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## ABSTRACT

Electronic distance measuring instruments (EDMI) are used by surveyors in routine length measurements. The constant and scale factors of the instrument tend to change due to usage, transportation, and aging of crystals. Calibration baselines are established to enable surveyors to check the instruments and determine any changes in the values of constant and scale factors. The National Geodetic Survey (NGS) has developed guidelines for establishing these baselines.

In 1981 an EDM baseline at ISU was established according to NGS guidelines. In October 1982, the NGS measured the distances between monuments.

Computer programs for reducing observed distances were developed. Mathematical model and computer programs for determining constant and scale factors were developed. A method was developed to detect any movements of the monuments. Periodic measurements of the baseline were made. No significant movement of the monuments was detected.

## DEVELOPMENT OF EDM CALIBRATION BASELINE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Electronic distance measuring instruments (EDMI) are used by surveyors in routine measurements of lines varying between 100 feet to two miles or even more. Modern EDM are of the solid state type and therefore, their electronic components are stable. However, due to usage, transportation, and the aging of crystals, the constant and scale factors tend to change.

EDM calibration baselines are established to enable surveyors to check the instruments and determine any changes in the values of the constant and scale factors of these instruments. This information provides the documented history for legal evidence, insurance, and the like. The National Geodetic Survey (NGS) has developed guidelines for establishing these baselines.

In 1981, after examining five sites, the Civil Engineering Department at Iowa State University (ISU) established the EDM baseline according to NGS guidelines. This baseline contains five monuments located on a line along a ditch at 0, 461, 620, 770, and 1370 meters. The Iowa Department of Transportation, the Society of Land Surveyors, and the Story County Engineer cooperated in this project. In October 1982, the NGS team measured the distances between the monuments using Invar tape, HP 3808 EDM, and MA 100 EDM. These measurements were adjusted and the final distances were published by the NGS. The elevation differences between the monuments were also measured by the NGS team.

and the ISU team. The distances have a standard error of 0.2 to 0.7 mm and the elevation differences have a standard error of about  $\pm 0.01$  ft.

An observation procedure for calibrating EDM1 was established. A computer program was developed for reducing the distances to horizontal, detecting blunders, and computing the precision of observation.

A mathematical model and a computer program were developed to give the constant and scale factors and their standard errors of the EDM1. The program is capable of constraining the observations, the known lengths, and the known constant and scale values according to their standard errors. Using this facility, a method was developed to detect any movement of the monuments.

Periodic measurements of the baseline were made in May 1981, July and November of 1982, and March, July, and October of 1983 using HP 3800 EDM1 and Leitz Red EDM1. The computer programs were used to calibrate the EDM1 periodically and to detect any movement of the monuments. No significant movement of the monuments was detected. This report details the research carried out in this project.

## 2. THE PRINCIPLES OF EDM

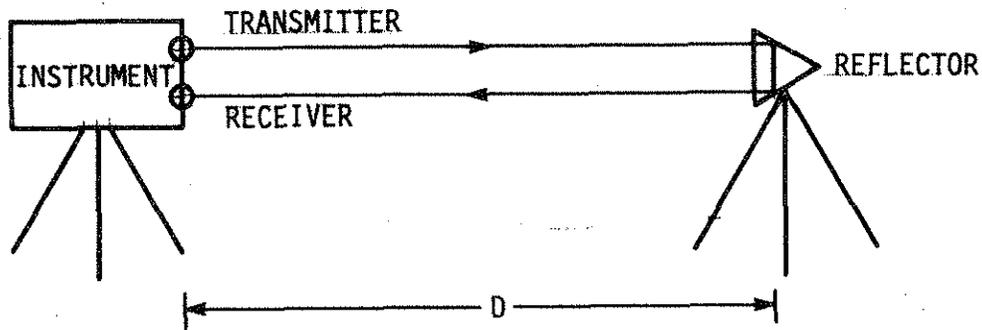


Fig. 1. Distance measurement by EDM.

In an EDM an electromagnetic signal is transmitted from the instrument and reflected back by a prism. The distance  $D$  between the reflector and the instrument is given

$$D = \frac{Ct}{2}$$

where  $C$  is the velocity of electromagnetic wave and  $t$  is the time taken by the wave to travel to the reflector and back. Since  $C \approx 3 \times 10^8$  m/s, the time  $t$  will be very small and difficult to measure accurately.

Alternatively the distance  $D = n\lambda + L$ , where  $n$  is the total number of wave lengths,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength, and  $L$  is the portion of the distance less than  $\lambda$ .

Now  $C = f\lambda$  where  $f$  is the frequency of oscillation. The equation of a traveling wave front is given by

$$y = A \sin \omega \left( t_0 + \frac{x}{C} \right) = A \sin \omega (t_0 + t)$$

where

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

$y$  = the displacement of the particles perpendicular to the direction of propagation

$x$  = the distance traveled by the wave

$t_0$  = the initial time

$A$  = amplitude of oscillation

$w(t_0 + t)$  = the phase of the oscillation

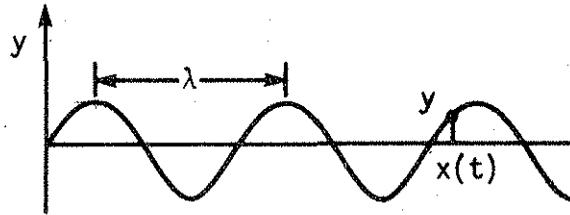


Fig. 2. Progressive sinusoidal wave.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= A \sin w \left( t_0 + \frac{n\lambda + L}{f\lambda} \right) \\ &= A \sin \left( \omega t_0 + 2\pi n + 2\pi \frac{L}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= A \sin \left( \omega t_0 + 2\pi \frac{L}{\lambda} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The phase difference between the transmitted and received signal is given by

$$\omega t_0 + 2\pi \frac{L}{\lambda} - (\omega t_0) = 2\pi \frac{L}{\lambda}$$

The phase difference (P.D.) can be measured

$$\therefore L = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} (\text{P.D.})$$

Now, if the wave is propagated at two frequencies, then under certain conditions

$$2D = n_1 \lambda_1 + \ell_1 = n_2 \lambda_2 + \ell_2 ; \quad \ell_1 < \lambda_1$$

$$\ell_2 < \lambda_2$$

For distances

$$D \leq \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} ; \quad n_1 = n_2 = n (\text{say})$$

$$\text{then } 2D = n\lambda_1 + \ell_1 = n\lambda_2 + \ell_2$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{\ell_2 - \ell_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

$$\therefore D = \left( \frac{L_2 - L_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \right) \lambda_1 + L_1 ; \quad L_1 \leq \lambda_1/2$$

$$= \left( \frac{L_2 - L_1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \right) \lambda_2 + L_2 ; \quad L_2 \leq \lambda_2/2$$

Thus by measuring the P.D., it is possible to determine the distance

D. In practice two methods are used by the EDM to measure distance:

- 1) By choosing three frequencies such as  $\lambda_1 = 10 \text{ m}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 9.0909$ ,  
and  $\lambda_3 = 9.95025$

$$\frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \leq 100 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_3}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3} \leq 2000 \text{ m}$$

Thus by measuring  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $L_3$  to an accuracy of 1 cm, distances of up to 2000 m can be determined without ambiguity.

- 2) By choosing three frequencies such as  $\lambda_1 = 20 \text{ m}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 200 \text{ m}$ ,  $\lambda_3 = 2000 \text{ m}$ , so that by measuring  $L_1 < 10 \text{ m}$ ,  $L_2 < 100 \text{ m}$ , and  $L_3 < 1000 \text{ m}$  to three significant figures, distance up to 1000 m can be determined without ambiguity to the nearest centimeter.

The different frequencies of the signals are created by modulating the carrier wave either by amplitude or frequency modulation. An amplitude modulation is given by

$$y = (A + A_m \sin w_m t) \sin w(t_o + t)$$

and the frequency modulation is given by

$$y = A \sin (w + A_m \sin w_m t) (t_o + t)$$

These modulations are achieved by passing the carrier wave, such as the laser beam or an infrared beam, through a kerr cell which is controlled by an alternating voltage at the required modulation.

