

## Chapter 1

Basic concepts, Principles of  
Geomatics and type of surveying

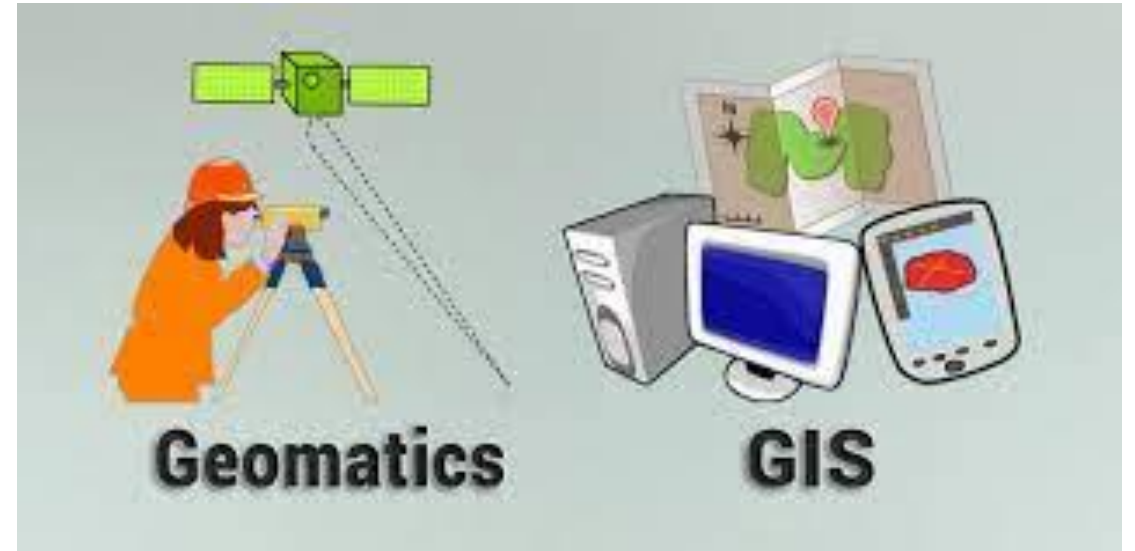


# Content

- A brief intro. to the concept of surveying, mapping, remote sensing and GIS
- Necessity of Geomatics
- Introduction to the common tools of surveying: Traversing; Triangulation; Trilateration; closing errors in traversing and their adjustment.

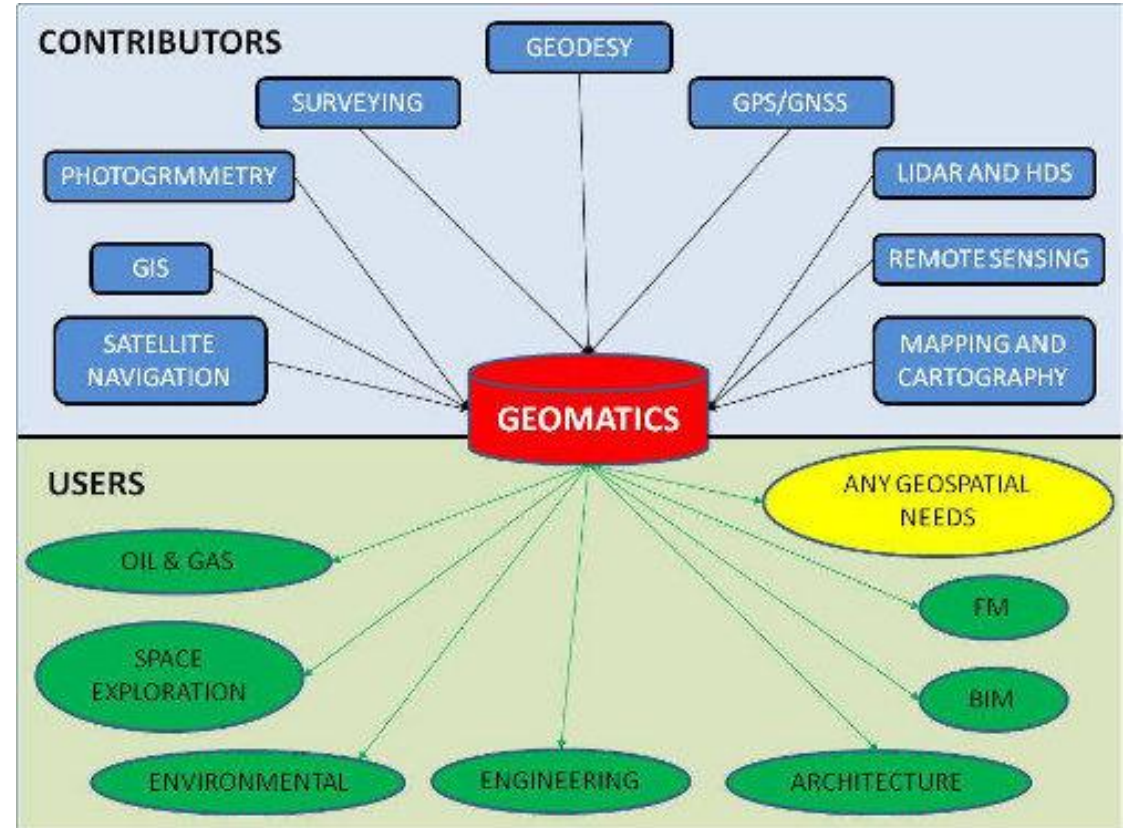
# Introduction

- Geomatics refers to methods & technologies used to
  - Collect
  - Store
  - Process
  - Analyze
  - Distribute &
  - Present geographic data



# Introduction

- Geomatics encompasses geodesy, GIS, GPS, hydrography, photogrammetry, remote surveying, land surveying, Land information system (LIS), Global Navigational Satellite system (GNSS), Light Detection & Ranging (LIDAR) etc



# Land Surveying

- ***Need and objective:*** To prepare maps primarily for **topographical** (location of hills, valleys, rivers, villages, forests etc), **cadastral** (boundaries), **Engineering** (details of roads, railways, bridges, tunnels), **Military, contour** (for capacity estimation, road alignment, canal alignment), **geological** (for knowing information on soils, rocks, minerals below GL), **archaeological** types
- Land surveying can be classifies into
  - Surveying – taking measurement in horizontal planes
  - Levelling – taking measurement in vertical planes

# Land Surveying

- Different types of land surveying are
  - *Topographical surveying*
  - *Cadastral surveying*
  - *Engineering surveying*
  - *City/village surveying*

# Classification of surveying

- ***Primary Classification***

- Plane surveying  $\leq 250 \text{ km}^2$  - Mostly planer lines, triangles
- Geodetic Surveying  $> 250 \text{ km}^2$  - Mostly spherical lines, spherical triangles

