# UNIT 2

**Surveying: Objectives of Surveying- Horizontal Measurements - Angular Measurements- Introduction to Bearings Levelling instruments used for levelling - Simple problems on levelling and bearings-Contour mapping.**

## Surveying:

It is the art of determining or establishing the relative positions of points on, above or below the surface of the earth by means of direct or indirect measurements of distance, direction and elevation to prepare a map or plan to represent an area on a horizontal plane.

## History of Surveying:

a) The Babylonians practiced some type of surveying as early as 2500 BC.
b) Surveying in some form was used in India & Egypt to divide the land for taxation purpose even before 1400 B.C.
c) Surveying methods were used to control points in the Nile valley civilization.

## Classification Of Surveying:

Surveys may be classified under headings which define the uses or purpose of the resulting maps.

### (1) Classification based upon the nature of the field Survey:

a. Land Surveying:

  i. Topographical Surveys.
  ii. Cadastral Surveys.
  iii. City Surveying.

b. Marine or Hydrographic Survey:

c. Astronomical Survey

### 2) Classification based on the object of Survey

a. Engineering Survey : This is undertaken for the determination of quantities or to afford sufficient data for the designing of engineering works such as roads and reservoirs, water supply those connected with sewage disposal.
b. Military Survey: This is used for determining points of strategic importance.
c. Mine Survey: This is used for the exploring mineral wealth.
d. Geological Survey: This is used for determining different strata in the Earth's Crust.
e. Archaeological Survey: This is used for unearthing relics of antiquity.

**(3) Classification based on Instruments used:**

An alternative classification may be based upon the Instruments or methods employed, the chief types being:

a) Chain survey
b) Theodolite survey
c) Traverse survey
d) Triangulation survey
e) Tachometric survey
f) Plane table survey
g) Aerial Photogrammetric survey
h) EDM (Electronic Distance Measurement) Survey

**PRINCIPLES OF SURVEYING:**

The fundamental principles upon which the various methods of surveying are based are of very simple nature and can be stated as below

i. Working from whole to part
ii. Always choose the method of survey that is most suitable for the purpose
iii. Always make Provisions of Adequate checks
iv. Always record Field Data Carefully.

**PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF SURVEYING :**

The primary objective of surveying is to accurately measure, map, and analyze the Earth's surface and its features. This field is crucial for various applications:

**Land Development and Construction:** Surveying is vital in planning and executing construction projects. It helps in determining property boundaries, creating topographic maps, and ensuring proper alignment and grading for buildings, roads, bridges, and other infrastructure. Precise measurements aid in preventing encroachments and ensuring adherence to legal regulations.

**Geographic Information Systems (GIS):** Surveying data forms the foundation of GIS, enabling the creation of digital maps used in urban planning, environmental monitoring, disaster management, and resource allocation. GIS integrates surveying information with other data sources to analyze spatial patterns, make informed decisions, and solvecomplex geographical problems.

These practical applications are some examples to demonstrate how surveying plays a fundamental role in various fields, contributing to accurate spatial information crucial for decision-making and development.

## HORIZONTAL MEASUREMENTS - ANGULAR MEASUREMENTS

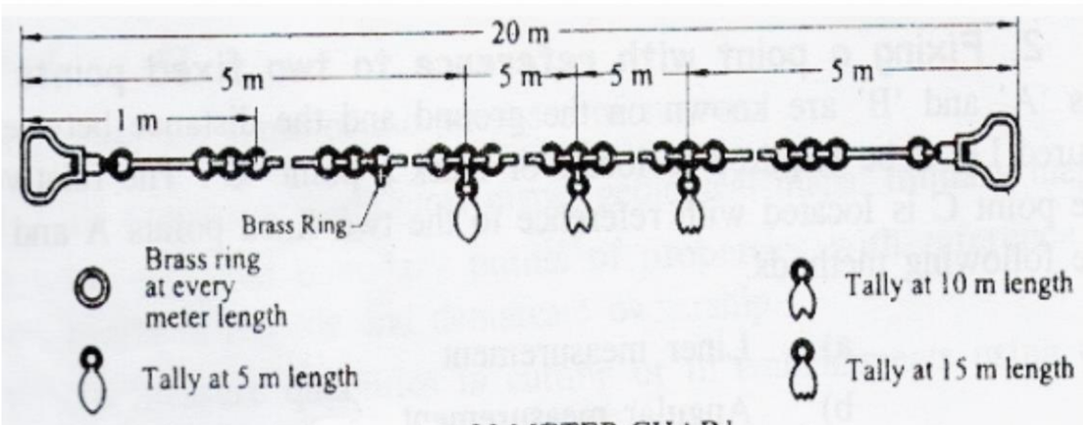
**Direct Measurements:**

The various methods of measuring the distances directly are as follows:

1. **Pacing :** Measuring linear distance by walking
2. **Measurement by Odometer and Speedometer :**

   The Odometer is an instrument used to measure the distance travelled by a vehicle whereas Speedometer is used to measure the speed of a vehicle
3. **Measurement with Passometer and Pedometer :**
   i. Measure the number of steps and provide an estimate of distance walked There are some units used in the Passometer and Pedometer to calculate.
   ii. They are the km (Kilometer) scale or mile scale or ft (foot) scale or lap system or pace system or step length system. Mostly it made by electronic circuits, pendulum (made by metal hammer joint with small weight).
   iii. As commencing motion, movement of the hammer starts, and it touches midpoint, which allows the current flow in a circuit. This way, the circuit energizes, and it calculates the initial step. As hammer return back to its original place, it means one step completed
4. **Chaining:**

   Chain is an instrument used to measure linear distance in surveying.



