

## Spherical trigonometry

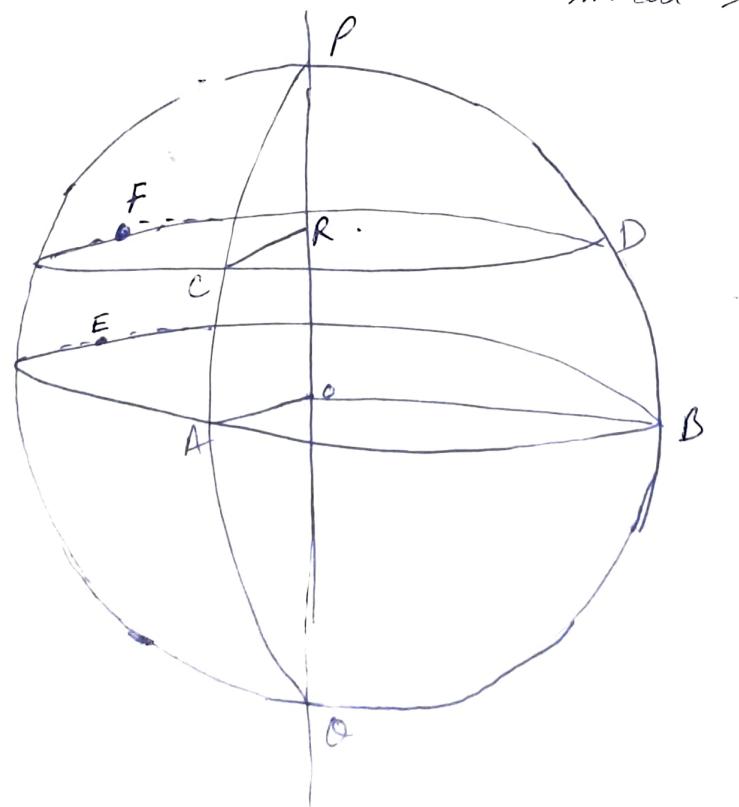
Spherical Astronomy is concerned essentially with the direction in which the stars are viewed.

### great circle

Any plane passing through the center of a sphere cuts the surface in a circle which is called a great circle.

### small circle

Any other plane intersecting the sphere but not passing through the center will also cut the surface in a circle which, in this case, is called a small circle.



PCD is not  
a spherical  $\Delta$ .  
as, CD is not a  
great circle.

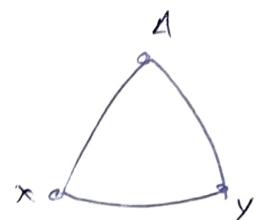
Any three points on the surface of a sphere,  
then the sphere can be located so that all three points  
lie in the same hemisphere.

and if the points are joined by great circle arcs  
all lying on this hemisphere,

the figure obtained is called a  
spherical triangle.

for spherical triangle  $AXY$ .

$AX, AY, XY$  are the sides  
and, spherical angles at  $X, Y, A$  are  
the angle of spherical triangle.



So, If  $R$  is the radius of the sphere.

The length of spherical arc  $AY$  is given by

$$AY = R \times \text{angle } AOX.$$

( $AOY$  ie in radians).

length of small circle arc

Consider the small circle arc  $CD$ .

$$\text{length } CD = RC \times \text{angle } CRD.$$

$$\text{also, } AD = RA \times \text{angle of } AOB.$$

since the plane FCD is parallel to the plane EAB.

$$\text{Then, } \hat{C}D = \hat{A}B.$$

for  $RC \parallel OA$  and,  $RD \parallel OB$

$$\Rightarrow CD = \frac{RC}{OA} AB.$$

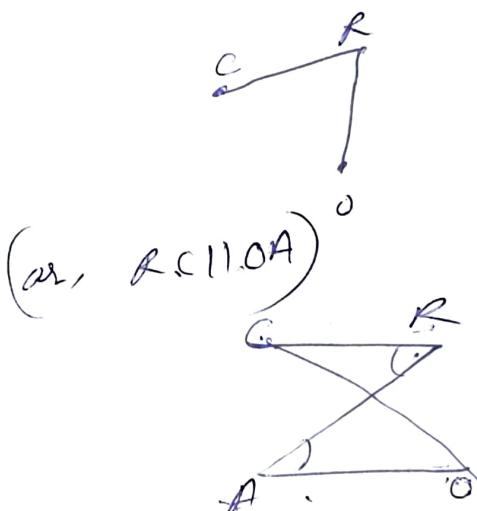
$$CD = \frac{RC}{OC} AB$$

$OA = OC$  (radii of sphere)

we have  $RC \perp OR$ .

