



RSUN\_REF is the solar radius

DSUN\_OBS is the distance from the solar surface to SDO

d is the length of a pixel

The red dot is the center of the Sun. The blue dot is SDO. This is not to scale (clearly).

Step 1: Determine d

$$\sin \alpha = (d / \text{RSUN\_REF})$$

make a small angle approximation

$$\alpha = d / \text{RSUN\_REF}$$

$$\alpha * \text{RSUN\_REF} = d$$

Note that  $\alpha$  is in degrees.

Step 2: Determine CDELT1 in arcseconds

$$\tan \beta = (\alpha * \pi / 180 * \text{RSUN\_REF}) / (\text{DSUN\_OBS})$$

$$\beta = \arctan [(\alpha * \pi / 180 * \text{RSUN\_REF}) / (\text{DSUN\_OBS})]$$

This gives  $\beta$  in radians.

To convert  $\beta$  from radians to arcseconds, multiply by  $(180/\pi)*3600$ :

$$\beta = \arctan [(\alpha * \pi / 180 * \text{RSUN\_REF}) / (\text{DSUN\_OBS})] * (180/\pi) * 3600$$