

Mendoza y Rios Method from 1801.

3. Add together the two apparent altitudes.

4. Find the auxiliary angle by Table IX and Table X; and take the sum and the difference between it and the sum of the apparent altitudes, as well as between the same auxiliary angle and the apparent distance. And apply the result of the corrections of the apparent altitudes for refraction and parallax to the sum of the apparent altitudes, in order to obtain the sum of the true altitudes.

5. Take (Table XII) the versed-sines of the above sums and differences, and the suversed-sine of the sum of the true altitudes; and the sum (rejecting 4 from the first figure) will be the versed-sine of the true distance from the moon to the sun or star.

Apparent distance	- - - -	63 . 9 . 9		
Observed alt. of ☉ 's lower limb	13° . 23' . 20"	-	☾ 's upper limb . .	68° . 59' . 25'
Dip	- - - -	3 . 41	- - - -	3 . 41
Apparent altitude		13 . 19 . 39	- - - -	68 . 55 . 44
Semidiameter	- - - +	15 . 47	- (in altitude) - -	15 . 15
			Refract. and Parallax	
Apparent altitude of center	-	13 . 35 . 26	- 3' . 46" + 0' . 2"	68 . 40 . 29
			19 . 38	
			3	
Sum of apparent altitudes	-	82 . 15 . 55	(+ 15 . 57)	19 . 43
+ 28' . 27" } Apparent distance	- -	63 . 9 . 9		
+ 4 } Auxiliary angle	- -	60 . 28 . 33		
+ 2 }				
First sum	- - -	142 . 44 . 28	V. sine - -	179.5885
First difference	- - -	21 . 47 . 22	V. sine - -	007.1442
Second sum	- - -	123 . 37 . 42	V. sine - -	155.3795
Second difference	- - -	2 . 40 . 36	V. sine - -	000.1090
Sum of true altitudes	- - -	82 . 31 . 52	Suv. sine - -	112.9949
True distance	- - -	63 . 23 . 59	V. sine (sum - 4)	55.2236
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Mendoza y Rios Method from 1809 (second edition).

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5. Take out of Table VII. the complementary correction answering to the apparent altitude of the Sun or Star; and out of Table VIII. the correction of the Moon's apparent altitude, according to the minutes of horizontal parallax, and the proportional parts for seconds; which add together with the sum of apparent altitudes, and you will have the corrected sum of altitudes.

At the time of taking the correction of Table VIII. take likewise the Auxiliary Argument out of Table IX. which will be found in the opposite page.

6. Take out of Table X. Number I. answering to the sum of apparent altitudes and to the minutes of auxiliary argument, and also the parts for the seconds of this argument; Number II. (which will be found, on turning one or two leaves from the opening of the book for Number I.) answering to the sum of corrected altitudes, and the parts for seconds; and Number III. answering to the degrees and minutes of apparent distance (reserving the seconds) and the minutes of auxiliary argument, and also the parts for the seconds of this argument. Leave the book open at that place. Add together the three numbers and parts for seconds; and look in that opening of the book, or in the contiguous pages, for the corrected distance answering to the sum, in Numbers IV. which, with the addition of the reserved seconds, will be the true distance from the Moon to the Sun or Star.†

* It will be proper to observe, within a very short time, several distances, as well as several altitudes, in order to use the mean of each set, as well as that of the corresponding times by the watch.

† Remark, that as Numbers I. and II. as well as Numbers III. and IV. are found at the same openings, or near the same openings of the book, and as the auxiliary argument and the correction of the Moon's altitude are found at the same time, four searchings into the book are, in this method, sufficient for the whole calculation of the true distance, including what relates to the correction of the altitudes, on account of refraction and parallax.

	App. alt. ☉	-	-	41° . 45'			
	App. alt. ☾	-	-	27 . 0	(hor. parall. 54' . 24")		
Aux. Arg.	Sum of app. alt.	-	-	68 . 45	N. I.	-	3993 ⁸
13 . 14	Compl. corr. ☉'s alt.	-	+	59 . 4"			7 ¹
+ 6	Correct. ☾'s alt.	-	+	46 . 15			
+ 3	Prop. part	-	+	21			
13 . 23	Corrected sum of alt.	-	-	70 . 30 . 40	N. II.	-	49935
	App. distance	-	-	97 . 29	N. III.	-	91
	Reserved sec.	-	-	36			29318
	Corr. distance	-	-	96 . 51 . 26	N. IV.	-	41
	True distance	-	-	96 . 52 . 2		(sum)	19394