$$\Rightarrow RC = OC \cos R\hat{C}O$$

$$\begin{aligned} CD &= AB \cos R\hat{C}O \\ &= AB \cos A\hat{O}C. \end{aligned}$$



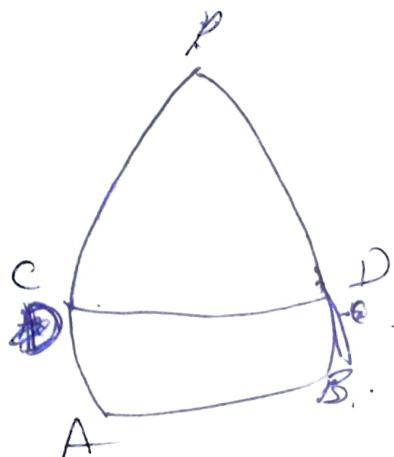
$AOC$  is angle subtended at

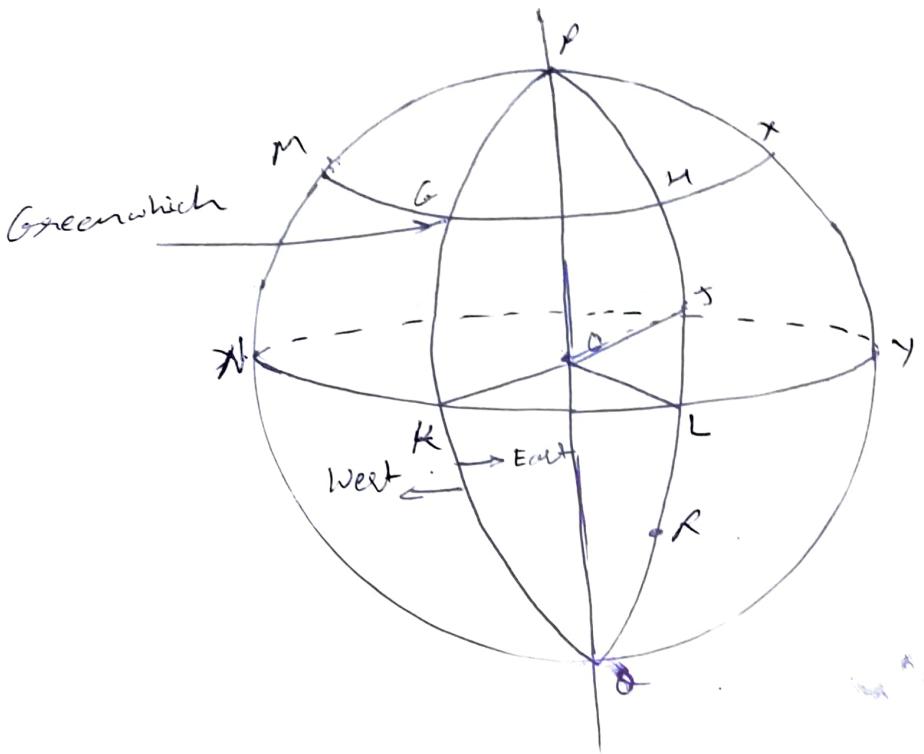
centre of the sphere by great circle arc  $AC$ .

$$\text{Now, } CD = AB \cos A\hat{C}O$$

Since,  $PA = 90^\circ$

$$CD = AB \sin PC \quad \dots \text{--- (1)}$$





Any semi-great circle terminated by P and Q is a meridian.

longitude are measured from  $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$  east of Greenwich meridian.  
and  $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$  West

meridian through J cuts the equator in L and the angle  $\angle LOJ$  or great circle arc  $LJ$ , is called the Latitude of J.

If J is b/w equator and the north pole P,  
Latitude is said to be north (N).

If J is b/w equator and south pole Q, it is said to  
be, in south latitude.

