \sin H - \sin^2 B \cos H)$$

$$PA = HP \cos H + OB$$

Semidiameter

- Sun SD ≈ 16'
- Moon SD ≈ 0.2724° HP

$$Ho = H - R + PA \pm SD$$

Identification of the celestial body

Z

$$\text{Dec} = \text{ASIN}[\sin B \sin Ho + \cos B \cos Ho \cos Z]$$

$$\text{LHA} = \text{ATAN}[(\tan Ho \cos B - \sin B \cos Z) / \sin Z]$$

$$\text{GHA} = \text{LHA} - L$$

Geographical Position – Substellar Point

Dec

☆ GHA_{Aries}

☆ SHA

$$\text{GHA}^\star = \text{GHA}_{\text{Aries}} + \text{SHA}$$

GHA

Line of Position intercept – Marcq St Hilaire

$$\text{LHA} = \text{GHA} + L$$

$$\text{Hc} = \text{ASIN}[\sin B \sin \text{Dec} + \cos B \cos \text{Dec} \cos \text{LHA}]$$

$$\text{Z} = \text{ACOS}[(\sin \text{Dec} - \sin \text{Hc} \sin B) / (\cos \text{Hc} \cos B)]$$

if(LHA = W) Z = 360 - Z

$$p = Ho - Hc$$