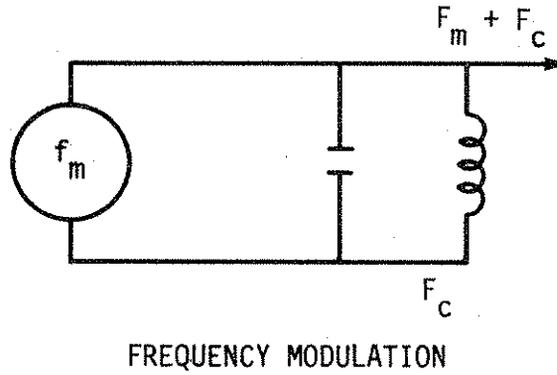
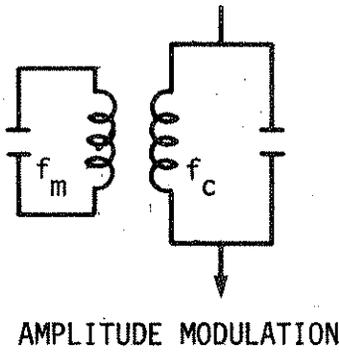


Fig. 3. Amplitude modulation.

Fig. 4. Frequency modulation.

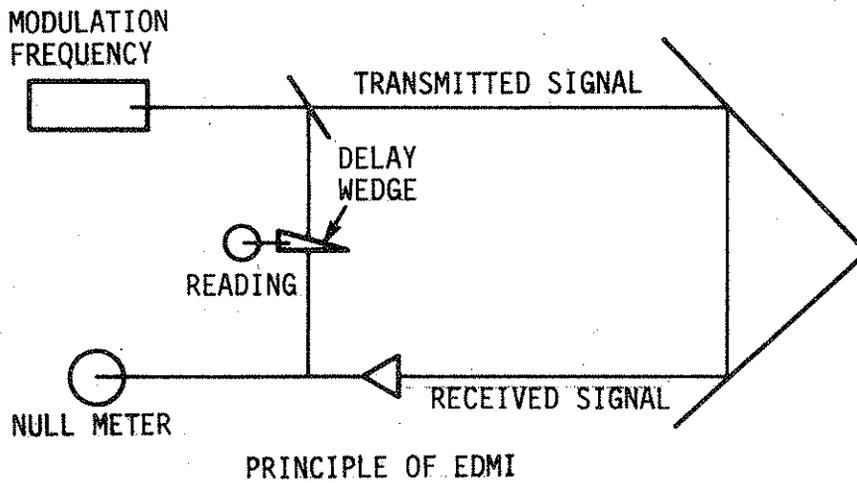


Fig. 5. Principle of EDM.

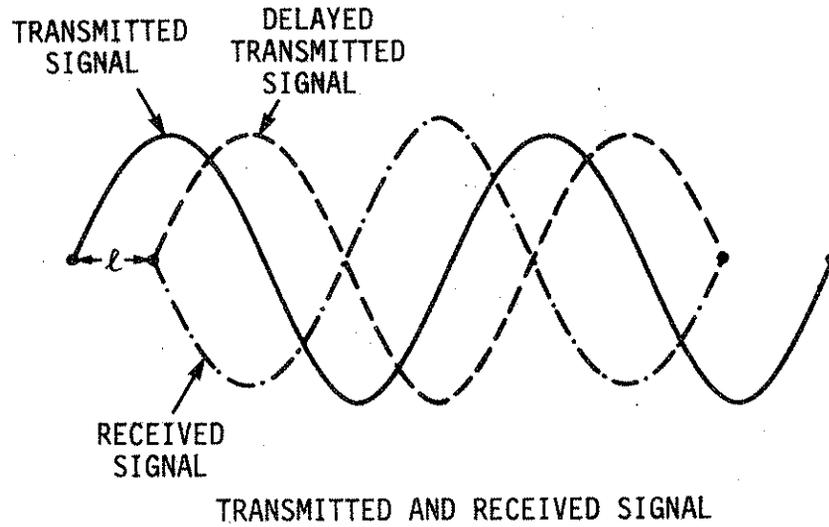


Fig. 6. Transmitted and received signal.

The phase difference between the transmitted and the received signal is measured by passing the portion of the transmitted and the received signal through a volt meter and then delaying the transmitted signal so as to give a null reading. The delay is then proportional to  $L$ . The  $L$  is determined by delaying a portion of the transmitted signal using a device such as a delay wedge (see Fig. 5).

### 3. THE ERRORS IN AN EDM

The distance  $D$  measured by an EDM is given by

$$2D = n\lambda + \ell$$

where

$n$  = total number of full waves

$\lambda$  = wave length of modulation frequency

$\ell$  = linear phase difference between transmitted and reflected signals.

The distance measured is subject to systematic errors. One, which is independent of the length, is due to the distance traveled within the EDM system, swing errors, and the like. The other, which is dependent on the length, is due to variations of the atmospheric conditions, frequency drift, and so on.

The errors independent of the length, which are of significant values, are the constant error, the cyclic error, and the swing error. The constant error consists of two parts (see Fig. 7), which are 1)  $C_o'$  due to uncertainty of the electronic origin of measurement within the EDM and 2)  $C_o''$  due to uncertainty of the reflected position of the beam within the prism. Thus, the effective constant error

$$C_o = C_o' + C_o''$$

The cyclic error is due to the determination of  $L$ . The  $L$  is determined by delaying a portion of the transmitted signal using a device such as a delay wedge. When the transmitted signal is delayed and is mixed with the received signal, a zero reading will show on the null meter. Thus, the reading  $R$ , corresponding to the movement by the delay wedge, will depend on  $L$ . If we assume that  $R$  is proportional to  $L$ , then we will have an error. This error is typically small and cyclic with a period of  $\lambda/2$  (see Fig. 8).

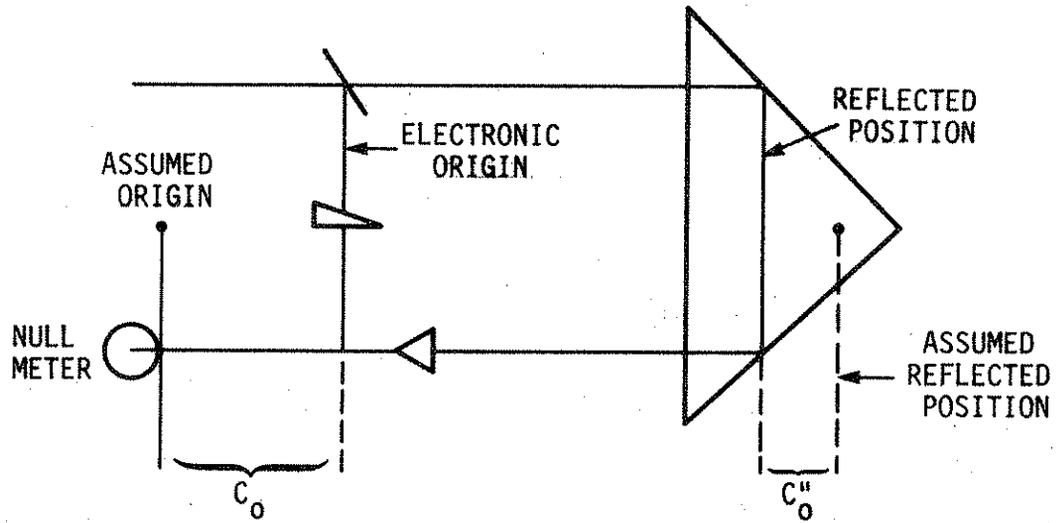


Fig. 7. Constant error.

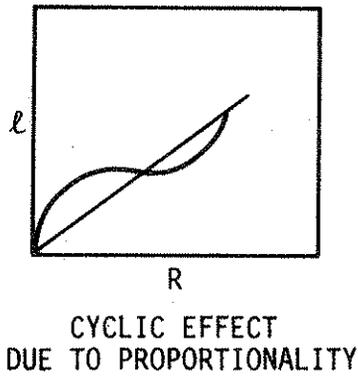


Fig. 8. Cyclic effect due to proportionality.

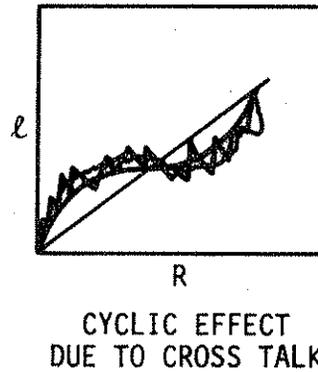


Fig. 9. Cyclic effect due to cross talk.

In practice there is also an error due to "electronic cross talk" between transmitted and received signals (see Fig. 9). The total error due to proportionality and electronic cross talk is known as cyclic error.

