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Time Sight problem outcome Longitude near dateline.

Sun sight	Std. Value	Decim. Value
Date	26-06-2016	-
Time UT	21:00:00	-
Lat South	-40°	-40°
Lon East	174°44,4	174,74°
Sun Hc	10°09,5'	10,15°
ZD=90°-Hc	79°50,5'	79,84°
Dec	23°18,8'	23,31°
GHA	134°14,4'	134,24°
Zn	46,4°	-

General Longitude Sight on Modern Celestial Navigation way with handheld calculator
Used Franks ABC formula with 2 Latitudes to Calc 2Longitudes and draw a position line.

$$A = \cos(ZD) / \cos(\text{Dec}) / \cos(\text{Lat})$$

Sign not necessary, $\cos \pm \max 90^\circ$ is always positive.

$$B = \text{tg}(\text{Dec}) * \text{tg}(\text{Lat})$$

Use the - sign for Dec and/or Lat when it is South

$$C = A - B \quad HA = \arccos(C)$$

Lat 1= -40° S

Lat 2 -42° S

NB: Latitudes have coarse separation

A	0,25073
B	-0,36154
	----- -
C	0.61228
HA=arccos(C)	52,24°
GHA	134,24°
	----- +
Longitude 1	186,24°

	0,25846
	-0,38796
	----- -
	0,64642
HA=arccos(C)	49,72°
GHA	134,24°
	----- +
Longitude 2	183,96°

Normally use 0,1° separation

Suns Zenith =46° so East=+ (West=-)

Longitude is >180° We use only longitude of max. 180° E or W

I suppose if outcome is > 180° then Longitude is 360°-answer

Longitude 1 173,76° E Longitude 2 176,04° E

Rules for the calculated value from Modern Celestial Navigation Class

If Longitude >360° subtract 360° If longitude <0° add 360°

I think we need one extra rule and perhaps change the last rule???

Extra rule

If Longitude >180° and <360° then Longitude=360°-Longitude, that is East Longitude.

Changed rule

I wonder if the rule: If longitude <0° add 360° can be replaced with the rule:

If Longitude <0° make value positive en write East Longitude