20 METER CHAIN

**Tape** : Accurate measurements are carried out through tape in survey.

There are 5 types of tapes available in surveying for linear measurements and they are :

i. Linen Tape
ii. Woven Metallic Tape
iii. Steel Tape
iv. Synthetic Tape
v. Invar Tape

**Instruments for Surveying**

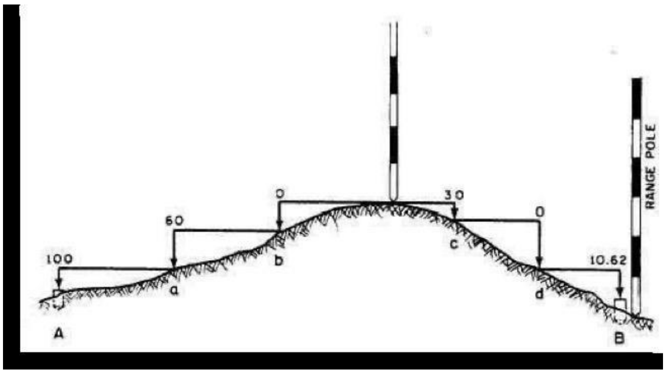
The various instruments used for the determination of the length of line by chaining are as follows:

1) Chain or Tape
2) Arrows
3) Pegs
4) Ranging rods
5) Offset rods
6) Plumb bob

**Linear Measurements**

**Ranging:**

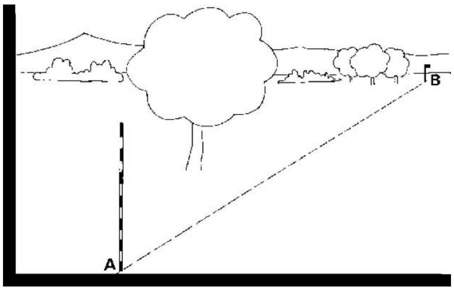
Ranging refers to the process of establishing or determining the position of a point by aligning it with another known point or points. It involves measuring distances and directions between different points on the Earth's surface. Ranging can be done directly, where a surveying instrument directly observes and aligns to the target points, or indirectly, using intermediary points or methods to determine the position of a point relative to others. The goal of ranging is to accurately determine the spatial relationships between various points, aiding in the creation of maps, defining boundaries, and facilitating construction and development projects.

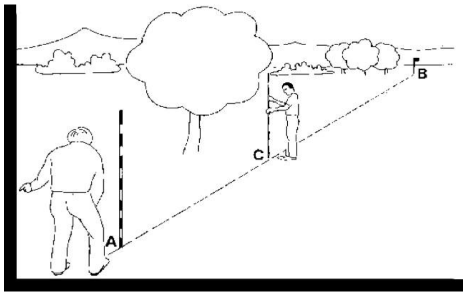


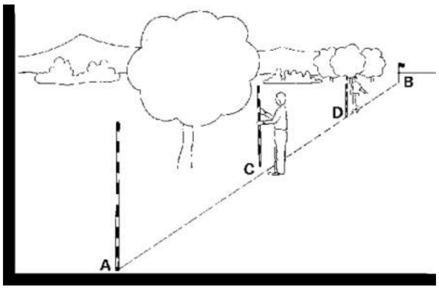

1. **Direct Ranging**

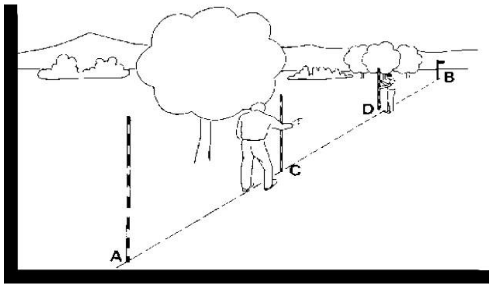
Direct ranging is a surveying technique used to measure distances between two points by directly observing and aligning the surveying instrument (such as a theodolite or total station) to both points without intermediary benchmarks. This method requires a clear line of sight between the instrument and the target points.

Direct ranging is suitable for shorter distances and relatively straightforward terrain where a clear line of sight can be established. It's used in various surveying applications such as land surveying, construction layout, and topographic mapping to accurately determine distances between points without relying on intermediate markers. However, its effectiveness can be limited by obstacles, atmospheric conditions, and the need for a direct line of sight between the instrument and the target points.