The cyclic error can be represented by the Fourier series

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( B_i \sin \left( i \frac{2\pi L}{\lambda/2} \right) + C_i \cos \left( i \frac{2\pi L}{\lambda/2} \right) \right)$$

where  $B_i$  and  $C_i$  are Fourier coefficients of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  sinus oscillation.

The swing error is due to the fact that the received signal is not a direct signal, but one that is reflected via a reflecting surface.

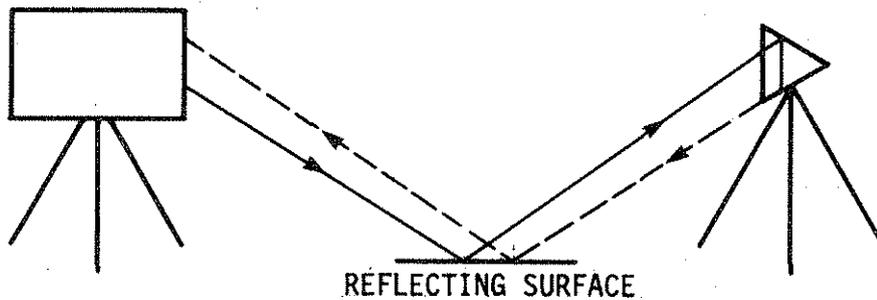


Fig. 10. Swing error.

This error is practically nonexistent in light wave instruments but does exist in microwave instruments. The effective way of eliminating this is to use a number of carrier frequencies.

The errors dependent on the length of any significance are the refraction error and the scale error. The refraction error is due to the velocity of the electromagnetic wave varying with the refractive index of the medium according to the equation:

$$C_o n_o = C_t n_t$$

where

$C_o$  = velocity in vacuum

$n_o$  = refractive index of vacuum, = 1

$C_t$  = velocity in a medium

$n_t$  = refractive index of the medium.

The refractive index of the medium  $n_t$  depends on temperature  $T$ , pressure  $P$ , vapor pressure  $e$ , and the wave length of the carrier wave  $\lambda$ . The  $n_t$  for the light wave is given by

$$n_t = 1 + \left( \frac{n_g - 1}{1 + \alpha t} \right) \left( \frac{P}{760} \right) - \frac{5.5\lambda}{1 + \alpha t} \times 10^{-8}$$

where

$$n_g = 1 + \left( 2876.04 + \frac{48.864}{\lambda^2} + \frac{0.680}{\lambda^4} \right) \times 10^{-7}$$

$t$  = dry bulb temperature in °C

$\alpha$  = 0.003661

$\lambda$  = in micrometers ( $\mu\text{m}$ )

The  $n_t$  for microwave is given by

$$n_t = 1 + \frac{103.46 P}{273.2 + t} + \frac{490.24 e}{(273.2 + t)^2} \times 10^{-6}$$

where

$e = e' + de$

$e' = 4.58 \times 10^a$

$a = (7.5 t') / (237.3 + t')$

$de = -0.000660 (1 + 0.00115 t') P (t - t')$

$t'$  = wet bulb temperature in °C

In practice, the effect of  $e$  for light wave is negligible, especially for distances less than 2 km. Also in practice the frequency is compensated internally to accommodate the change in velocity. Since

$$C = f\lambda$$

$$dC \propto df$$

In modern short range instruments, the frequencies are set initially for average operational conditions and small changes to this frequency are made prior to the measurement. This effect can be seen from the following equations

$$D = C_t T$$

$$= \frac{C_o}{n_t} T$$

$$= \frac{C_o}{n} \frac{n}{n_t} T = \left( \frac{C_o T}{n} \right) \cdot \frac{n}{n_t}$$

$$= D' \frac{n}{n_t}$$

where  $n$  is the refractive index at which the instrument is initially set and  $D'$  is corresponding distance. Now  $n = 1 + \alpha$

$$n_t = 1 + \alpha'$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  are of the order of 0.0003. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= D' \frac{1 + \alpha}{1 + \alpha'} \\
 &= D' (1 + (\alpha - \alpha')) \\
 &= D' + D'(\alpha - \alpha')
 \end{aligned}$$

The correction factor  $(\alpha - \alpha')$ , which depends on the differences in temperature, pressure, and the like, is small. This correction factor can be computed or obtained from tables and charts. Most modern short range EDMs have facilities to enter this correction factor prior to measurement.

The scale error is due to the change in frequency of the modulation. In order to "lock" the frequency within very narrow limits, a quartz crystal is inserted in the circuit. The resonant vibration frequency of a crystal

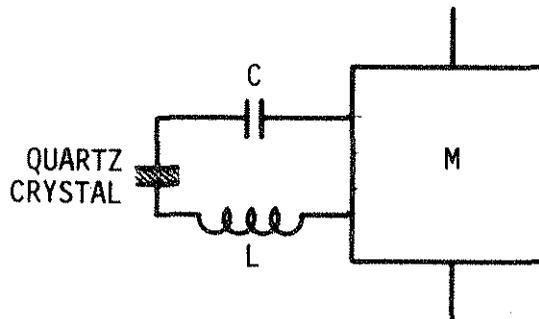


Fig. 11. Frequency drift.

is a function of its size and shape. Because crystal dimensions do change slightly with temperature and age, the frequency tends to drift. In practice, the instrument is operated in such a way that the crystal is in a temperature controlled environment. However, the dimensions

of the quartz crystal change with "age" and affect the frequency, resulting in a scale error.

#### 4. THE METHODS OF CALIBRATION

Modern EDMs are of the solid state type and therefore their electronic components are stable. However, due to usage, transportation, and the aging of crystals, the constant and scale factor tend to change. Also the constant changes for different combinations of prism and EDM.

The EDM must be calibrated periodically for the following reasons:

- 1) to check the accuracy of EDM results
- 2) to determine the constant and scale factor of the EDM under operational conditions
- 3) to provide documented instrument history for legal and insurance purposes
- 4) to maintain a uniform unit of measurement both locally and nationally
- 5) to maintain the standards of accuracy of surveying (e.g.,  $4 \times 10^{-6}$  for third order triangulation, 1/20,000 for property surveys, etc.).

The calibration of an EDM can be done under laboratory conditions as well as under field conditions. The values supplied by the manufacturers are generally those obtained under laboratory conditions and will not be discussed in this report. The field methods are the subject

of this report. The advantages and disadvantages of different field methods are given below.

Baseline Method (see Fig. 12)

This method consists of measuring the distance between two established monuments by the EDM and determining the constant, knowing the calibrated length between the monuments to an accuracy of 1 part in a million or better ( $\pm 1/10^6$ ).

BASELINE METHOD

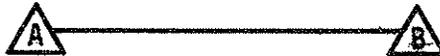


Fig. 12. Baseline method.

Advantages

- 1) Easy to lay out.
- 2) Easy to compute the constant.

Disadvantages

- 1) Results are misleading as the constant cannot be separated from the scale factor.
- 2) The EDM is tested over one distance only.

Section Method (see Fig. 13)

In this method three or more monuments are set on a line and the distance between them determined to an accuracy of  $\pm 1/10^6$  or better.

The constant and scale factor of an EDM are determined by measuring all combinations of distances.

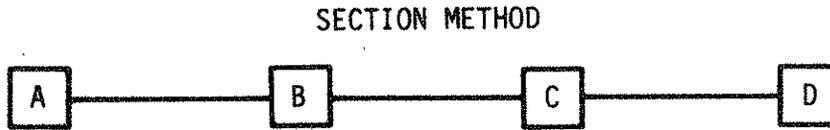


Fig. 13. Section method.

Advantages

- 1) Fairly easy to lay out.
- 2) Measurements can be done quickly.

Disadvantages

- 1) The calibration is done over a limited distance.
- 2) The monuments must be in line within limits.

Intersection Method (see Fig. 14)

In this method a number of monuments are set up at known points, spread out in all directions at different distances from a central point. The EDM is set on this central point and distances are measured to all other points. From these measurements, the scale factor and the constant of the EDM are determined by least squares.

## INTERSECTION METHOD

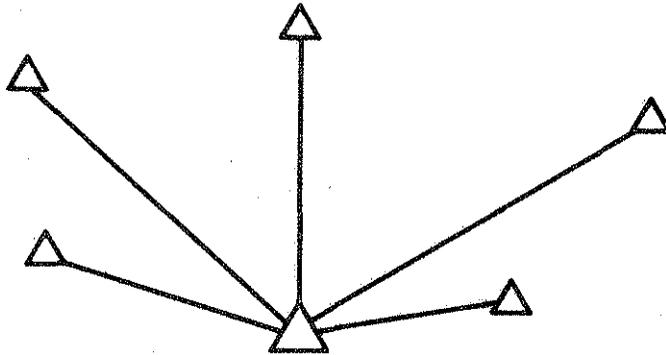


Fig. 14. Intersection method.