Let  $\phi$  denote the latitude of J: Then,  $\angle LOJ = \angle LJQ = \phi$

Since  $OP$  is  $\perp$  to equator,  $POL = 90^\circ$   
and therefore  
 $\angle POJ = 90^\circ - \phi$ .

$\angle POJ$  or, spherical angle  $PJ$  ~~are~~ is the Colatitude of  $J$ .

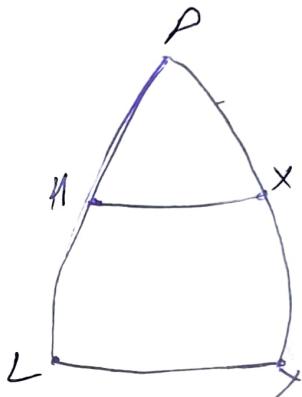
$$\text{Colat} = 90^\circ - \text{Lat}$$

Then,  $HX = LY \sin PH$ .

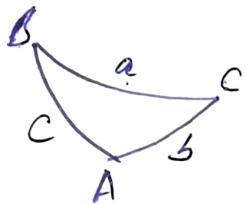
$$= LY \sin(90^\circ - HL)$$

$$= LY \cos HL$$

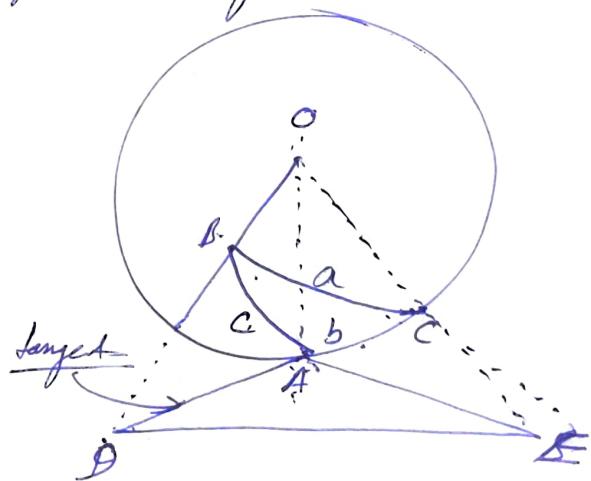
$$= LY \cos \theta \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



### ③. fundamental formula for spherical trig.



Let  $AD$  be the tangent to the great circle  $AC$  at  $A$  and  $AE$  be the tangent to  $BC$  at great circle  $BA$ .



$$\angle BAC = \angle DAE = \alpha$$

Now in plane triangle  $OAD$ ,  $\angle OAD$  is  $90^\circ$  and  $\angle AOD$ .

$$\angle AOD = \angle OAB$$

$$AD = OA \tan c; \quad OD = OA \sec c. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

from the plane triangle  $OAE$

we have

$$AE = OA \tan b. \quad \cancel{OE = OA} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{and } OE = OA \sec b.$$

from plane triangle  $DAE$ .

$$DE^2 = AD^2 + AE^2 - 2 AD \cdot AE \cos(DAE).$$

$$= (OA \tan c)^2 + (OA \tan b)^2 - 2 \tan c (OA) \tan b (OA) \sec b \cos A.$$

$$= OA^2 [\tan^2 c + \tan^2 b - 2 \tan c \tan b \cos A]. \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

from the plane triangle  $DOE$ .

$$DE^2 = OD^2 + OE^2 - 2(OD)(OE) \cos D\hat{O}E$$

$$\text{But, } D\hat{O}E = B\hat{O}C = a.$$

$$= [(OA \sec c)^2 + (OA \sec b)^2 - 2(OA)^2 \sec c \sec b \cos a]$$

$$\underline{DE^2 = (OA)^2 [\sec^2 c + \sec^2 b - 2 \sec c \sec b \cos a]}. \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$\therefore 6 = 5$$

$$\tan^2 c + \tan^2 b - 2 \tan c \tan b \cos A$$

$$= \sec^2 c + \sec^2 b - 2 \sec c \sec b \cos a$$

$$\text{Now, } \sec^2 c = 1 + \tan^2 c, \sec^2 b = 1 + \tan^2 b.$$

Q.E.D.

$$-2 \tan b \sec \text{cosec } A = 1 + 1 - 2 \sec b \sec \text{cosec } a$$

$$\sec b \sec \text{cosec } a = 2(1 + \tan b \sec \text{cosec } A)$$

$$\sec a = \frac{1}{\sec b \sec \text{cosec } c} + \frac{\tan b \sec \text{cosec } A}{\sec b \sec c}$$

$$[\sec a = \sec b \sec c + \sin b \sin c \cos A]$$

... (A)  
Cosec formula

fundamental formula of spherical trigonometry.