- ***Secondary Classification***

- Instruments
- Methods
- Objectives
- Nature of field

# Classification of surveying

- ***Based on instruments***

- ✓ Chain Surveying, compass surveying, plane table surveying, Theodolite surveying, Tacheometric surveying, Photographic surveying, Total station surveying, Drone surveying, etc

- ***Based on methods***

- ✓ Triangulation, Traversing

- ***Based on objectives***

- ✓ Geological, Archaeological, Military, Mine etc

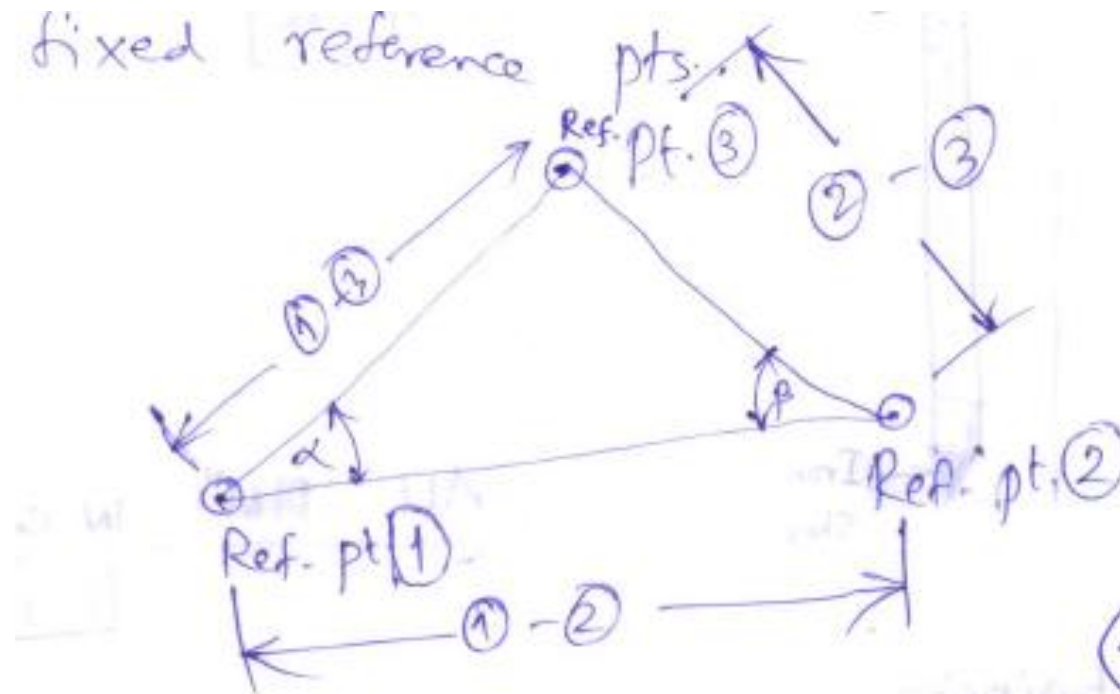
- ***Nature of field***

- ✓ Land Surveying, Marine Surveying, Astronomical surveying

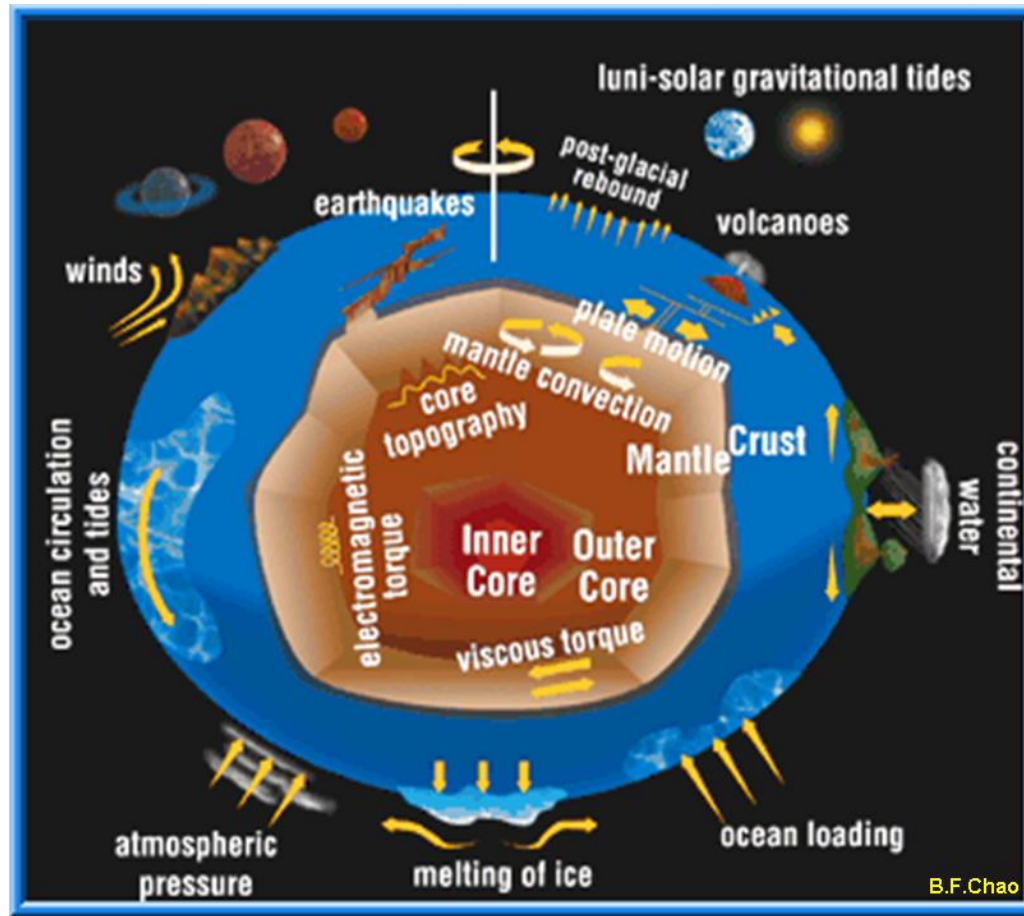


# Basic principles of measurement

- To work from whole to part
- To locate a new point/station by at least 2 measurements from fixed reference points