Advantages

- 1) The calibration can be done over unlimited distances.
- 2) A very good determination of C and S is possible.

Disadvantages

- 1) Measurement of distances may be time consuming.
- 2) The accuracy of C and S depends on the accuracy of the station coordinates.

NGS Calibration Baseline Specifications

The objective of EDM calibration is to determine the constant, the scale factor, and the cyclic error. In most modern short range EDM, the maximum cyclic errors are less than 5 mm and the frequencies are selected such that  $\lambda_1 = 10$  m,  $\lambda_2 = 200$  m,  $\lambda_3 = 2000$  m, and so on so that  $L_1 < 10$  m,  $L_2 < 100$  m,  $L_3 < 1000$  m, and the like. Since the cyclic error is proportional to  $L$  and if the distances for calibration baseline are chosen to be multiple of 10 meters, then the cyclic error

will be almost negligible for the distances measured. Thus, the NGS chose the section method of calibration and selected the distances between the monuments to be multiples of 10 meters. The recommended design for the NGS baseline is shown in Fig. 15. Thus, the NGS baseline is suitable for determining scale factors and constant of a modern short range EDM.

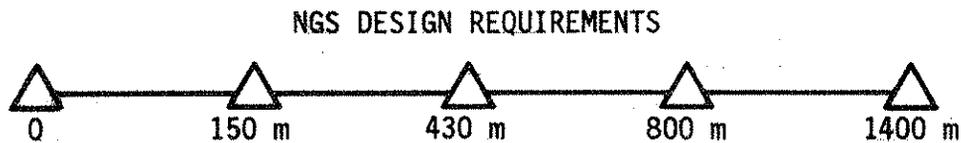


Fig. 15. NGS design requirements.

The requirements for establishing an NGS baseline are:

- 1) The site selected should have even terrain (see Fig. 16).

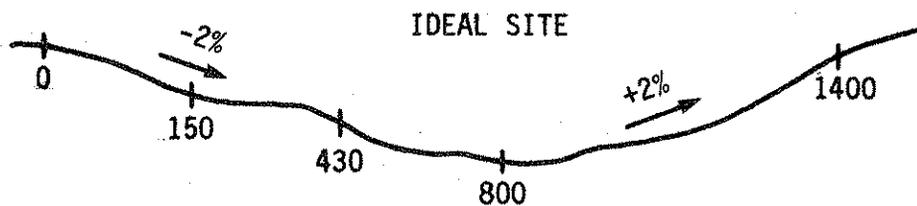


Fig. 16. Ideal baseline site.

- 2) The site should be easily accessible to the public.
- 3) No natural or man-made obstacles such as high voltage lines, fences, or the like, should be present on the site.
- 4) The monuments should be on line with an average tolerance of  $\pm 20''$  and a maximum of  $5^\circ$ .

- 5) The precise distances between monuments should be determined by using two high precision short range EDM. In addition, 150 m distance should be taped by Invar tape. The distances are to be determined to an accuracy less than  $\pm 1$  mm.
- 6) Since the 150 m distance will be taped, these two particular monuments should be established so that the distance between them is  $150 \pm$  centimeters. Also the design can be altered so that the terrain between these two monuments is as even as possible. This distance can be used to calibrate field tapes. The calibration tapes to be used have only 0 m and 50 m marks without graduation at the end tapes.

#### 5. THE MATHEMATICAL MODEL FOR CALIBRATION

According to the specifications of the NGS baseline, only the constant (C) and scale factor (S) of an EDM can be determined. The cyclic error is assumed to be negligible since the distances between the monuments are in multiples of 10 m and the modulation wavelengths are in multiples of 20 m.

Most modern short range EDM have the facility to set the known constant and scale factor in the EDM prior to measurement. The displayed distance is automatically corrected for these errors.

The high precision instruments used by NGS to establish the baseline distances have an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  mm whereas most EDM have an accuracy of  $\pm 3$  mm.

The mathematical model for calibration must determine the scale factor and the constant of the EDM using the NGS baseline. This model must take into account the fact that the measurements by EDM are comparable to those of NGS measurements and that a priori knowledge of C and S has a certain precision.

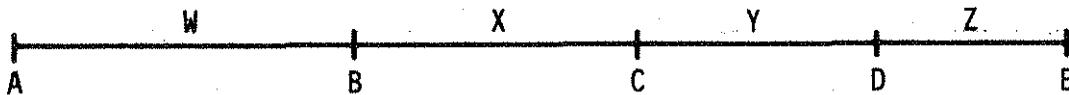


Fig. 17. Baseline distances.

Suppose A, B, C, D, and E are five monuments on line and the true distances between them are W, X, Y, Z; then the simplest method to determine the constant of an EDM is to measure (or observe) all the distances between the monuments by the EDM, then

$$C = \Sigma \text{observed} - \Sigma \text{known}$$

This method will give only the constant factor and not the scale factor.

Alternatively,

$$C = \text{observed AB} + \text{observed BC} - \text{observed AC}$$

which is independent of known lengths

$$\text{and } S = \frac{(\text{observed}) \text{ AB} - C - (\text{known}) \text{ AB}}{(\text{known}) \text{ AB}}$$

This method does not use all the observed distances and neither does it account for the precision of the observed distances and the known distances.

The method selected for determining the scale and constant is a method of least squares with a facility to constrain a priori parameters according to their precision. Suppose  $\ell_i$  is an observed distance with a standard error of  $\sigma_{\ell_i}$ , and  $W_o, X_o, Y_o, Z_o$  are the known distances of AB, BC, CD, and DE with standard error of  $\sigma_W, \sigma_X, \sigma_Y, \sigma_Z$ ; C and S are the constant and scale factors with standard errors of  $\sigma_C$  and  $\sigma_S$ ;  $\Delta W, \Delta X, \Delta Y, \Delta Z, \Delta C, \Delta S$  are the errors in W, X, Y, Z, C, and S, respectively; then

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_i + v_{\ell_i} &= a_1(W + \Delta W) + a_2(X + \Delta X) + a_3(Y + \Delta Y) + a_4(Z + \Delta Z) \\ &\quad + C + \Delta C + \ell_i(S + \Delta S) \end{aligned}$$

is an observation with weight

$$P_{\ell_i} = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{\sigma_{\ell_i}^2}$$

where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  are coefficients;  $v_{\ell_i}$  is the residual;  $\sigma_o^2$  is the variance of unit weight, and

$$W + V_W = W + \Delta W \text{ with weight } P = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{\sigma_w^2}$$

$$X + V_X = X + \Delta X \text{ with weight } P_X = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{\sigma_x^2}$$

$$Y + V_Y = Y + \Delta Y \text{ with weight } P_Y = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{\sigma_Y^2}$$

$$Z + V_Z = Z + \Delta Z \text{ with weight } P_Z = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{\sigma_Z^2}$$

$$C + V_C = C + \Delta C \text{ with weight } P_C = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{\sigma_C^2}$$

$$S + V_S = S + \Delta S \text{ with weight } P_S = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{\sigma_S^2}$$

are the constant equations of the parameters. If the parameters are unknown, then these standard errors can be assumed to be  $\infty$ , which is equivalent to assuming that their weight is zero, which makes a self-calibration. The total observation equation can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\ell_i} + \ell_i - (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, 1, \ell_i)(W, X, Y, Z, C, S)^T \\ = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, 1, \ell_i)(\Delta W, \Delta X, \Delta Y, \Delta Z, \Delta C, \Delta S)^T \end{aligned}$$

$$V_W + 0 = \Delta W$$

$$V_X + 0 = \Delta X$$

$$V_Y + 0 = \Delta Y$$

$$V_Z + 0 = \Delta Z$$

$$V_C + 0 = \Delta C$$

$$V_S + 0 = \Delta S$$

Therefore, the observation can be written in matrix form as  $V + L = AX$

where  $X = (\Delta W, \Delta X, \Delta Y, \Delta Z, \Delta C, \Delta S)^T$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{i1} & a_{i2} & a_{i3} & a_{i4} & 1 & \varrho_i \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad i = 1, n$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \varrho_i - (a_{i1}W + a_{i2}X + a_{i3}Y + a_{i4}Z + C + \varrho_i S) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad i = 1, n$$

where  $n$  is the number of observations by the EDM.



where

$$\sigma_o^2 = \frac{V^T P V}{N - 6}$$

is the variance of unit weight in which  $N = n + 6$  and  $V = AX - L$ .