So,

$$\cos b = \cos c \cos a + \cos c \sin c \sin a \cos B \quad \dots \textcircled{R}$$

$$\cos c = \cos a \cos b + \sin a \sin b \cos B \quad \dots \textcircled{S}$$

Two direct penchical solution

- ① if two sides, e.g.,  $b$  and  $c$  and the included angle  $A$  of a spherical triangle  $ABC$  are known.  
third side  $a$  can be calculated.

- ② if all three sides are known.  
the angles of the spherical triangle can be found  
successively by ⑦ ⑧.

$$\cos a = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A$$

we need  $\cos A$ .

Then

$$\cos A = \frac{\cos a - \cos b \cos c}{\sin b \sin c}$$

$$\cos A = \operatorname{cosec} b \operatorname{cosec} c [\cos a - \cos b \cos c].$$

--- (9)

Now

$$\cos A = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\cos a = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \left[ 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right]$$

$$\cos a = \cos(b-c) - 2 \sin b \sin c \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } \cos(b-c) - \cos(a) = 2 \sin b \sin c \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$2 \sin \left( \frac{a+b-c}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{a-(b-c)}{2} \right) = 2 \sin b \sin c \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\text{Let, } s \text{ is, } 2s = a+b+c$$

$$\text{Then, } a+b-c = 2(s-c)$$

$$\text{and, } a-b+c = 2(s-b)$$

From Hence

$$2 \sin(s-c) \sin(s-b) = 2 \sin b \sin c \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

now

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(B-b) \sin(S-c)}{\sin b \sin c}} \quad \dots \textcircled{11}$$

$$\sin \frac{B}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(S-c) \sin(S-a)}{\sin c \sin a}}$$

$$\sin \frac{C}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(S-a) \sin(S-b)}{\sin a \sin b}}$$

or if we are:

$$\cos A = 2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\cos A &= \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A \\ &= \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \left(2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1\right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos a = \cos(b+c) \cancel{- 2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin b \sin c}$$

$$\cos a = \cos(b+c)$$

$$2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin b \sin c = \cos(b+c) - \cos a$$

$$= 2 \sin \frac{(b+c+a)}{2} \sin \frac{(b+c-a)}{2}$$

$$2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin b \sin c = 2 \sin(S) \sin(S-a)$$

$$\cos \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(S) \sin(S-a)}{\sin b \sin c}} \quad \textcircled{12}$$

by

$$\cos \frac{B}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(S) \sin(S-b)}{\sin a \sin c}}$$

$$\cos \frac{C}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(S) \sin(S-c)}{\sin a \sin b}}$$

$$\tan \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin(s) \sin(s-a)}}.$$

So similarly.

$$\tan \frac{B}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b)}{\sin(s) \sin(s-c)}}.$$

$$\tan \frac{C}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-a) \sin(s-b)}{\sin(s) \sin(s-c)}}.$$

## ⑥ Sine-formula.

$$\cos A = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A.$$

$$\sin b \sin c \cos A = \cos A - \cos b \cos c.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \cos^2 A &= \cancel{\cos^2 a \cos^2 c} \cos^2 a + \cos^2 b \cos^2 c \\ &\quad - 2 \cos a \cos b \cos c. \end{aligned}$$

See L.H.S.

$$\sin^2 b \sin^2 c (1 - \sin^2 A) = \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \cos^2 A.$$

$$\sin^2 b \sin^2 c - \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \sin^2 A$$

$$= \sin^2 b - \sin^2 b \cos^2 c - \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \sin^2 A.$$

$$= 1 - \cos^2 b - \cancel{\cos^2 c} + \cos^2 b \cos^2 c - \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \sin^2 A$$

$$\text{So } \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \cos^2 A =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \sin^2 A \\
 &= 1 - \cos^2 b - \cancel{\sin^2 b} + \cancel{\cos^2 b \cos^2 c} - \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \sin^2 A \\
 &= \cos^2 a + \cancel{\cos^2 b \cos^2 c} - 2(\cos a \cos b \cos c)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cancel{- \cos^2 b - \sin^2 b}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1 - \cos^2 a - \cos^2 b - \cos^2 c + 2(\cos a \cos b \cos c) \\
 &= \sin^2 b \sin^2 c \sin^2 A
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x$  be defined by :