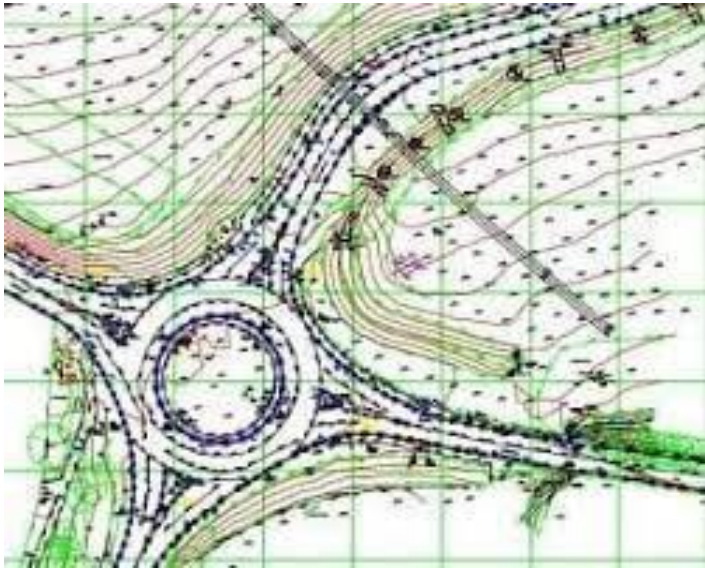
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*Geodesy, the study of earth*

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A



B



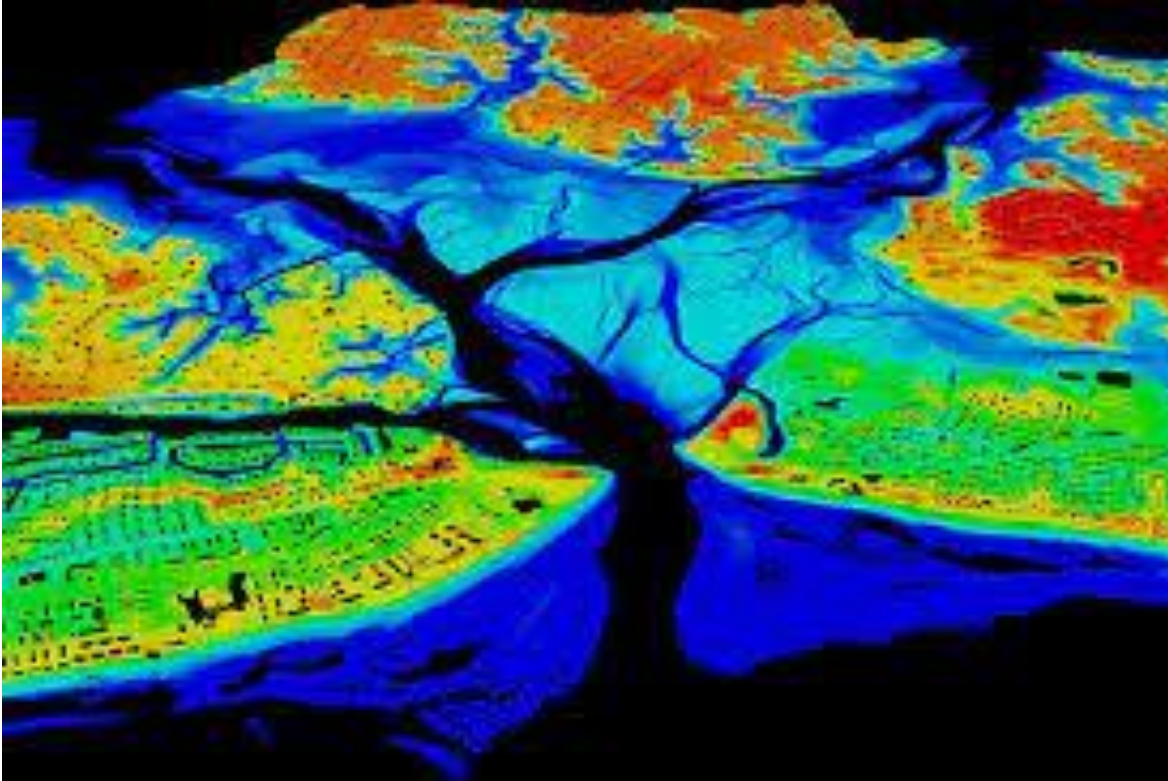
C



A – Topographical survey  
B – Cadastral survey  
C – Aerial survey



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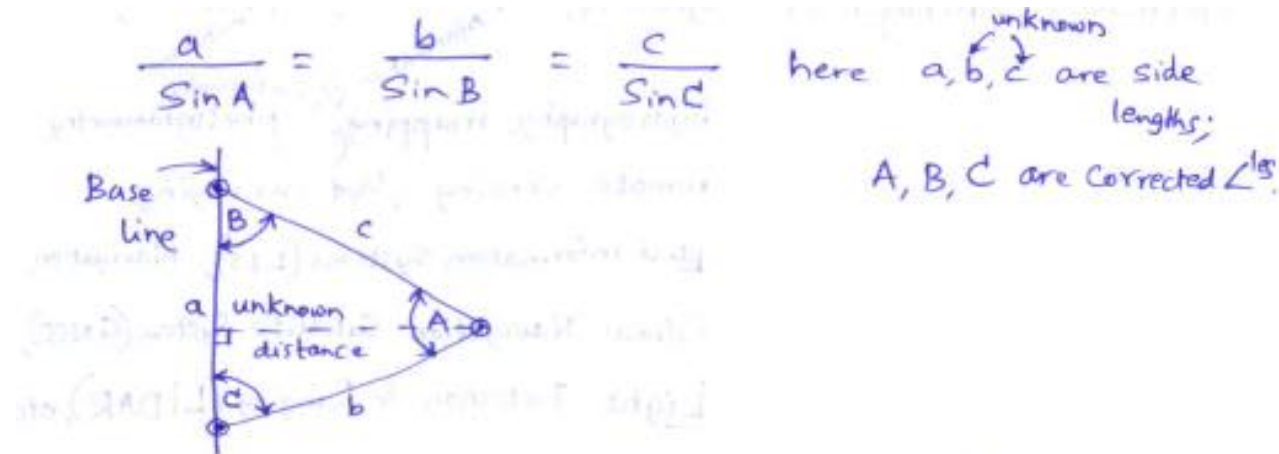


*LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) Survey*

*Accuracy, precision and flexibility*

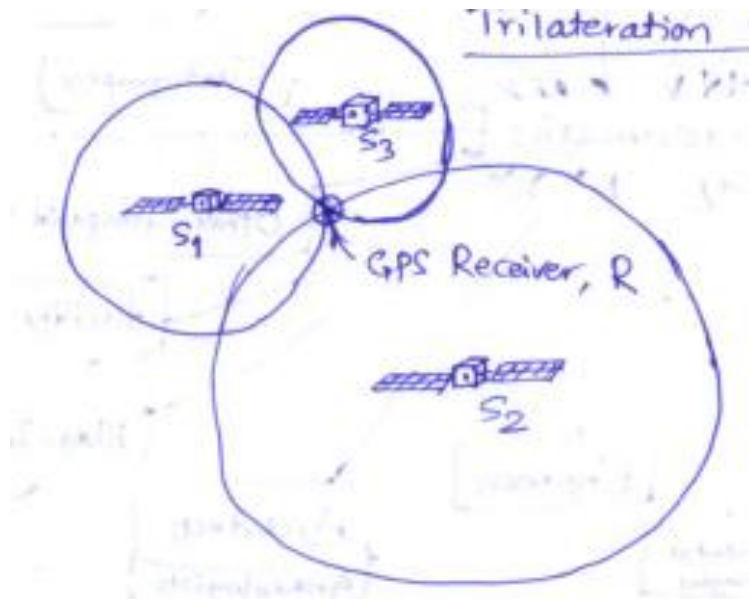
# Triangulation Method

- Triangulation relies on *timing differences in the reception of signals*, moving at the speed of light
- The entire area is divided into triangles
- One side of a triangle called 'base line' is measured precisely
- All triangles in the network of triangles are measured with a transit theodolite
- The other sides of triangles are computed subsequently, using sine rule  
i.e;



# Trilateration Method

- Trilateration involves measuring only distances, very precisely
- It is generally used in GPS
- The position of a GPS receiver is accurately determined by measuring distances from 3 neighbouring satellites obtained through optical signals
- Trilateration relies on signal strength



*$S_1$ ,  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$  are 3 neighbouring satellites*

# Trilateration Method

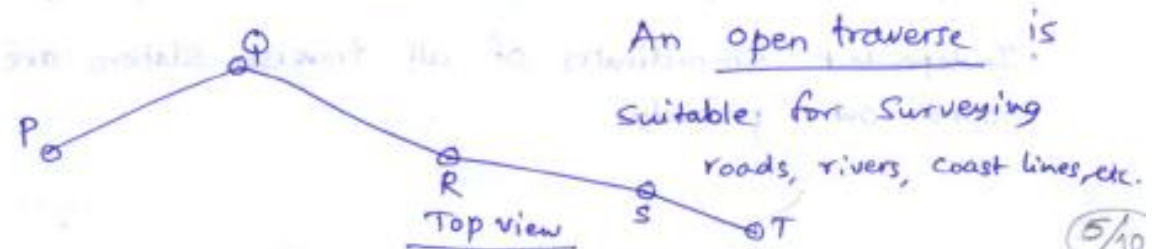
- With the receiving of the 1<sup>st</sup> optical signal from satellite  $S_1$ , the GPS receiver (R) location is established on the spherical surface with centre @  $S_1$  & radius  $S_1R$
- With the receiving of the 2<sup>nd</sup> optical signal from  $S_2$ , the location of R is narrowed down on the circular rim of the convex lens with the 1<sup>st</sup> side radius =  $S_1R$  & the 2<sup>nd</sup> side radius =  $S_2R$
- With the receiving of the 3<sup>rd</sup> optical signal from  $S_3$ , the location of R is exactly fixed on to a point on the circular rim of the convex lens which is at a distance  $S_3R$  from the 3<sup>rd</sup> satellite  $S_3$ .

# Traversing

- This is a type of surveying which involves a series of connected survey lines between adjacent survey stations



A Closed Traverse is suitable for surveying of ponds, forests, estates etc.



An open traverse is suitable for surveying roads, rivers, coast lines, etc.



# Traversing methods

## ***Chain Traversing***

- Only chain and/or tape is used,
- Multiple no of tie stations [T1, T2,.....,T10] are used to measure chain angles  $\angle T_1AT_2$  ,  $\angle T_4BT_3$  etc which are fixed by tie lines T1T2, T3T4, T3T5 etc.

## ***Compass Traversing***

- Fore bearings & back bearings of traverse legs are measured by a prismatic compass
- Traverse sides are measured by chain or tape,
- Corrections to observed bearings are applied;
- Closing error is adjusted graphically

# Traversing methods

## ***Theodolite Traversing***

- **Horizontal angles** between traverse legs are measured by a theodolite
- Traverse leg lengths are measured by chain/tape or by stadia method
- Magnetic bearing of the starting leg is measured by a theodolite
- Magnetic bearing of other sides are computed
- Independent co-ordinates of all traverse stations are found out precisely

## ***Plane table traversing***

- A plane table is set @ every traverse station
- All traverse sides/legs are plotted to a suitable scale
- Closing error is graphically adjusted