The variance of observation is given by

$$\sigma_i^2 = \frac{\sigma_o^2}{p_i}$$

The adjusted values of  $\bar{C}$  and  $\bar{S}$  are then given by

$$\bar{C} = C + \Delta C$$

$$\bar{S} = S + \Delta S$$

$$\sigma_{\bar{C}}^2 = \sigma_C^2 + \sigma_{\Delta C}^2 = \sigma_C^2 + \Sigma_{55} = \Sigma_{55} \text{ if } \Sigma_{55} \gg \sigma_C^2$$

$$\sigma_{\bar{S}}^2 = \sigma_S^2 + \sigma_{\Delta S}^2 = \sigma_S^2 + \Sigma_{66} = \Sigma_{66} \text{ if } \Sigma_{66} \gg \sigma_S^2$$

The values  $\Delta C/\sigma_{\Delta C}$ ,  $\Delta S/\sigma_{\Delta S}$  satisfy a t-distribution with  $n-2$  degrees of freedom (Rainsford [10]).

Then if  $\Delta C/\sigma_{\Delta C} > t_{\alpha, n-2}$  and  $\Delta S/\sigma_{\Delta S} > t_{\alpha, n-2}$ , it can be concluded at  $\alpha$  confidence level that the scale and constant of the EDM have changed; otherwise the constant and scale have not changed significantly.

## 6. THE MATHEMATICAL MODEL FOR MONUMENT MOVEMENT DETECTION

In practice the known distances will be determined at a time different from the observed distances. However, in the intervening period, the monuments may have moved due to natural or artificial causes. If the movements are large (compared with the accuracy of the observation), then they can be easily detected. However, if they are small, then a statistical analysis is required to detect the movement.

Suppose  $\sigma_{10}^2$  is the variance of unit weight of the least-squares method in determining the C and S of an EDM at an epoch  $T_1$  and if  $\sigma_{20}^2$  is the variance of unit weight of the least-squares method at the epoch  $T_2$ , then the value

$$F = \frac{\sigma_{10}^2}{\sigma_{20}^2} \quad \text{satisfies an F-distribution}$$

if

$$F > F_{\alpha, n_1, n_2} \quad (n_1 \text{ and } n_2 \text{ are the respective degrees of freedom})$$

then  $\sigma_{10}$  is significantly different from  $\sigma_{20}$  at  $90 - \alpha$  confidence level.

If so, assuming no blunders, the only possibility is that one or more monuments have moved in the direction of the line.

Now from the least-squares method we have

$$\sigma_{\Delta W}^2 = \frac{\sigma_{20}^2}{P_W}$$

$$\sigma_{\Delta X}^2 = \frac{\sigma_{20}^2}{P_X}$$

$$\sigma_{\Delta Y}^2 = \frac{\sigma_{20}^2}{P_Y}$$

$$\sigma_{\Delta Z}^2 = \frac{\sigma_{20}^2}{P_Z}$$

Again, the values  $\Delta W/\sigma_{\Delta W}$ ,  $\Delta X/\sigma_{\Delta X}$ ,  $\Delta Y/\sigma_{\Delta Y}$ ,  $\Delta Z/\sigma_{\Delta Z}$  satisfy the t-distribution.

If one or more of these values is  $> t_{\alpha, n}$ , then the monuments involved have moved. Also, in normal computation precepts, the weights for W, X, Y, Z will be high, and therefore  $\Delta W$ ,  $\Delta X$ ,  $\Delta Y$ ,  $\Delta Z$  will be small.

However, the weights for the observations are small; therefore the residual  $V_i$  will be large. Again

$$t_i = \frac{V_i}{\sigma_o / \sqrt{P_i}}$$

satisfies the t-distribution. Then if  $t_i > t_{\alpha, n}$ , the monuments involved have probably moved. By analyzing the t's, the weights of W, X, Y, Z corresponding to the largest  $t_i$  can be made zero and a readjustment done. This procedure can be continued until

$$\frac{\sigma_{02}^2}{\sigma_{01}^2} < F_{\alpha, n_1, n_2}$$

For suspected small movements the weights of NGS values and the observations could be made the same in the readjustment and the results could be analyzed to detect the movement in the monument.

#### 7. THE COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR CALIBRATION AND DETECTION OF MONUMENT MOVEMENT

The computer program using the mathematical model described earlier was developed in BASIC language to

- (a) determine the constant and the scale factor simultaneously
- (b) constrain the calibrated distances and measured distances
- (c) constrain the known constant and scale factor
- (d) detect any movement of the monuments
- (e) maintain the history of the instrument and baseline.

See Fig. 19 for the program flowchart. Appendix III gives the listing of the program and Appendix I and II give the sample data input. Appendix IV gives sample output.

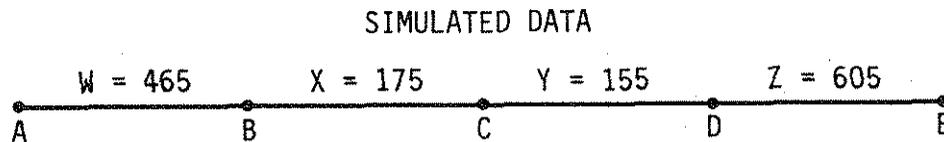


Fig. 18. Simulated baseline data.

Computations were done using simulated and real data. Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 give the results from simulated data. Table 5 gives the results of the self-calibration of Red EDM using the calibration baseline at ISU.

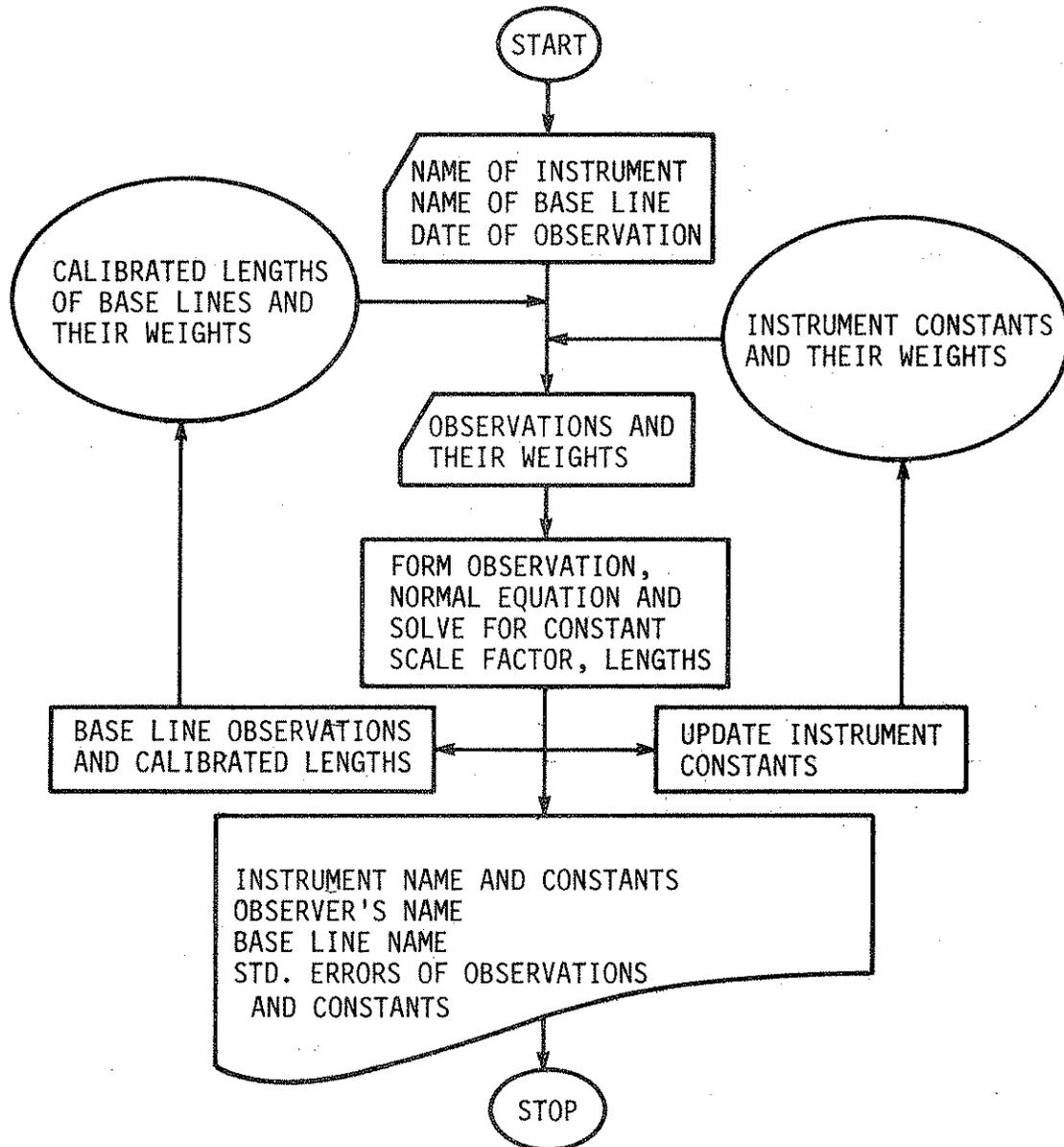
Simulated Data

Fig. 19. Flow chart for calibration program.