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 \sin^2 a \sin^2 b \sin^2 c &= 1 - \cos^2 a - \cos^2 b - \cos^2 c \\
 &\quad + 2 \cos a \cos b \cos c
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{x^2 \sin^2 a \sin^2 b \sin^2 c}{\sin^2 b \sin^2 c \sin^2 A} = 1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 a}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{\sin A}{\sin a}$$

We can find,

$$x = \frac{\sin B}{\sin b} = \frac{\sin C}{\sin c} = \frac{\sin A}{\sin a}$$

Suppose two sides  
and  $b$  and the angles are given.  
Then

$$\sin B = \sin C \quad \sin A = \frac{\sin a \sin B}{\sin b}$$

eq<sup>n</sup> - ⑦

$$\cos b = \cos a \cos c + \sin a \sin c \cos B.$$

$$\text{or, } \sin a \sin c \cos B = \cos b - \cos a \cos c.$$

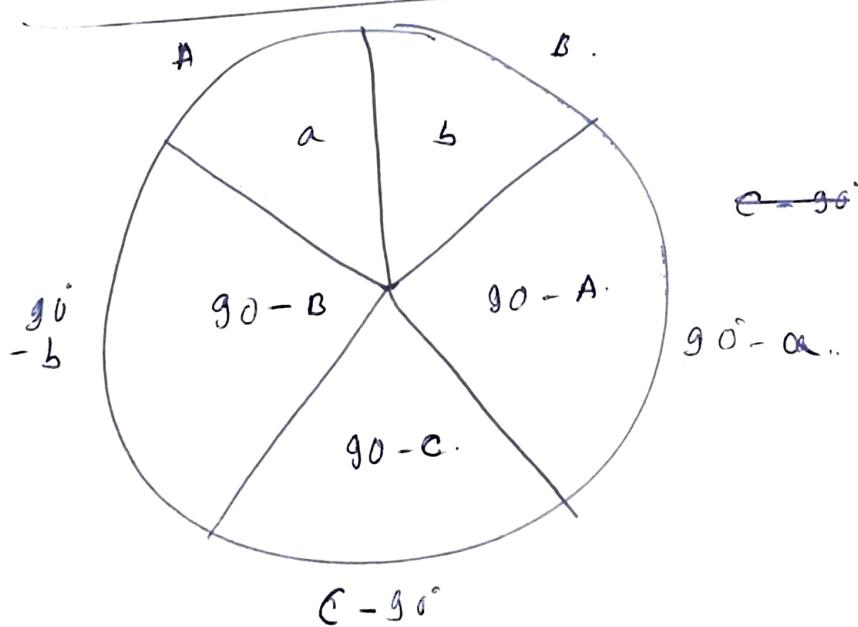
$$\begin{aligned} &= \cos b - \cos a (\cos a \cos c + \sin a \sin c \cos A) \\ &= \sin^2 \cos b - \sin a \sin c \cos a \cos A. \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin a \cos b = \sin c \cos b - \sin b \cos c \cos A. \quad \text{--- (c)}$$

*relation involving all three sides*

*we can write*

$$\sin a \cos C = \cos c \sin b - \sin c \cos b \cos A. \quad \text{--- (d)}$$



Latitude  $24^{\circ}18'N$ .

$36^{\circ}47'N$ .

Longitude  $133^{\circ}39'E$ .