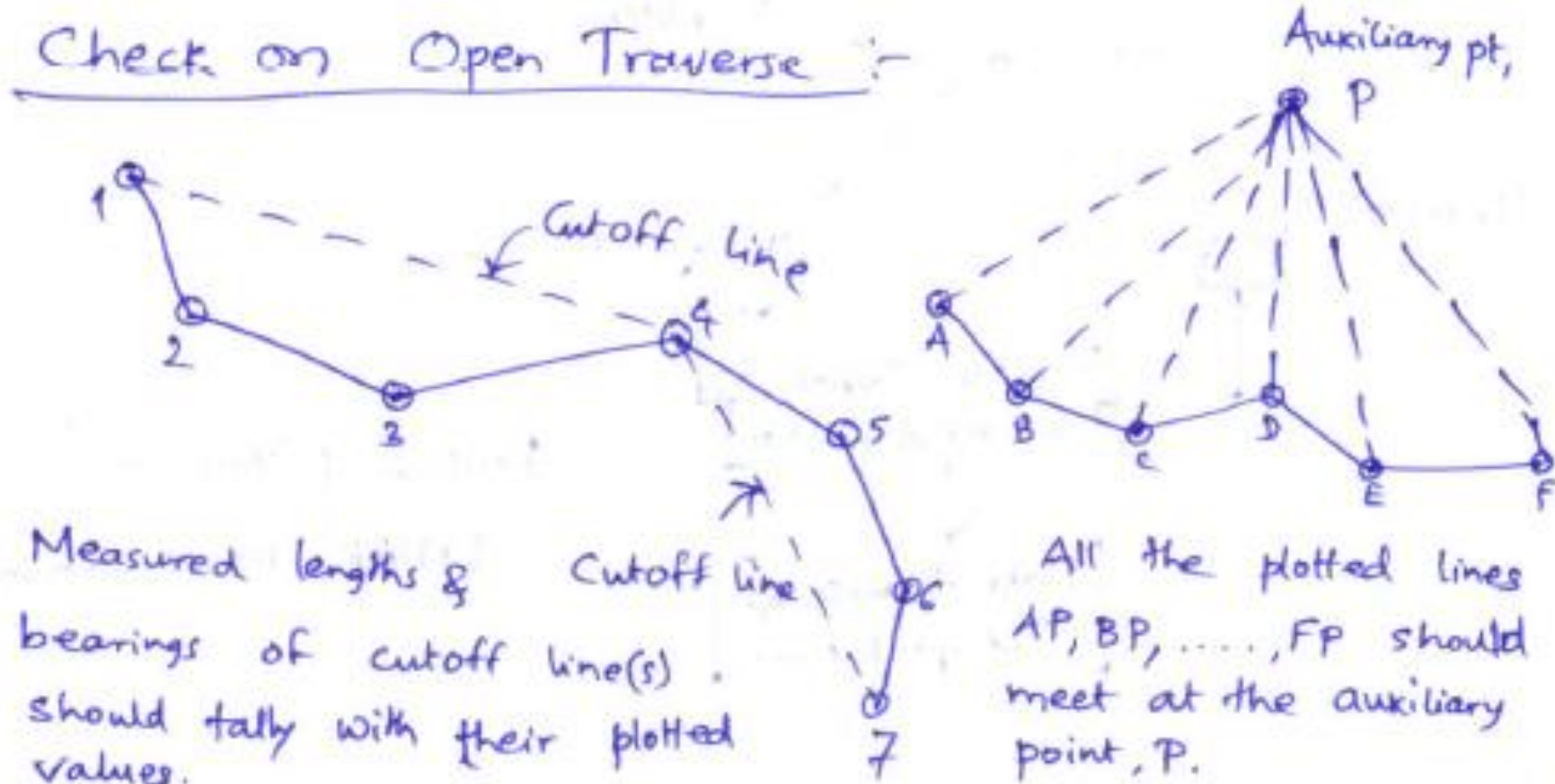
# Check on Closed Traverse

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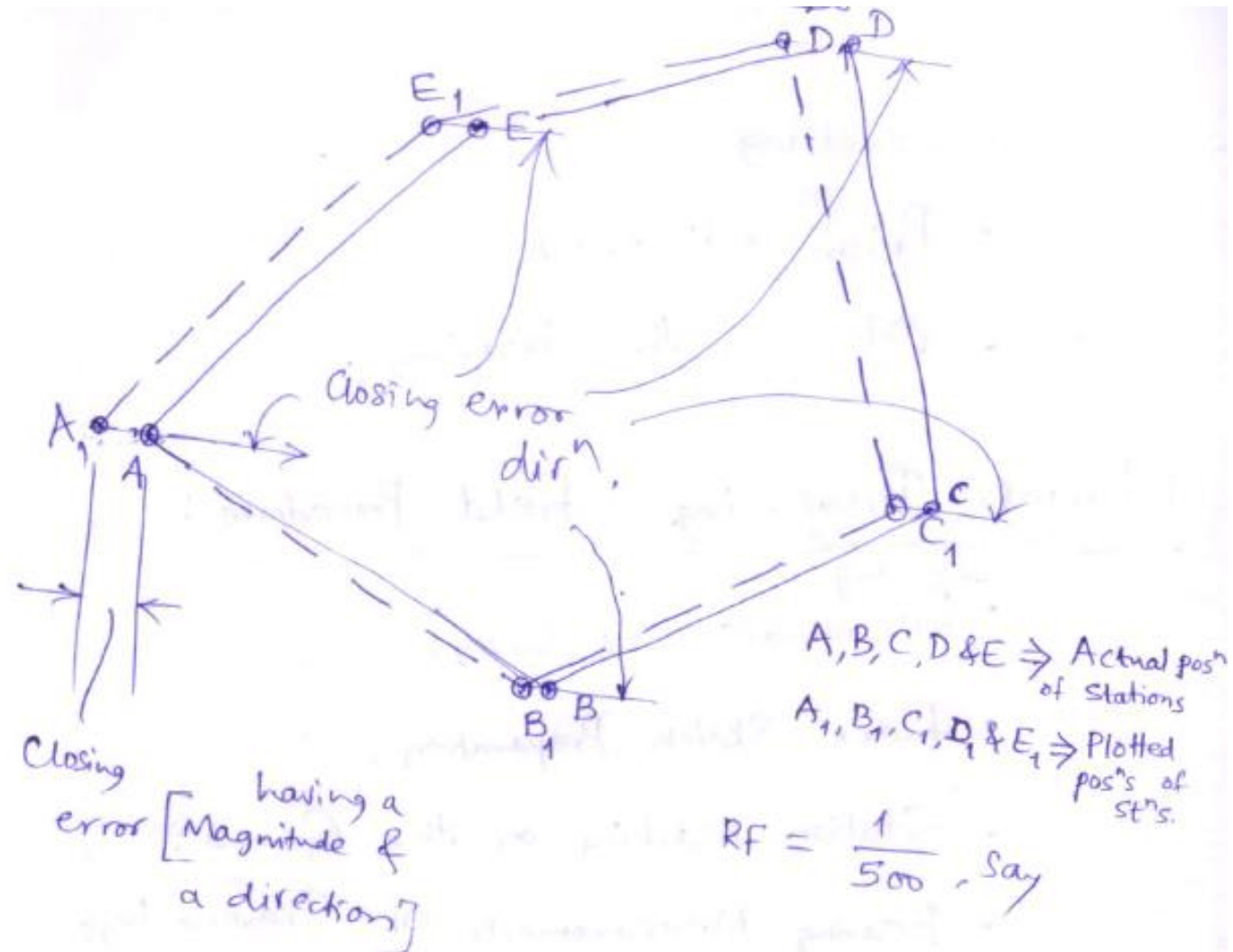
- Check on  $\angle$  or  
measure-ments
- $\sum \text{interior } \angle\text{s} = (2N-4) \cdot 90^\circ ;$  # of sides in the traverse
  - $\sum \text{Exterior } \angle\text{s} = (2N+4) \cdot 90^\circ ;$
  - Algebraic sum of deflection  $\angle\text{s} = 360^\circ.$

- Check on  
Linear  
measure-ments
- Linear measurements in both directions should tally;
  - Linear measurements with chain should tally with those taken with Stadia method.