Simulated data were created for different cases for the baseline shown in Fig. 18.

Case I

In this case simulated data were created from an EDM with

Scale factor = 0.0

Constant = 0.02

Standard error of observation = 0.0

Standard error of the calibrated lengths = 0.0

Table 1. Baseline simulated data (Case I).

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Data
465.02
175.02
155.02
605.02
330.02
935.02
1400.02
795.02
640.02
760.02

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Results by Usual Computation Procedure

$$C = \Sigma \text{ observed} - \Sigma \text{ known}$$

$$= 0.02$$

or

$$C = \text{observed AB} + \text{observed BC} - \text{observed AC}$$

$$= 0.02$$

Results by Using the Computer Program

$$C = 0.019997 \pm 0.00001$$

$$S = 0.00000002 \pm 1.4 \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\text{Variance of unit weight} = 8.9 \times 10^{-6}$$

Case II

In this case, the simulated data were created for an EDM with:

$$\text{Scale factor} = 0.0001$$

$$\text{Constant} = 0.02$$

$$\text{Standard error of observation} = 0.0$$

$$\text{Standard error of calibrated lengths} = 0.0$$

Table 2. Baseline simulated data (Case II).

Data
465.066
175.038
155.035
605.081
330.053
935.113
1400.160
795.099
640.084
760.096

Results of Computation by Usual Procedure

$$C = \Sigma \text{ observed} - \Sigma \text{ known}$$

$$= 0.08, \text{ which is } \underline{\text{incorrect}}$$

or

$$C = \text{observed AB} + \text{observed AC} - \text{observed AC}$$

$$= 0.02$$

$$\text{Scale factors} = \frac{\text{AB observed} - C - \text{AB (known)}}{\text{AB (known)}}$$

$$= 0.0001$$

Results by Computer Program

$$C = 0.0198 \pm 0.00013$$

$$S = 0.0001 \pm 1.8 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\text{Variance of unit weight} = 0.0002$$

Case III

In this case simulated data were created for an EDM with

$$S = 0.0001$$

$$C = 0.02$$

and movement of 0.01 m to monument B.

$$\text{Standard error of observation} = 0.0$$

$$\text{Standard error of calibrated lengths} = 0.0$$

Table 3. Baseline simulated data (Case III) and residuals.

	Data	Residuals After Adjustment	
W	465.00	-0.0051	
X	175.00	+0.0067	largest residual
Y	155.00	+0.0014	
Z	605.00	+0.0016	
	<u>Data</u>		
	465.077	0.0041	
	175.027	-0.0028	
	155.035	-0.0014	
	605.081	+0.0002	
	330.043	-0.0020	
	935.104	-0.0029	
	1400.16	0.00006	
	795.099	0.0009	
	640.084	0.00007	
	760.096	0.0010	

Results of Computation by Usual Procedure

$$C = \text{observed AB} + \text{observed BC} - \text{observed AC}$$

$$= 0.02$$

$$S = \frac{\text{observed } AB - C - AB}{AB}$$

$$= 0.000123 \text{ which has an inaccuracy factor of } 23/10^6.$$

Results from the computer program (under normal adjustment)

$$C = 0.01889 \pm 0.02$$

$$S = 0.000104 \pm 0.00001$$

$$\text{Variance of unit weight} = 0.003$$

$$F = \frac{0.003}{0.0002} = 15 > F_{0.01, 10, 10} = 4.85$$

indicates an unsatisfactory adjustment.

Computing  $t$  for the largest residual, we have

$$t = \frac{0.0067}{0.003} = 2.2 > t_{0.05, 10} = 1.8$$

indicating probable movement of B.

#### Results of Computation by Computer Program

After analysis using F and T tests, the weights of W and X are made zero and a recomputation is done giving

$$C = 0.0198 \pm 0.0001$$

$$S = 0.000100 \pm 2 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\sigma_o^2 = 0.00011$$

$$F = \frac{0.0001}{0.0002} = 0.5 < F_{\alpha,10,8} = 5.06$$

indicating satisfactory adjustment.

Case IV

In this case simulated data were created for an EDM with

$$S = 0.00001$$

$$C = 0.02$$

Table 4. Baseline simulated data (Case IV).

Observed Data with Standard Error of 0.002	Calibrated Data with Standard Error of 0.0005
155.035	414.9997
175.036	174.9991
465.065	155.001
605.082	604.9996
330.056	
935.114	
1400.16	
760.097	
640.087	
795.101	

Results of Computation by Computer Program

Weight of observation = 0.25, weight of calibrated length = 1.

$$C = 0.0197 \pm 0.001$$

$$S = 0.000101 \pm 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$$

Standard error of unit weight = 0.0008

Results of Real Data Using ISU Baseline

Observer: Joel Dresel

Instrument: Red EDM1

Date: 5/14/81

Calibrated lengths were not available at that time. The set of observation readings are shown in Fig. 12. Self-calibration results using the computer program are

$$C = 0.0015 \pm 0.001$$

$$S = -0.5 \times 10^{-5} \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-5}$$

Standard error of unit weight = 0.0019

## 8. ERRORS IN EDM OBSERVATIONS

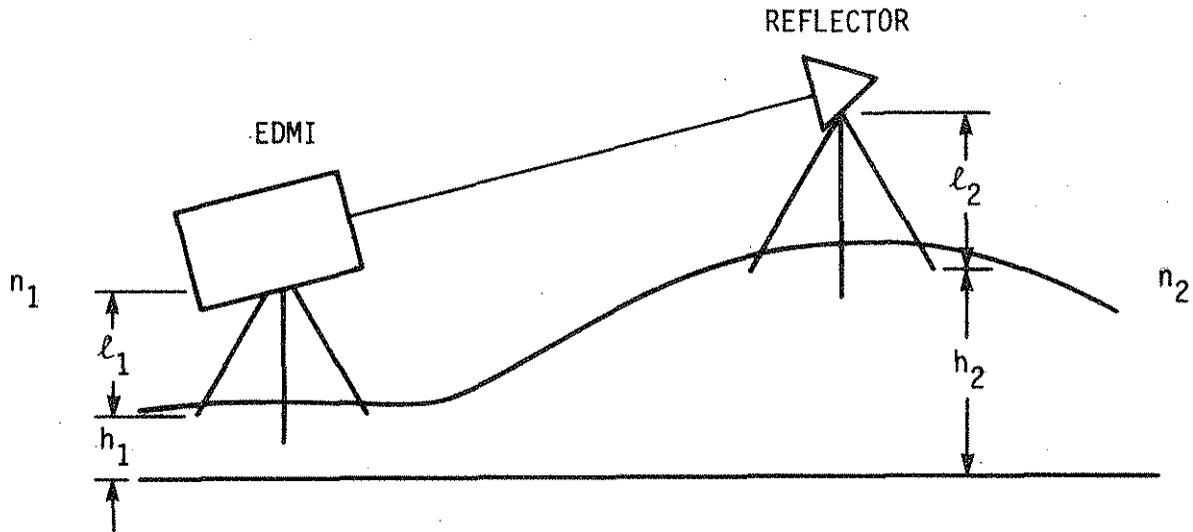


Fig. 20. Elevation of instrument and reflector.

In distance observations using an EDM, there are not only internal errors, such as constant and scale errors, but also external errors.

Among the external errors, the most significant are those due to:

- 1) centering EDM or reflector precisely over the point
- 2) measurement of height of EDM or reflector over the point
- 3) measurement of temperature and pressure.