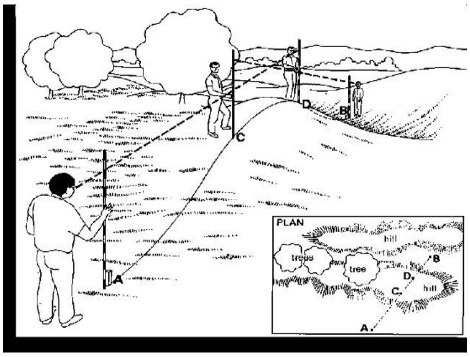


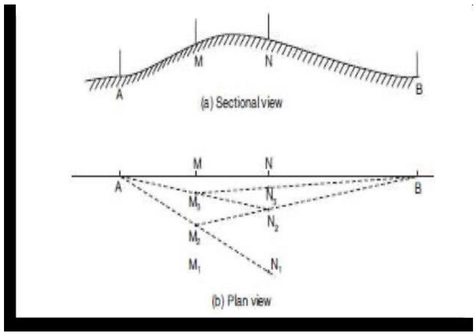




## 2. Indirect or Reciprocal Ranging

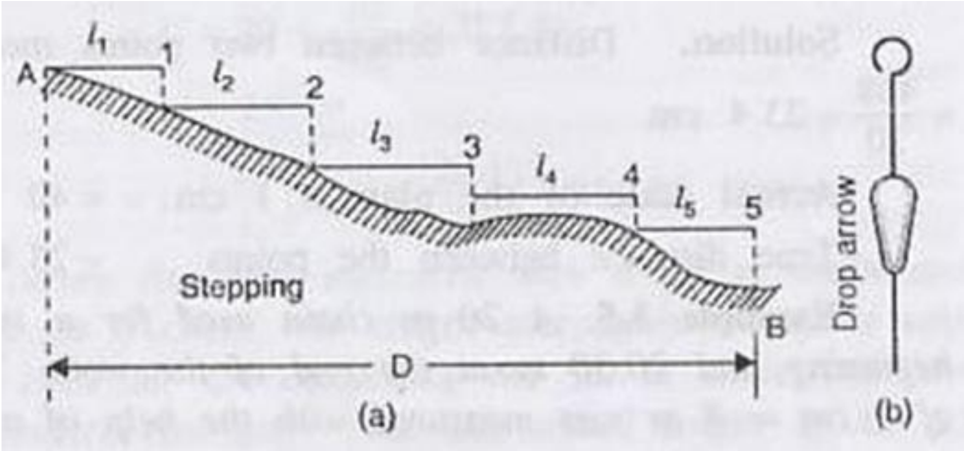



Indirect ranging in surve ying involves determining the positions or distances of points using intermediary points or methods when direct measurement or line of sight is not possible. This method is crucial in situations where obstacles or terrain inhibit direct observation between points. Indirect ranging methods are employed in various surveying scenarios, such as in rough terrains, densely vegetated areas, or when measuring large distances where direct line of sight is obstructed. These techniques enable surveyors to determine accurate positions and distances, essential for mapping, construction planning, and various land-related applications.

**Direct Method:**

In the direct method (or the method of stepping), the distance is measured in small horizontal stretches or steps, from point A to B

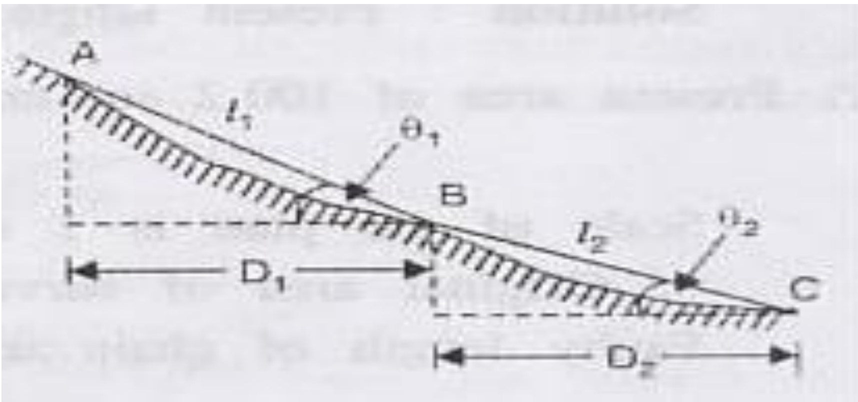



$$D = (l_1+l_2+l_3+l_4+l_5)$$

**Indirect Method:**

Method (i):

In the given below fig let $l_1$ = measured inclined distance between AB and $\theta_1$ = Slope of AB with horizontal. The horizontal distance $D_1 = l_1 \cos \theta_1$ Similarly, for BC $D_2 = l_2 \cos \theta_2$




Therefore $D = (D_1+D_2)$.

The required horizontal distance between any two points = $\sum l \cos \theta$

Method (ii):

Sometimes, in the place of measuring the angle θ, the difference in the level between the points is measured with the help of a leveling instrument and the horizontal distance is computed. Thus, if h is the difference in level, we have $D = \sqrt{(l_2 - h_2)}$

## INTRODUCTION TO BEARINGS

### Introduction to Compass Surveying

Chain surveying can be used when the area to be surveyed is comparatively small and is fairly flat. But when the area is large, undulating and crowded with many details triangulation (which is the principle of chain survey) is not possible. In such an area, the method of surveying is used.

**Compass**

A compass is a small instrument essentially consisting of a graduated circle, and a line of sight.

The compass cannot measures angle between two lines directly but can measure angle of a line with reference to magnetic meridian at the instrument station point is called magnetic bearing of a line.