# Check on open Traverse

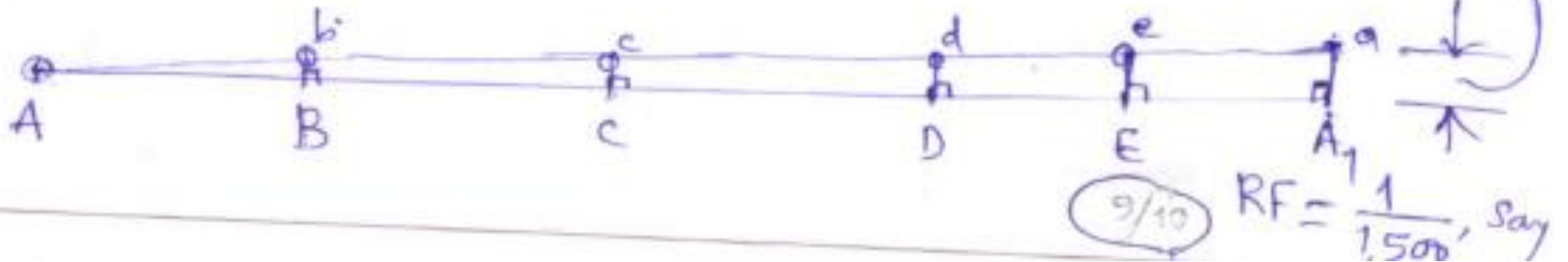


# Closing Error Adjustments



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Bowditch Rule for  
Closing Error Adjustment



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Linear Error Limit for Closing Error

$$\text{Max. Closing Error} \leq 15' (\sqrt{N})$$

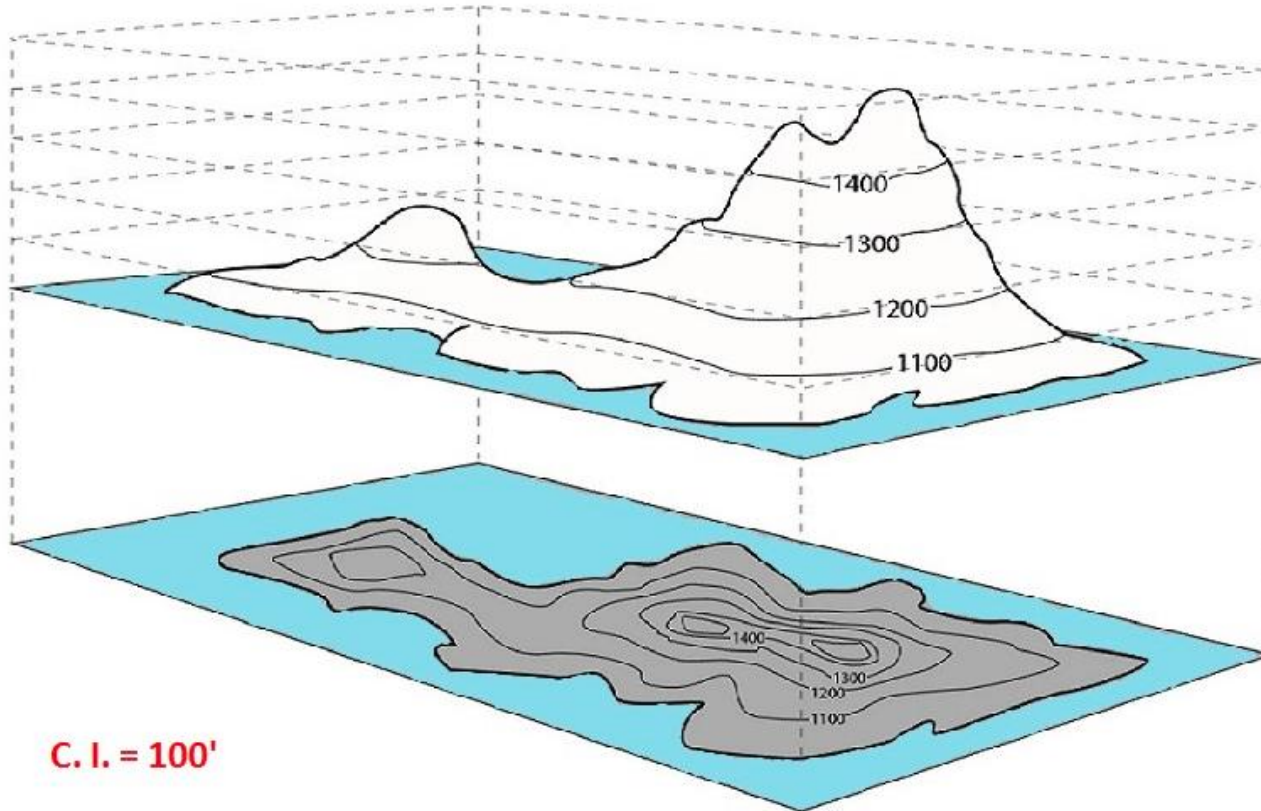
no. of sides in a traverse

## Linear closing Error Limit

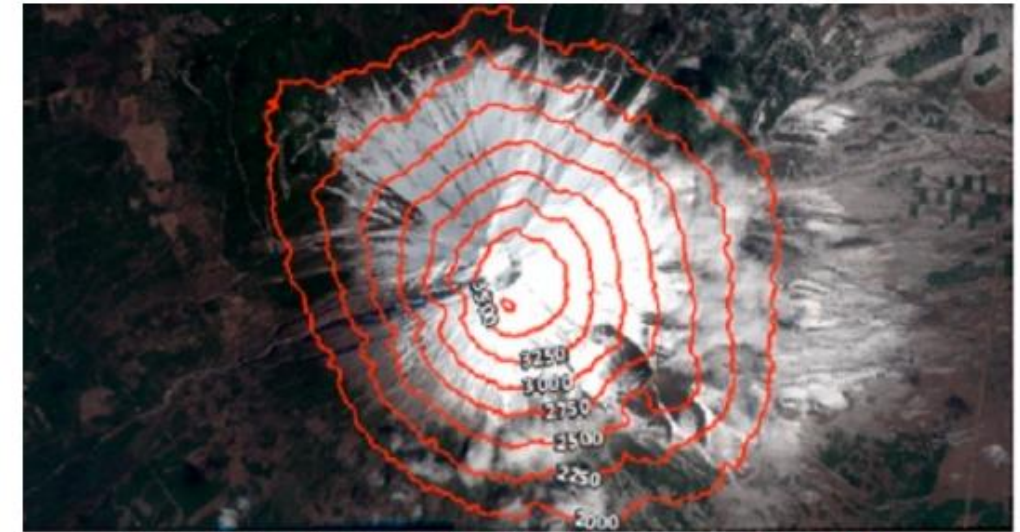
$$\text{Relative closing Error} = (\text{Closing error magnitude}) / (\text{perimeter of traverse}) \leq 1/600$$