#### Centering Error

Most modern EDM equipment uses a tribrach with optical plummet for centering. The optical plummet has the advantage that it is unaffected by wind unlike the plumb bob. However, the line of sight in the optical plummet, representing the vertical, might be out of adjustment. The optical plummet has to be checked frequently for maladjustment, or the observation procedure adopted should eliminate these errors.

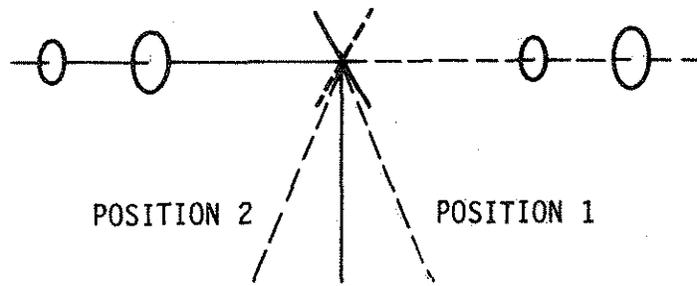


Fig. 21. Centering error.

Figure 21 illustrates the error in the line of observation. This error can be detected and adjusted by three methods, the plumb bob, rotation, or angle method.

#### Plumb Bob Method

In the plumb bob method, the plumb bob is used to center the tribrach over a point which is located inside a laboratory or building free of any wind effects. Then the plumb bob is removed and the optical plummet is checked over this point and any errors are adjusted by moving the cross hairs. This method is simple but it is difficult to achieve an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  mm when centering a tribrach with a plumb bob.

#### Rotation Method

Some tribrachs have the facility that the eyepiece can be rotated about the center to sight the points. Thus, if the tribrach is first centered with the eyepiece at position 1, then if the eyepiece is rotated

180° for position 2, the line of sight will be different if the instrument is not in adjustment (see Fig. 21). The instrument can then be easily adjusted. This method is simple and accurate. However, most tribrach do not have the facility to rotate the line of sight.

If tribrachs do not have the facility to rotate the line of sight, then the tripod to which the tribrach is mounted can be set on a rotatable platform and any centering error could be determined as earlier.

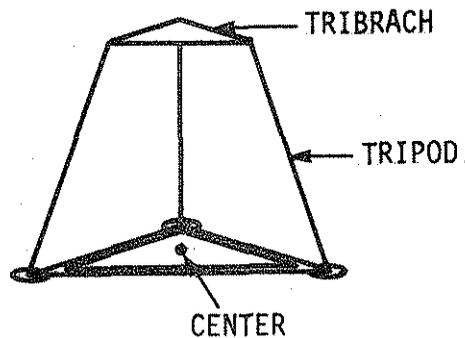


Fig. 22. Rotation method.

However, since a rotatable platform might not be available, the tripod could be mounted on a stand. The center of the stand can then be defined and the tripod, stand, and the like, could be rotated about this point (see Fig. 22).

#### Angle Method

In this method three targets are set about 25 feet from a point  $O$  such that  $\hat{A O B} = \hat{B O C} \cong 90^\circ$ . A precise theodolite is mounted on the tribrach which is to be checked for centering. The angles  $\hat{A O B}$  and  $\hat{B O C}$  are measured accurately after centering over the point  $O$ . Now

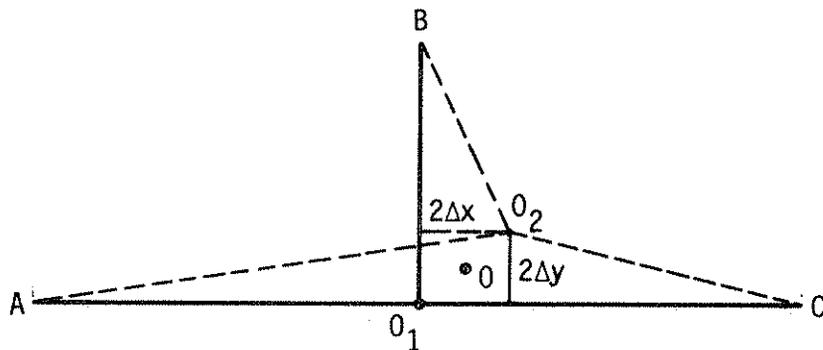


Fig. 23. Angular method.

the tribrach is rotated through  $180^\circ$ , recentered, and the angles are measured. If the two sets of angles are not the same, then the tribrach is out of adjustment.

Supposing the tribrach is out of adjustment, then the 1st set of angles measured is  $\hat{A} O_1 B$  and  $\hat{B} O_1 C$ . The second sets are  $\hat{A} O_2 B$  and  $\hat{B} O_2 C$ . From Fig. 23, since  $A O \gg \Delta X, \Delta Y$

$$\alpha = \hat{A} O_2 B - \hat{A} O_1 B = \left( \frac{2\Delta Y}{A O} \right) - \left( \frac{2\Delta X}{B O} \right)$$

$$\beta = \hat{B} O_2 C - \hat{B} O_1 C = \left( \frac{2\Delta X}{B O} \right) + \left( \frac{2\Delta Y}{C O} \right)$$

if

$$A O = B O = C O = S$$

$$\frac{S}{2} \alpha = \Delta Y - \Delta X$$

$$\frac{S}{2} \beta = \Delta Y + \Delta X$$

$$\Delta Y = \frac{S}{4} (\alpha + \beta) ; \quad \Delta X = \frac{S}{4} (\beta - \alpha)$$

where  $\Delta X$ ,  $\Delta Y$  are the errors in the centering along A C and O B, respectively.

All of the above methods were tested, and it was found that the angle method is the most accurate and the rotation method the least. The plumb bob method was the simplest and the angular method the most difficult.

After adjusting for centering error, any residual or change in centering error could be eliminated by measuring the distances in the forward and backward directions. This can be illustrated as follows

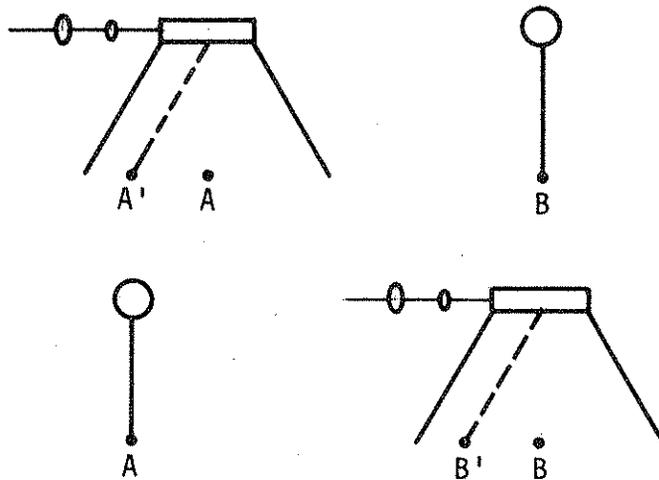


Fig. 24. Compensation for centering error.

Let  $AB$  be the distance measured. The EDM is first set at  $A$  and the reflector at  $B$ . Due to centering error  $A'A$ , the distance measured by the EDM is  $A'B$ . Now the EDM is set at  $B$  and the reflector is set at  $A$ . The centering error  $B'B$  is equal to  $A'A$  and is in the same direction as the line of sight provided that optical plummets are in the same relative positions and the height of the tribrach above the points are the same in both cases.

$$\therefore AB = A'B - A'A$$

in the forward measurement and

$$BA = B'A + B'B$$

in the backward measurement

$$\therefore AB = \frac{A'B + B'A}{2}$$

which is independent of the centering error.