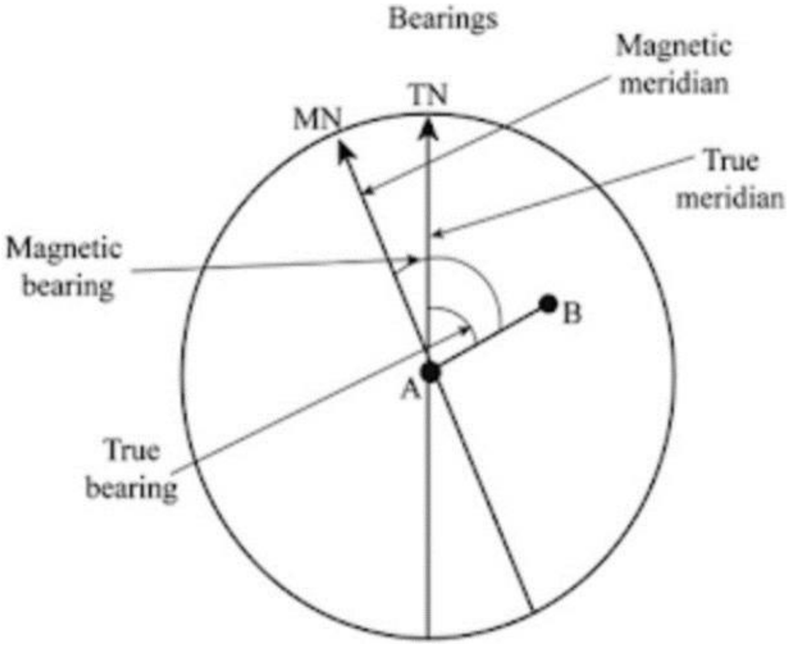
There are two types of compass

i. The Surveyor’s Compass

ii. The Prismatic Compass

### Principle of compass surveying

i. The principle of compass surveying is traversing; which involves a series of connected lines.
ii. The magnetic bearing of the lines are measured by prismatic compass.
iii. Compass surveying is recommended when the area is large, undulating and crowded with many details.
iv. Compass surveying is not recommended for areas where local attraction is suspected due to the presence of magnetic substances like steel structures, iron ore deposits, electric cables , and so on.




True bearing and magnetic bearing refer to different directional measurements and are crucial in navigation and surveying:

**True Bearing**: True bearing is the angle measured clockwise from the true north direction (geographic north) to a particular point or direction. It's based on the Earth's geographic poles and is considered constant.

**Magnetic Bearing**: Magnetic bearing is the angle measured clockwise from the magnetic north direction to a specific point or direction. It's based on the Earth's magnetic field and the location of the magnetic poles, which are not fixed and can vary over time.

The variation between true north and magnetic north is known as magnetic declination. Magnetic declination is the angle between magnetic north and true north at a particular location and changes over time due to the movement of the Earth's magnetic poles.

**Accounting for magnetic declination is important because:**

**Accuracy in Navigation:** When navigating using a compass or magnetic instruments, failure to adjust for magnetic declination can result in a discrepancy between the intended direction (based on true north) and the actual direction (based on magnetic north). This discrepancy can lead to errors in navigation.

**Surveying Accuracy:** In surveying, incorrect adjustments for magnetic declination can introduce errors in the orientation of measurements and mapping. To ensure accurate mapping and directional measurements, surveyors need to correct for the difference between true north and magnetic north.

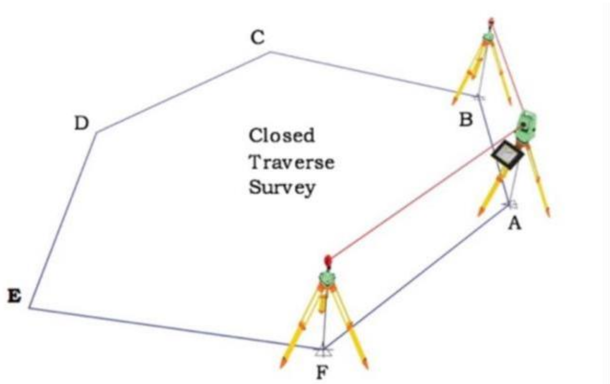
Taking magnetic declination into account allows for proper calibration of instruments or adjustment of measurements, ensuring that directions and bearings align correctly with the intended reference points or true geographic directions.

**Accuracy and precision in Surveying:**

In surveying, accuracy refers to how close a measured value is to the true value, while precision refers to the consistency of measurements. Both are crucial: accuracy ensures the reliability of the data, while precision ensures consistency in repeated measurements. High accuracy ensures the survey reflects the true landscape or structure, while precision minimizes errors in determining locations or dimensions. Achieving both is essential for reliable maps, constructions, and various land-related decisions

**Traversing**

i. In traversing , the frame work consist of connected lines.
ii. The length are measured by a chain or a tape and the direction measured by angle measuring instruments.
iii. Hence in compass surveying direction of survey lines are determined with a compass and the length of the lines are measured with a tape or a chain. This process is known as compass traversing.

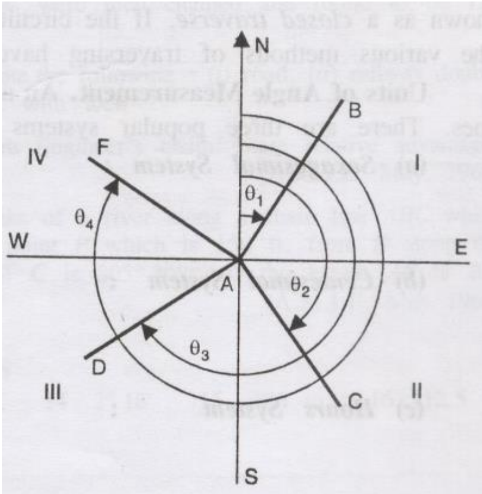


**The Whole Circle Bearing system (W.C.B) or Azimuthal systemThe**

**Quadrantal bearing (Q.B) system or (Reduced Bearing)**

**Designation of Bearings:** The common systems of notation of bearings are:

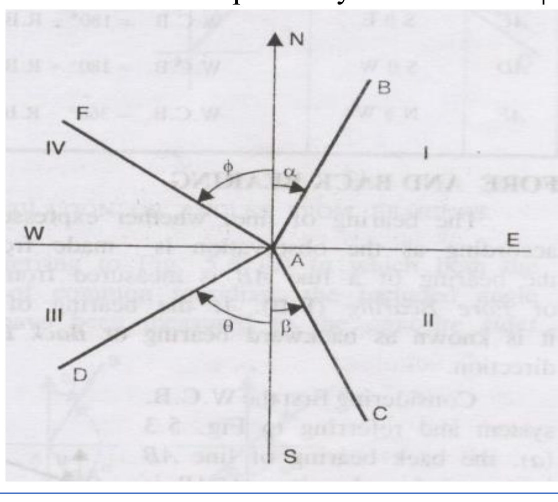
The Whole Circle Bearing system: (Azimuthal system) In this system, the bearing of a line is measured with magnetic north (or south) in clockwise direction. The value ofthe bearing thus varies from 0 degrees to 360 degrees. Prismatic compass is graduatedon this system. In India & U.K, the W.C.B is measured clockwise with magnetic north.