# Contouring

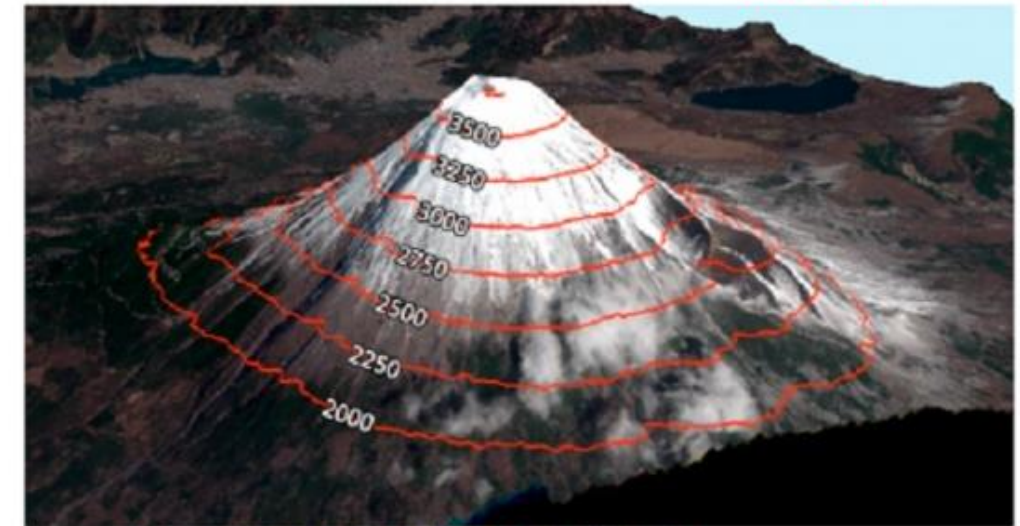


C.I = Contour Interval



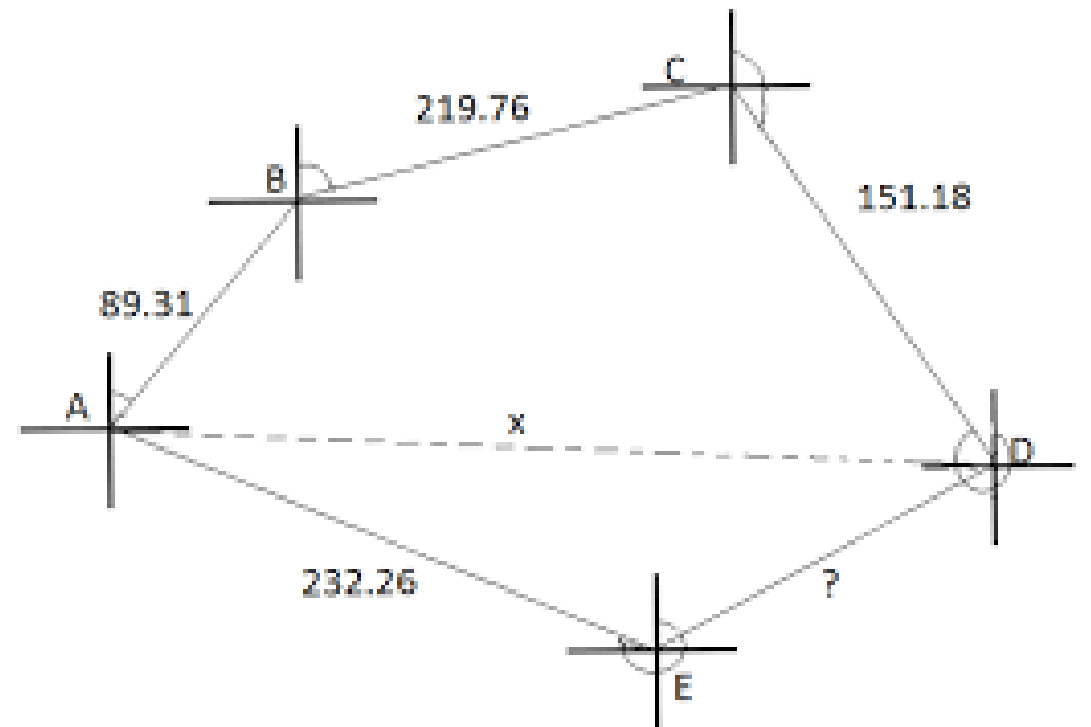
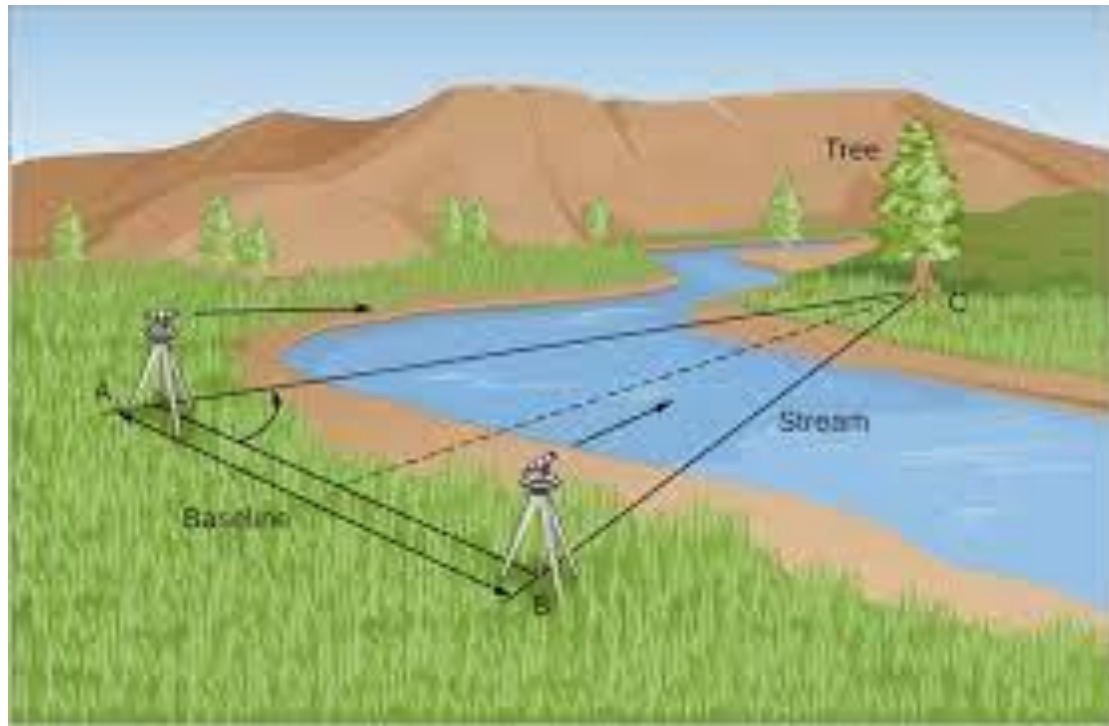
TWO-DIMENSIONAL MAP VIEW