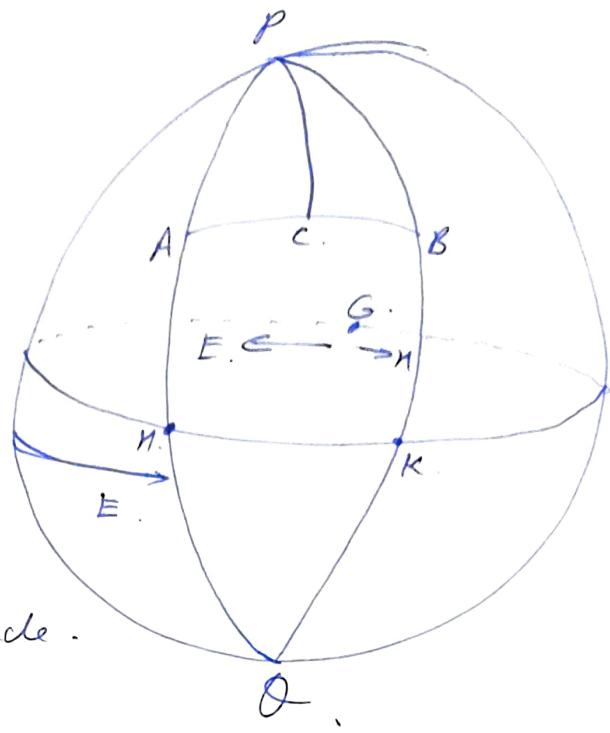
$125^{\circ}24'W$ .

Find:

① Length of the great circle arc  $AB$ .

②  $\angle PAB$ ,  $P$  being the north pole,

③ most nearly meridional point on the great circle  $AB$ .



$PAHO$  - meridian through  $A$  cutting the equator at  $H$ .

and  $HA$  - latitude of  $A$ , i.e.,  $HA =$

$$\text{i.e., } HA = 24^{\circ}18'$$

and,  $PA$  is colatitude of  $A$ ,

$$\therefore PA = 90^{\circ} - 24^{\circ}18' = 65^{\circ}42'$$

by,  
colatitude  
 $PB = 90^{\circ} - 53^{\circ} \cdot 90^{\circ} - 36^{\circ}47' = 53^{\circ}13'$

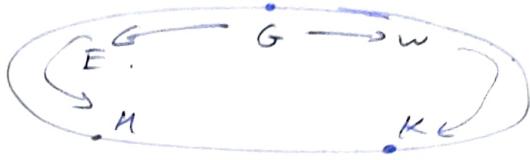
Let the Greenwich meridian intersect  
the equation in G.

Then,

$$GH = \text{long}(E)$$

of A

$$= 133^\circ 39'$$



$$GK = \text{long}(W) \text{ of } B = 125^\circ 24' \text{ add}$$

So the great circle arc  $AB = UK$  (great circle)  
 $= GH + GK$   
 $= 133^\circ 39' + 125^\circ 24'$   
 $= 258^\circ 03'$

$$UK \text{ (shorter arc)} = 360^\circ - 258^\circ 03'$$

$$= 101^\circ 57'.$$

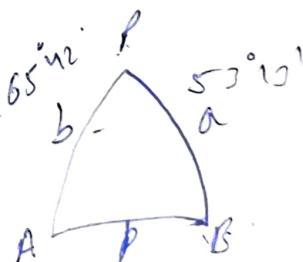
See triangle  $APB$ .  $PA$  and  $PB$  are given

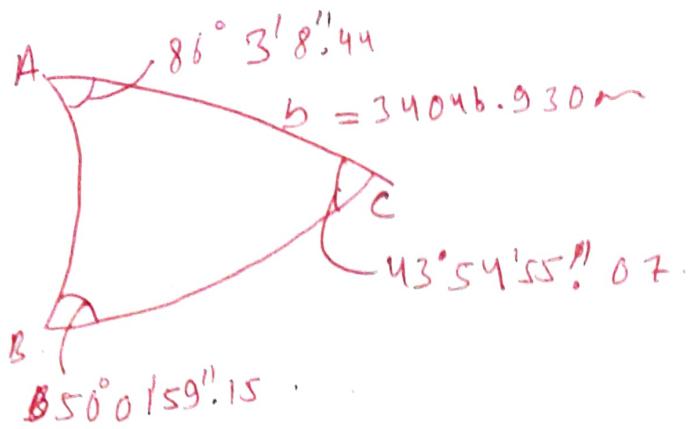
$$\cos a = \cos p \cos b + \sin p \sin b \cos A.$$

$$\cos p = \cos a \cos b + \sin a \sin b \cos P.$$

$$\cos AB = \cos P \cos PA + \sin P \sin PA \cos AQB.$$

$$= \cos 65^\circ 42' \cos 53^\circ 13' + \sin 65^\circ 42' \sin 53^\circ 13' \cos$$