**The Quadrantal Bearing System:**

(Reduced Bearing) In this system, the bearing of a line is measured eastward or westward from north or south, whichever is nearer. Thus, both north and south are used as reference meridians and the directions can be either clockwise or anti clockwise depending upon the position of the line. In this system, therefore, the quadrant, in which the line lies, will have to be mentioned. These bearings are observed by Surveyor's compass.

Q.B of the line AB is α and is written as N α E, the bearing being measured with reference to north meridian (since it is nearer), towards East. The of AC is β and is written as S β E, it being measured with reference of south and in anticlockwise direction towards East. Similarly, the bearings of AD and AF are respectively S θ W and N ϕ W.



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**Conversion of Bearings from one system to the Other:**

The bearing of a line can be very easily converted from one system to the other,the conversion of W.C.B into R.B can be expressed in the following

| Line | W.C.B between | Rule for R.B | Quadrant |
|---|---|---|---|
| AB | 0 and 90 | R.B = W.C.B | NE |
| AC | 90 and 180 | R.B = 180 – W.C.B | SE |
| AD | 180 and 270 | R.B = W.C.B - 180 | SW |
| AF | 270 and 360 | R.B = 360 – W.C.B | NW |

Similarly, Conversion of R.B into W.C.B

| Line | R.B | Rule for W.C.B | W.C.B between |
|---|---|---|---|
| AB | N $\alpha$ E | W.C.B = R.B | 0 and 90 |
| AC | S $\beta$ E | W.C.B = 180 – R.B | 90 and 180 |
| AD | S $\theta$ W | W.C.B = 180 + R.B | 180 and 270 |
| AF | N $\phi$ W | W.C.B = 360 – R.B | 270 and 360 |

**LEVELLING INSTRUMENTS USED FOR LEVELLING**

**The principle of levelling** is to obtain horizontal line of sight with respect to which vertical distances of the points above or below this line of sight are found


**Levelling Instruments:**

The instruments commonly used in *Direct Levelling* are:

1. A level 2. A levelling staff

**1. Level: The purpose of a level is to provide a horizontal line of sight. Essentially, a level consists of the following four parts:**

a) A telescope to provide line of sight
b) A level tube to make the line of sight horizontal
c) A levelling head (tribrach and trivet stage) to bring the bubble in its centre of run.
d) A tripod to support the instrument .

**2. Levelling Staff:**

Levelling staff is a straight rectangular rod having graduations, the foot of the staff representing zero reading. The purpose of a level is to establish a horizontal line of sight. The purpose of the levelling staff is to determine the amount by which the station (*i.e.*, foot of the staff) is above or below the line of sight. Levelling staff may be divided into two classes: i) Self-reading staff, and ii) Target staff.

**Self reading staff** is the one which can be read directly by the instrument manthrough the telescope.

**Target staff,** on the other hand, contains a moving target against which thereading is taken by staff man.

**Two commonly used leveling instruments in surveying are the dumpy level and the automatic level:**

**Dumpy Level:**

The dumpy level is a simple optical instrument consisting of a telescope mounted on a tripod. It has a spirit level to ensure its horizontal alignment and a vertical spindle that allows the telescope to rotate in a vertical plane. It requires manual adjustments to achieve accurate leveling.

**Usage:** Dumpy levels are often used in construction and land surveying for routine leveling tasks such as determining height differences, setting benchmarks, establishing contours, and laying out building foundations. They are suitable for projects that do not require highly precise measurements.

**Automatic Level:**

An automatic level is a more advanced optical instrument equipped with a compensator that automatically aligns the line of sight parallel to the horizontal plane.It has a built-in compensator that reduces the need for manual adjustments, ensuring quicker and more accurate readings.

**Usage:** Automatic levels are commonly used in more precise surveying tasks such as setting benchmarks, establishing accurate elevations, determining slope gradients, and conducting precise construction surveys. They are ideal for projects where high precision is required over longer distances.

The choice between the dumpy level and automatic level depends on the accuracy and precision needed for the surveying task. For general leveling tasks in less demanding environments, a dumpy level might suffice. However, when high precision and efficiency are essential, especially in large-scale projects or when working across extended distances, an automatic level is typically preferred for its ability to provide more accurate and faster measurements while minimizing the need for constant manual adjustments.

**Definitions:**

**Levelling:** Levelling is a branch of surveying the object of which is (1) to find the elevation of given points with respect to a given or assumed datum, and (2) to establish points at a given elevation or at different elevation with respect to a given or assumed datum. The first operation is required to enable the works to be designed while the second operation is required in the setting out of all kinds of engineering works. Levelling deals with measurements in a vertical plane.