C.I. = 250'

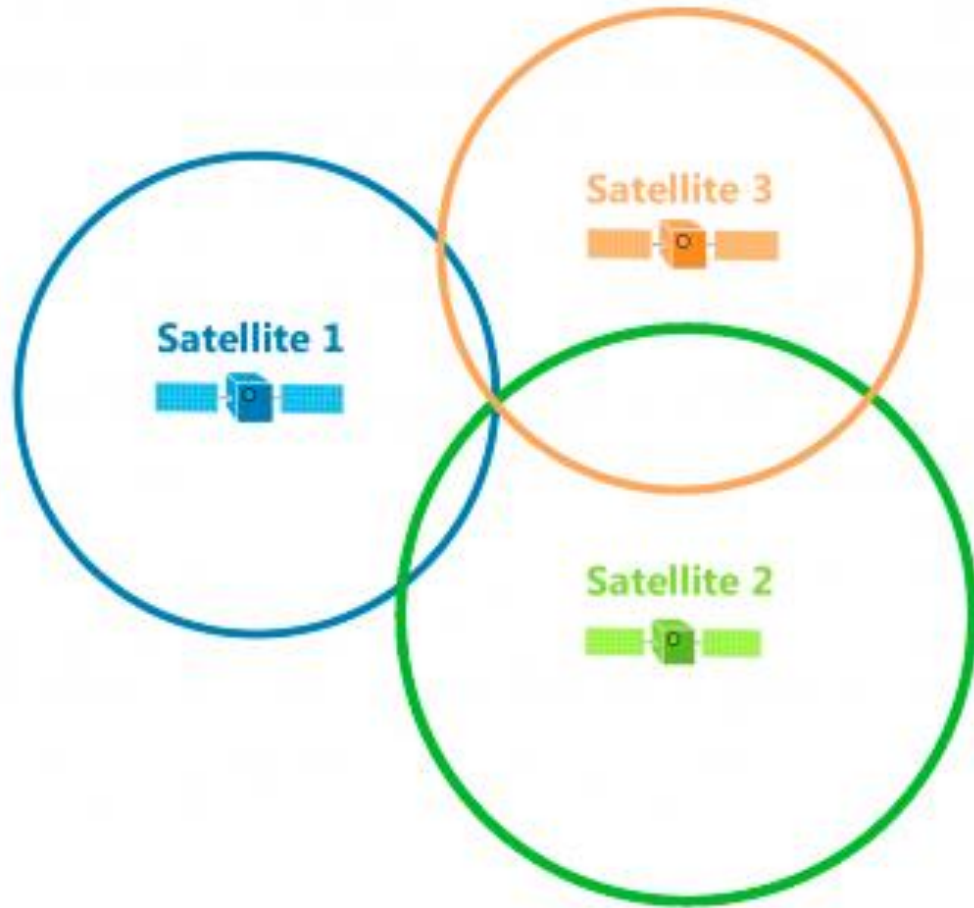


THREE-DIMENSIONAL "REAL LIFE" VIEW

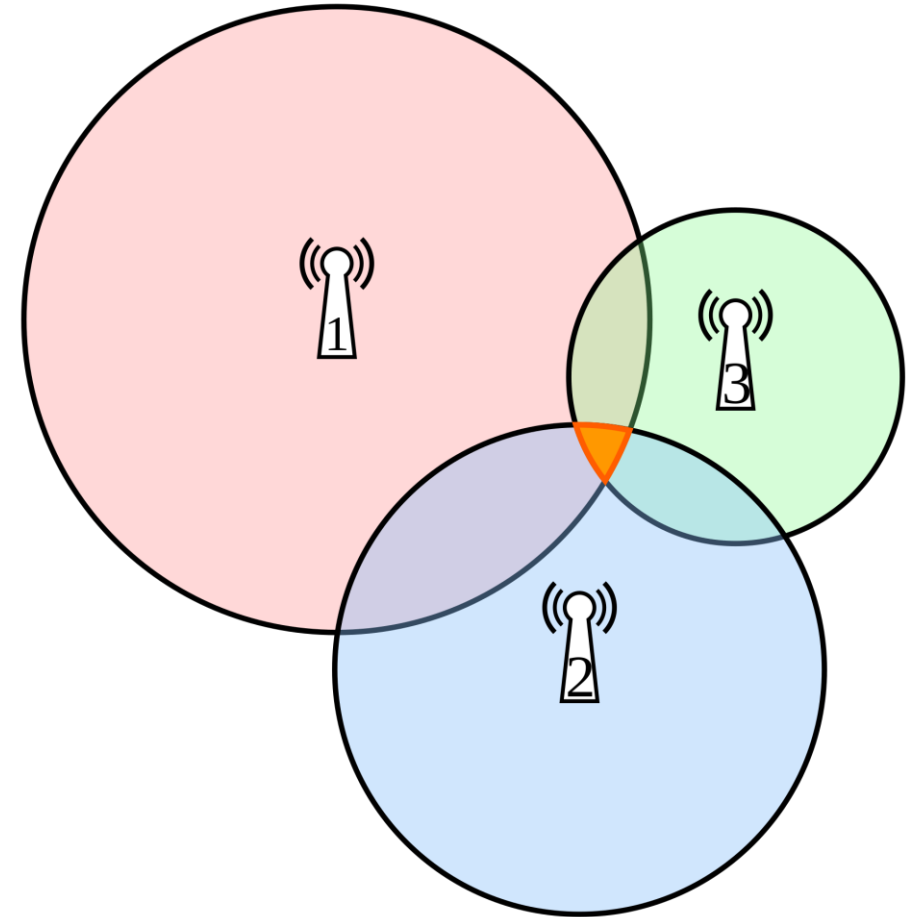




# Trilateration



Point of intersection of three circles



Overlapping region of the three circles

## Triangulation vs. Trilateration

Triangulation	Trilateration
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All angles are measured in triangulation</li><li>2. Distance of baseline is measured</li><li>3. Some check base lines are also measured to control scale error</li><li>5. Intervisibility between stations is essential</li><li>6. There are more internal checks in comparison with trilateration in the same geometric figure</li><li>7. The side lengths are computed on the basis of measured angles applying sine law</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All sides are measured in trilateration</li><li>2. Azimuth of the initial line is measured</li><li>3. Some check angles are measured to control azimuth error</li><li>5. For small areas it is possible to measure distances without intervisibility</li><li>6. There are less internal checks in comparison with triangulation in the same geometric figure</li><li>7. The angles are computed on the basis of measured side lengths applying cosine law</li></ol>