$$A = 86^\circ 3' 8'' 44''$$

$$B = 50^\circ 0' 59'' 15''$$

$$C = 43^\circ 54' 55'' 07''$$

$$b = 34046.930 \text{ m}$$

$$R = 6370 \text{ km}$$

$$\frac{\sin A}{\sin B} = \frac{\sin B}{\sin C} = \frac{\sin C}{\sin A}$$

$$l^o = 11177.4734 \text{ m}$$

$$l^2 = \frac{ab \sin C}{2R^2 \sin l''} = \frac{c^2 \sin A \sin B}{2R^2 \sin C \sin l''}$$

Spherical  
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$$= \frac{a^2 \sin B \sin C}{2R^2 \sin A \sin l''} = \frac{b^2 \sin A \sin C}{2R^2 \sin B \sin l''}$$

Then bin one.

$$b = \frac{34046.930 \text{ m} \times 1^o}{11177.4734 \text{ m}} = 0.306239$$

$$= \frac{34046.9^o \times 34046.955'48''}{11177.4734} = 0.30623946523 - \\ = 0^o 18' 22.46''$$

$$b = 34046.930 \text{ m} = 0^o 18' 22.46''$$

$$\frac{\sin a}{\sin A} = \frac{\sin b}{\sin B}$$

$$\sin a = \frac{\sin b \sin A}{\sin B} = \frac{\sin(0^\circ 18' 22.46'')}{\sin 50^\circ 01' 59''.15} \sin 86^\circ 3' 8''.44.$$

$$= \frac{5.3321 \times 10^{-3}}{\sin(50^\circ 01' 59''.15)} = 6.9572 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\sin a = \frac{3.98626143 \times 10^{-1}}{a = 0^\circ 23' 55.05''} = \sin^{-1}( )$$

$$\frac{\sin b}{\sin B} = \frac{\sin c}{\sin C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin C = \frac{\sin b \sin C}{\sin B}$$

$$= \frac{\sin(0^\circ 18' 22.46'') \sin(43^\circ 54' 55.07'')}{\sin(50^\circ 01' 59''.15'')}$$

$$\sin c = 4.837 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$C = \sin^{-1}(4.837 \times 10^{-3})$$

$$= 2^\circ = \cancel{-0^\circ 0'} 0^\circ 06' 13'' 71''$$

$$= 0^\circ 16' 37.71''$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{ab \sin C}{2 R^2 \sin i}$$

$$R \sin i =$$

$$4.848136 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= \frac{(0^\circ 23' 55.05'') (0^\circ 18' 22.46'') \sin(3^\circ 59' 55''.07)}{2 \cdot (6370)^2 \cdot 4.848136 \cdot 10^{-6}}$$

$$= 2.152021 \times 10^2$$

$$= 215^\circ 12' 7.71''$$

$$\text{haversine}(\theta) = \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{hav}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \theta) = \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right).$$

$$\cos \theta = 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$= 1 - 2 \text{hav} \theta$$

$$\cos A = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A.$$

$$\text{we have, } 1 - 2 \text{hav} \theta = \cos \theta.$$

$$\cos A = 1 - 2 \text{hav} A.$$

$$1 - 2 \text{hav} A = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c (1 - 2 \text{hav} A)$$

$$1 - 2 \text{hav} A = \cos(b-c) - 2 \sin b \sin c \cos A.$$

$$1 - 2 \text{hav} A = 1 - 2 \text{hav}(b-c) - 2 \sin b \sin c \cos A.$$

$$\text{hav} A = \text{hav}(b-c) + \text{hav} A \sin b \sin c -$$

$$\text{law of sines} = \frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

law of sines:

trigonometrical ratios for small angles.

if  $\theta$  - small angle  
expressed in circular measure.

approximation we have

$$\sin \theta = \theta \text{ radians} \quad | \quad \cos \theta = 1 \quad | \quad \tan \theta = \theta \text{ radians}$$