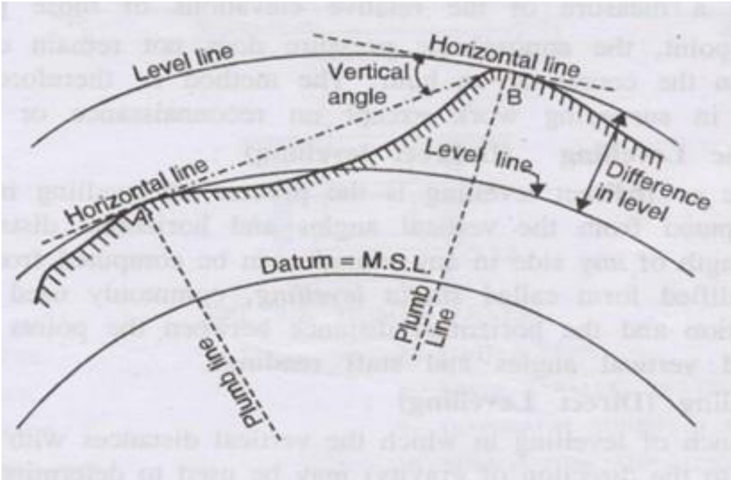



Fig: 4.1 Levelling

**Level Surface:** A Level surface is defined as a curved surface which at each point is perpendicular to the direction of gravity at the point. Any surface parallel to the mean spheroidal surface of the earth is, therefore, a level surface. The surface of a still water is a truly level surface.

**Level Line:** A level line is a line lying in a level surface. It is, therefore, normal to the plumb line at all points.

**Horizontal Plane:** Horizontal plane through a point is a plane tangential to the level surface at that point. It is, therefore, perpendicular to the plumb line through the point.

**Horizontal Line:** It is straight line tangential to the level line at a point. It is also perpendicular to the plumb line.

**Vertical Line:** It is a line normal to the level line at a point. It is commonly considered to be the line defined by a plumb line.

**Datum:** Datum is any surface to which elevations are referred. The mean sea level affords a convenient datum world over, and elevations are commonly given as so much above or below sea level. It is often more convenient, however, to assume some other datum, specially if only the relative elevations of points are required.

**Elevation:** The elevation of a point on or near the surface of the earth is its vertical distance above or below an arbitrarily assumed level surface or datum. The difference in elevation between two points is the vertical distance between the two level surfaces in which the two points lie.

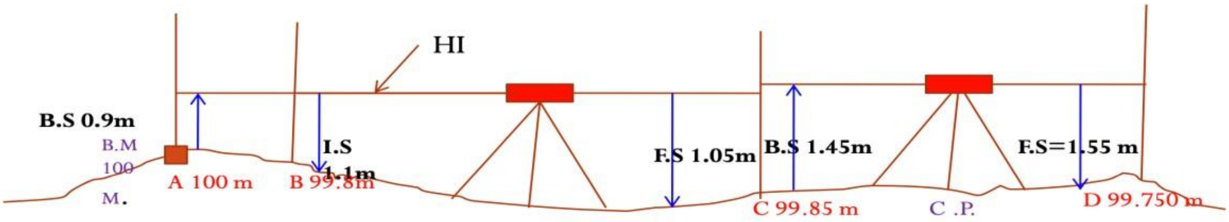
**Vertical Angle:** Vertical angle is an angle between two intersecting lines in a vertical plane. Generally, one of these lines is horizontal.

**Mean Sea Level:** Mean Sea Level is the average height of the sea for all stages of the tides. At any particular place it is derived by averaging the hourly tide heights over a long period of 19 years.

**Bench Mark:** Bench Mark is a relatively permanent point of reference whose elevation with respect to some assumed datum is known. It is used either as a starting point for levelling or as a point upon which to close as a check.

## HEIGHT OF INSTRUMENT METHOD (COLLIMATION METHOD):-

This method consist of finding H.I. for every setup of instrument, and then obtaining the R.L. of point of reference with respect to H.I




| Station | B.S | I.S | F.S | H.I | R.L | Remark |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 0.9 | | | 100.9 | 100.00 | B.M |
| B | | 1.1 | | | 99.800 | |
| C | 1.450 | | 1.05 | 101.3 | 99.850 | C.P. |
| D | | | 1.550 | | 99.750 | |
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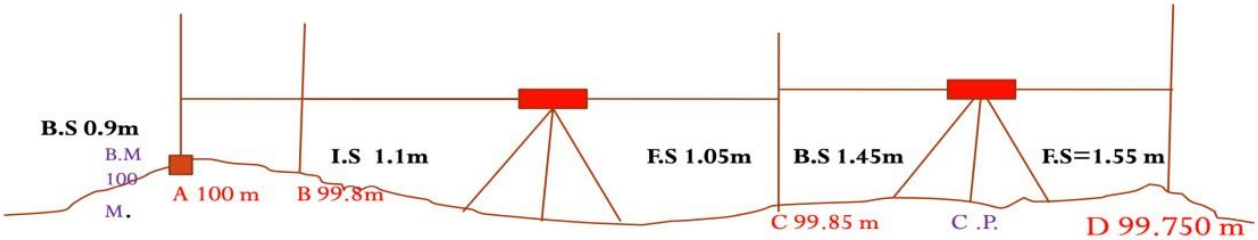
## RISE AND FALL METHOD:-




| Station | B.S | I.S | F.S | Rise | Fall | R.L | Remark |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 0.9 | | | | | 100.00 | B.M |
| B | | 1.1 | | | 0.2 | 99.800 | |
| C | 1.450 | | 1.05 | 0.05 | | 99.850 | C.P. |
| D | | | 1.550 | | 0.1 | 99.750 | |
| | | | | | | | |

This method consist of determining the difference of level between consecutive points by comparing each point with immediate preceding point.

