

# CAS 741: Problem Statement

## Optimum Tilt of Solar Panels

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Table 1: Revision History

Date	Developer(s)	Change
9.18.2019	Sharon Wu	First version of Problem Statement
9.22.1029	Sharon Wu	Modify Problem Solution - add more output to the software

### Problem.

Due to the increasing concepts of creating an earth-friendly environment, the kits using renewable energy become more popular in the market. In all type of renewable energy, solar energy is the most common type of renewable resource for a home. However, it is an expensive technology, and its energy efficiency is restricted by seasons. Purchasing a solar tracker might solve the problem but its usual cost double than a solar panel which means for most of the home users it may not be an affordable price. Some current software, which designed to estimate optimum tilt angle of seasons, provided a less accurate result to users, due to the lack of consideration of the sun rays in the entire season.

### Proposed Solution.

The purpose of this software is to gain optimal solar energy for home users without additional cost. To capture the most energy from the sunlight, we have to point the panel directly to the sun. Therefore, when placing solar panels tilt in a specific angle, users can gain better energy from the solar panels as a result. This software calculates the optimum angle for the most insolation on the panel every day, every two months and every season. It is a tool that gives users an easy and flexible way to increase the efficiency of their solar panels. Users can choose which providing angles they would like to apply, base on the anticipated energy according to each tilt angles. This software aims to show the estimated solar energy output of the different results.

### Context.

#### Environment.

This software should perform functionally in Windows 10, MacOS and other variety of Windows version but will not be guaranteed not tested.

#### Stakeholders.

The stakeholders in this program may be the software makers, software users, technology support, solar panel's owners.