Now

$$1 \text{ radian} = 57^\circ 17' 45''$$
$$= 3437 \frac{2}{9} '$$
$$= 206265''$$

so that,  $1'' = \frac{1}{206265} \text{ rad.}$

and

$$1' = \frac{1}{3438} \quad (\text{approx})$$

$$\sin 1'' = \frac{1}{206265} \quad , \quad \dots \quad (36)$$

$$\sin 1' = \frac{1}{3438} \quad \dots \quad (37)$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\theta''}{206265}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta'' = \theta'' \sin 1''$$
$$\sin \theta' = \theta' \sin 1'$$

$$\tan \theta'' = \theta'' \tan 1''$$

$$24 \text{ hours} = 360^\circ;$$

$$1 \text{ hour} = 15^\circ$$

$$1 \text{ min} = 15'$$

$$1 \text{ sec} = 15''$$

doubt

$$\sin 1^m = \sin 15' = 15 \sin 1' \quad \dots \text{u1}$$

$$\sin 1^s = \sin 15'' = 15 \sin 1' \quad \dots \text{u2}$$

if  $\mu$  is a small angle.

$\mu^m$  expressed in minutes of time.

$$\sin \mu = \mu^m \sin 1^m = 15 \mu^s \sin 1' \quad \dots \text{u3}$$

$$\sin \mu = \mu^s \sin 1^s = 15 \mu^s \sin 1' \quad \dots \text{u4}$$

## Delambre's and Napier's analogies.

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}c \sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}C \sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b)$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}C \sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b).$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}c \sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \cos \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b).$$

$$\cos \frac{1}{2}c \cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B) = \sin \frac{1}{2}C \cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)$$

Delambre's analogies -

Napier's analogies:

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(a+b) = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(A+B)} \tan \frac{1}{2}c$$

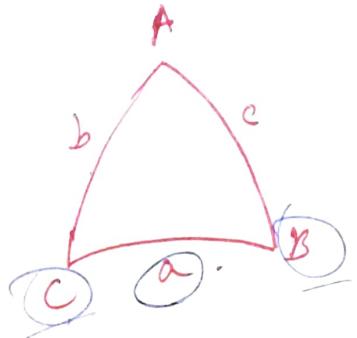
$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(a-b) = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A-B)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(A+B)} \tan \frac{1}{2}c$$

$$\frac{\tan(A+B)}{\tan(A-B)} = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b) \cot \frac{1}{2}C}$$

$$\frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(a+b)}$$

$$\tan \frac{1}{2}(A-B) = \frac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a-b)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(a+b)} \cot \frac{1}{2}C$$

①



Augenzug aus

$$A = 119^\circ 46' 36'' = \frac{119 + 46}{60} + \frac{36}{360}$$

$$B = 52^\circ 25' 38'' = 52 + 25 \cdot \frac{1}{60} + \frac{38}{360}$$

$$C = 90^\circ = 90.000000$$

$$\frac{\sin a}{\sin A} = \frac{\sin b}{\sin B} = \frac{\sin c}{\sin C} \quad (\sin C = 1)$$

$$\sin A = \frac{\sin a \sin B}{\sin b} \quad | \quad \sin A = \frac{\sin a \sin C}{\sin c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin a$$

$$\cos a = \cos b \cos c + \sin b \sin c \cos A$$

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(s-b) \sin(s-c)}{\sin b \sin c}}$$

$$\sin a \sin b \Rightarrow \sin A \sin b = \sin c$$

$$\sin(119^\circ 46' 36'') \sin(52^\circ 25' 38'') = \sin c$$

$$\sin c = 6.87933 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$c = 4.3466 \times 10^1$$

$$= 43^\circ 28' 0.27'' = \square$$

$$\sin b = \sin c \times \sin B$$

$$= \sin(43^\circ 28' 0.27') \sin(52^\circ 25' 38'')$$

$$= 5.45744 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$b = 3.3 \text{ or } 410' \\ = 33^\circ 2' 28 - 30''$$

$$\sin A = \frac{\sin a}{\sin c} = \frac{\sin(119^\circ 46' 38'')}{\sin(43^\circ 2' 0.27'')} = 1.261703$$

$$\sin A = 1^\circ 15' 42.13''$$

doubt

Whenever the angle is very small  
it's difficult to calc. the cosine and other function

from the program . — as a format .

$$b = 48^\circ 26' 48.95''$$

$$c = 105^\circ 13' 59.8705'$$

$$A = 113^\circ 10' 45.8827''$$

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