**Example.1** The following staff readings were observed successively with a level the instrument is moved by third sixth and eighth readings. 2.228 :1.606 :0.988 :2.090 :2.864 :1.2620.602 :1.982 :1.044 :2.684 m enter the reading in record book and calculate R.L if the first reading was taken at a B.M of 432.383m

**1. Height of Instrument Method (Collimation Method):-**

| Station | B.S | I.S | F.S | HI | RL | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2.228 | | | 434.612 | 432.384 M | B.M. |
| 2 | | 1.606 | | | 433.006 | |
| 3 | 2.090 | | 0.988 | 435.714 | 433.624 | $3^{RD}$ C.P. |
| 4 | | 2.864 | | | 432.850 | |
| 5 | 0.602 | | 1.262 | 435.054 | 434.452 | $6^{TH}$ C.P |
| 6 | 1.044 | | 1.982 | 434.116 | 433.072 | $8^{TH}$ C.P |
| 7 | | | 2.684 | | 431.432 | |
| | 5.964 | | 6.916 | | | |

CHECK $\sum$ B.S- $\sum$ F.S= 5.964-6.916= -0.952 = LAST R.L- FIRST R.L= 431.432-432.384=-0.952

**2. Rise and Fall Method:-**

| Station | B.S | I.S | F.S | Rise | Fall | RL | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2.228 | | | | | 432.384 M | B.M. |
| 2 | | 1.606 | | 0.622 | | 433.006 | |
| 3 | 2.090 | | 0.988 | 0.618 | | 433.624 | $3^{RD}$ C.P. |
| 4 | | 2.864 | | | 0.774 | 432.850 | |
| 5 | 0.602 | | 1.262 | 1.602 | | 434.452 | $6^{TH}$ C.P |
| 6 | 1.044 | | 1.982 | | 1.38 | 433.072 | $8^{TH}$ C.P |
| 7 | | | 2.684 | | 1.64 | 431.432 | |
| | 5.964 | | 6.916 | | | | |

CHECK $\sum$ B.S- $\sum$ F.S= 5.964-6.916= -0.952 =
LAST R.L- FIRST R.L= 431.432-432.384=-0.952
$\sum$RISE- $\sum$ FALL= 2.842-3.794=-0.952

## CONTOUR MAPPING

### Contour Mapping:

i. Contour mapping is a technique used in geography and cartography to represent the three-dimensional surface of the Earth on a two-dimensional map. It uses contour lines to depict the elevation and shape of the land surface, showing how the terrain rises and falls.

ii. Contour lines connect points of equal elevation above a reference point, typically sea level. Each line represents a specific elevation, and the spacing between lines indicates the steepness or gradualness of the slope. Closer contour lines imply steep terrain, while lines spaced farther apart suggest gentler slopes.

iii. The purpose of contour mapping is to provide a visual representation of the topography, aiding in understanding the landscape's features, such as hills, valleys, mountains, and plains. This information is invaluable for various applications, including urban planning, engineering, hiking, and natural resource management. It helps in identifying suitable locations for construction, understanding drainage patterns, predicting water flow, and assessing potential risks in a given area, such as flood-prone zones or landslide risks.

iv. The history of contour mapping dates back centuries, with early civilizations using rudimentary methods to portray terrain. However, it gained significant traction and refinement in the 18th and 19th centuries due to advances in surveying and cartographic techniques. One of the key figures in the development of contour mapping was Charles Hutton, a Scottish mathematician who introduced the concept of contour lines in the late 1700s.

v. Hutton's work laid the foundation for later advancements by individuals like Charles Lyell and William Smith, who further contributed to the understanding and representation of geological features. The technique evolved with the invention of more precise surveying instruments, such as the theodolite and later advancements in aerial photography and satellite-based remote sensing, enabling more accurate and detailed contour mapping.

vi. Today, contour mapping continues to be a fundamental tool in geography and cartography, utilizing modern technology to create highly detailed and accurate representations of the Earth's surface

vii. Contour lines are the foundational elements of contour mapping, representing elevation on a topographic map. These lines connect points of equal elevation above a common reference point, usually sea level. Each contour line signifies a specific elevation, and understanding their characteristics is crucial for interpreting terrain features:

**Spacing between contour lines:**

The distance between contour lines indicates the steepness of the terrain. Closer lines suggest steeper slopes, while widely spaced linesrepresent gentler slopes.

**Contour line shapes:**

Contour lines form closed loops unless they represent features like cliffs or pits. Concentric circles or ovals typically indicate hilltops or depressions,respectively.

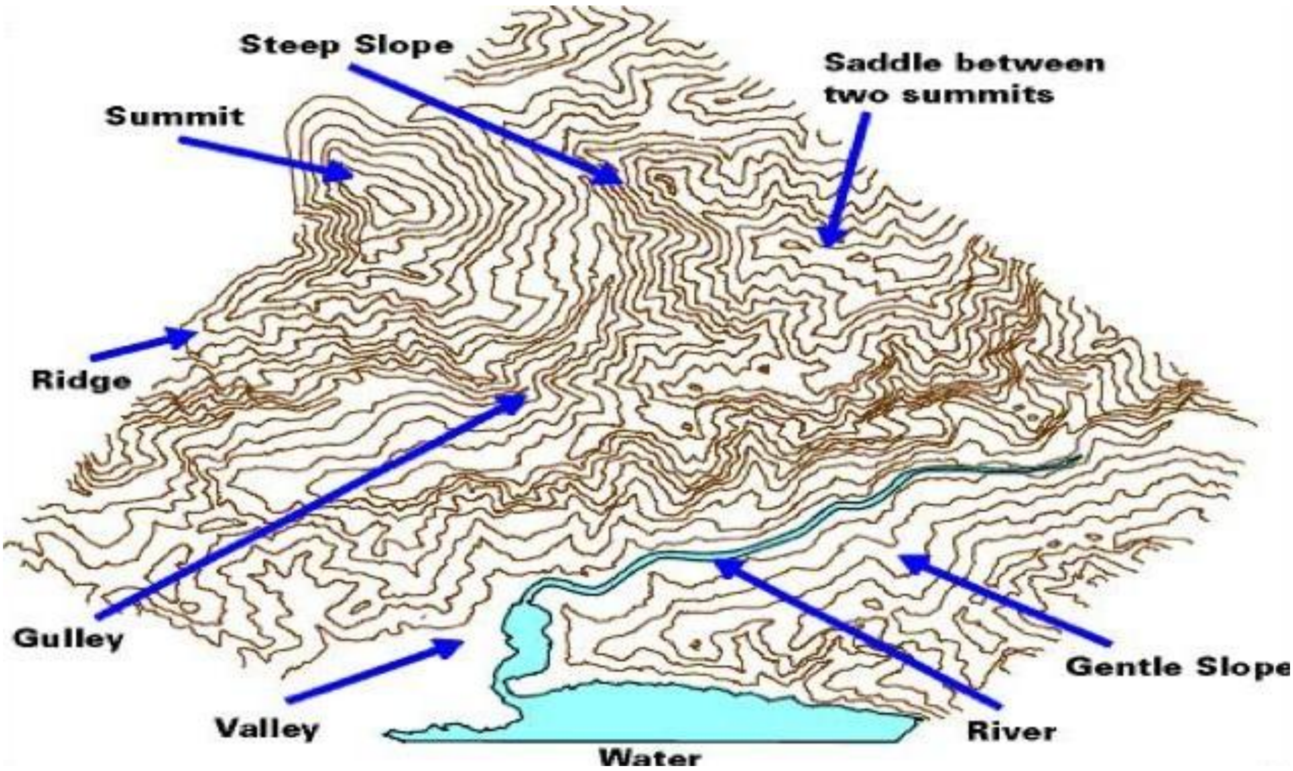
**Gradient of slopes:**

Contour lines that are close together indicate a steep slope, while lines that are widely spaced suggest a more gradual incline.

**Index contours:**

These are thicker or darker contour lines, usually labeled with the elevation they represent. They appear at regular intervals and help in quickly identifying the elevation changes across the map.

**Typical Land features and their contour forms**




**Interpreting contour lines involves understanding various terrain features:**

**Valleys and ridges**:

V-shaped valleys are represented by U-shaped contour lines pointing uphill. Ridges are seen as contour lines forming a series of peaks.

**Depression:**

When contour lines encircle an area, it signifies a depression or a basin.These lines have tick marks pointing toward the center of the depression.

**Saddles or col:**

These are low points between two higher points of land and are represented by contour lines in an hourglass shape.

**Steepness of slopes:**

Closer contour lines indicate steeper slopes, while widely spaced lines suggest a more gradual slope.

**Streams and rivers:**

Contour lines that form a V-shape pointing upstream represent a river or stream. The V-shape points in the direction of lower elevation.

Understanding contour lines allows for the visualization of the landscape's features and helps in navigation, planning routes, identifying potential hazards like cliffs or steep slopes, and determining the suitability of an area for various activities like hikingor construction.

**DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL (DEM):**

A Digital Elevation Model (DEM) is a 3D representation of a terrain's surface createdby digitally mapping elevations across a landscape. It's used extensively in modern contour mapping due to its accuracy and versatility:

**Usage in Contour Mapping:**

Visualization of Terrain: DEMs provide a detailed visualization of the terrain, displaying elevations as a grid of regularly spaced points or pixels. Contour lines can be generated from DEM data to depict the land's shape and elevation changes.

**Contour Generation**:

Contour lines are created by connecting points of equal elevation, allowing cartographers and surveyors to accurately represent the land's features and gradients.

**Terrain Analysis**:

DEMs facilitate terrain analysis, allowing for the calculation of slope, aspect, and other topographic parameters critical for various applications like hydrology, environmental modeling, urban planning, and agriculture.

## ADVANTAGES COMPARED TO TRADITIONAL METHODS:

**Accuracy:**

DEMs offer a higher level of accuracy compared to traditional contour mapping methods. They provide detailed elevation data, enabling precise contour linegeneration and better representation of the landscape.

**Efficiency:**

Traditional contour mapping often involves time-consuming field surveys. DEMs, generated from satellite or aerial data combined with advanced algorithms, can cover large areas more efficiently and quickly.

**Consistency:**

With DEMs, contour lines are derived mathematically from elevation data, ensuring consistency across the map. This consistency is often harder to achievein hand-drawn contour maps.

**Accessibility and Data Integration:**

Digital Elevation Models are easily accessible and can be integrated into Geographic Information Systems (GIS), allowing for the combination of elevation data with various other spatial datasets for comprehensive analysis and decision-making.

**Cost-Effectiveness:**

While the initial data acquisition might have costs, the long-termbenefits of using DEMs often outweigh the expenses associated with traditional surveying methods.

DEM technology has revolutionized contour mapping by providing highly accurate and detailed representations of terrain, offering numerous advantages in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and data integration compared to traditional manual surveying and mapping techniques.