Error Due to Height Measurement

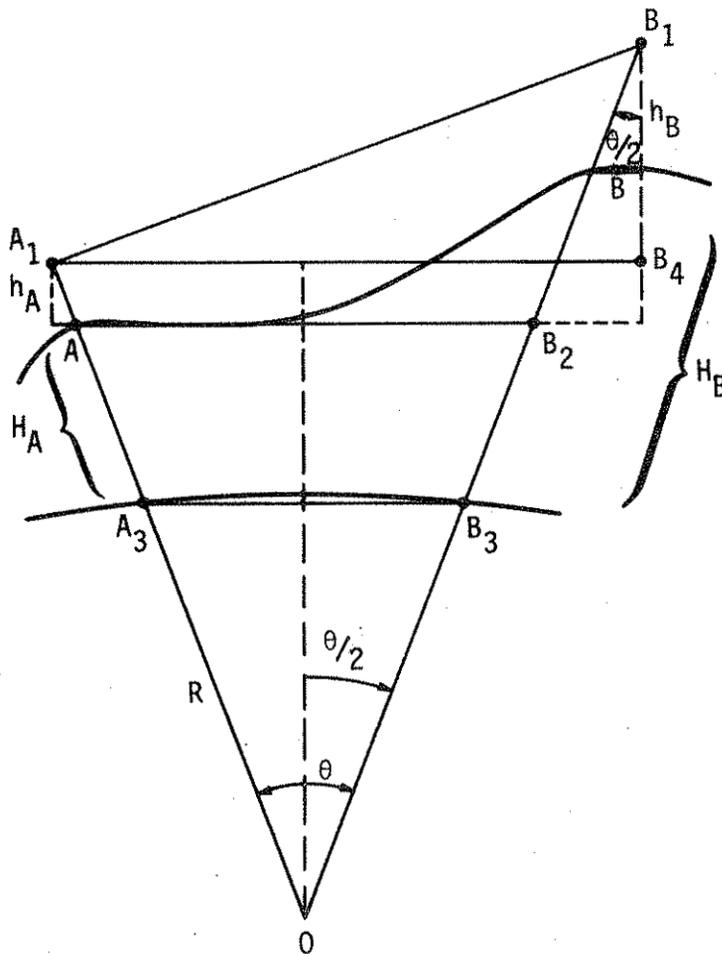


Fig. 25. Reduction to horizontal.

Let  $H_A$  be the height of station  $A$ , and  $H_B$  above mean sea level (MSL), respectively. Let  $L_A$ ,  $L_B$  be the height of instrument at  $A$  and reflector at  $B$ , respectively. The slope distance  $A_1B_1$  measured by EDM has to be reduced to the MSL giving  $A_3B_3$  or reduced to the horizontal giving  $AB_2$ .

The distance  $A_3B_3$  is given by

$$A_3B_3^2 = \frac{A_1B_1^2 - (B_3B_1 - A_3A_1)^2}{\left(1 + \frac{A_3A_1}{R}\right) \left(1 + \frac{B_3B_1}{R}\right)}$$

where  $R = 0 A_3 = 0 B_3$ , the radius of curvature of the reference ellipsoid.

The horizontal distance  $AB_2$  is given by

$$AB_2 = \left[ A_1B_1^2 - (H_A + h_A) - (H_B + h_B)^2 \right]^{1/2} - \left[ (H_A + h_A) - (H_B + h_B) \right] \sin \theta/2$$

where

$$\theta = AB/R$$

$$\theta/2 = 4.935''/1000 \text{ ft (4.935'' per 1000 ft.)}$$

$$AB_2 = \left[ A_1B_1^2 - \left\{ (H_A + h_A) - (H_B + h_B) \right\}^2 \right]^{1/2} - \left[ (H_A + h_A) - (H_B + h_B) \right] \cdot \sin \frac{A_1B_1 \times 4.935''}{1000}$$

Since the distances involved in the EDM calibration are less than one mile,  $AB_2$  is normally used instead of  $A_3B_3$ . For these distances

$$\left[ (H_A + h_A) - (H_B + h_B) \right] \sin \frac{(A_1B_1) \times 4.935}{1000}$$

is negligible.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore AB_2^2 &= A_1 B_1^2 - \left\{ (H_A + h_A) - (H_B + h_B) \right\}^2 \\ &= A_1 B_1^2 - H^2 \end{aligned}$$

The difference in elevation between A and B is H. The error  $\delta(AB_2)$  in  $AB_2$  due to the error in  $\delta(H)$  in H is given by

$$\delta(AB_2) = \frac{H}{AB_2} \delta(H)$$

$$\therefore \text{if } H = 1 \text{ ft, } AB_2 = 500 \text{ ft}$$

Then an error of 0.1 ft in H will give an error of  $1/5000 = 0.02/100 = 0.0002$  ft in  $AB_2$ . Therefore, since the distances measured by EDM have an accuracy of 0.01 ft, an error of  $\pm 0.1$  ft in the height measurement would not significantly affect the calibration of the EDM.

#### Error Due to Measurement of Temperature and Pressure

The refractive index for a light wave is given by

$$n_t \cong 1 + \frac{(n_g - 1)}{1 + \alpha t} \frac{P}{760}$$

$$n_g \cong 1.0003$$

$$\alpha \cong 0.003$$

The error  $\delta t$  in temperature gives an error  $\delta n$  in the refractive index which is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_n &\cong \frac{0.0003}{(1 + \alpha t)^2} \alpha \delta(t) \\ &\cong 0.0003 \times 0.003 \delta t \\ &\cong 9 \times 10^{-7} \delta t\end{aligned}$$

The corresponding error in the distance is

$$\delta S = S(\delta n) \cong S \times 9 \times 10^{-7} \delta t$$

Thus, if  $\delta t = \pm 1^\circ \text{C}$  and  $S = 5000 \text{ ft}$ , then  $\delta S = 5 \times 10^3 \times 9 \times 10^{-7}$   
 $= 45 \times 10^{-4} = 0.0045$ . Similarly the error in distance due to error  
 in  $\delta P$  in pressure is given by  $\delta S = S(0.0003)(\delta P/760)$ . Again, if  
 $s = 5000$ ,  $\delta P = 1 \text{ mm}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}dS &= 5 \times 10^3 \times 0.0003 \times \frac{1}{760} \\ &\cong 15 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{10^{-2}}{7.6} \cong 2 \times 10^{-3} \\ &\cong 0.002\end{aligned}$$

Thus, it could be concluded that since the distances are measured  
 to  $\pm 0.01 \text{ ft.}$ , the error of  $\pm 1^\circ \text{C}$  and  $\pm 1 \text{ mm}$  in temperature and pressure  
 does not significantly affect the measured distances.

## 9. COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR MEASUREMENT REDUCTION



Fig. 26. Baseline stations.

In the EDM calibration using the NGS baseline, the measurements have to be taken to eliminate both blunders and systematic errors. Systematic errors due to optical plummet can be eliminated, as seen earlier, by observing the distances in both directions. These observations in both directions could be used to detect blunders.

Suppose  $H_{F_i}$ ,  $H_{B_i}$  are the horizontal forward and backward distances. Then we have

$$d_i = H_{F_i} - H_{B_i}$$

where  $d_i$  is the difference between the two measurements

$$\therefore \sigma_{d_i}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} d_i^2}{10}$$

where  $\sigma_{d_i}$  is the standard error of the difference in measurements. The value  $t = d_i / \sigma_{d_i}$  satisfies a t-distribution. Therefore, if  $t > t_{\alpha, q}$  then the  $i$ th measurement may be subject to blunders at  $(100 - \alpha)$  to confidence level.

In practice, both the forward and backward distances are measured with equal precision. Thus, if  $\sigma_H$  is the standard error of the horizontal distance, then

$$\sigma_d^2 = 2 \sigma_H^2$$

$$\therefore \sigma_H = \frac{\sigma_d}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$\sigma_H$  could then be used in the calibration program to weight the observations.

The horizontal distance HD is given by

$$\begin{aligned} HD = & \left[ SLD^2 - \left[ (EF + HI) - (EI + HR) \right]^2 \right]^{1/2} \\ & - \left[ (EF + HI) - (EI + HR) \right] \sin \left( SLD \times \frac{4.935}{1000^2} \times \frac{1}{36 \times 57} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where

SLD = slope distance between two stations

EF = elevation of the instrument station (from)

ET = elevation of the target station (to)

HI = height of instrument

HR = height of reflector

In Section 8 it was shown that the correction for refraction error is small and that in modern EDM instruments these corrections are entered in the EDM instrument while taking the measurements. The slope distances given by the EDM instrument are almost free of refraction error and therefore, no correction is required in the reduction.

A computer program in FORTRAN language is written to compute and print the horizontal distances, the differences between forward and backward distances, and the standard error of measurements. Figure 27 shows the flow chart of the program, Appendix VII gives the listing of the programs, and Appendix V and VI give the sample data. Appendix VIII gives sample output.

#### 10. RECONNAISSANCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ISU BASELINE

Before selecting a suitable site in the area, topo sheets and aerial photographs must be studied. It is also important to discuss the suitability of the site with knowledgeable local people such as county surveyors, engineers, farm managers, and the like. The site also must be visited and a preliminary taping done.

##### Sites Selected

The EDM calibration baseline at ISU was selected after carefully reviewing five sites. Figure 28 shows the sites that were considered. In the final selection the following factors were considered.

##### Site 1--Airport Site

Discussions with the airport manager revealed that the future expansion plans for the airport may interfere with the baseline. Also, the heavy traffic may endanger the survey crew.

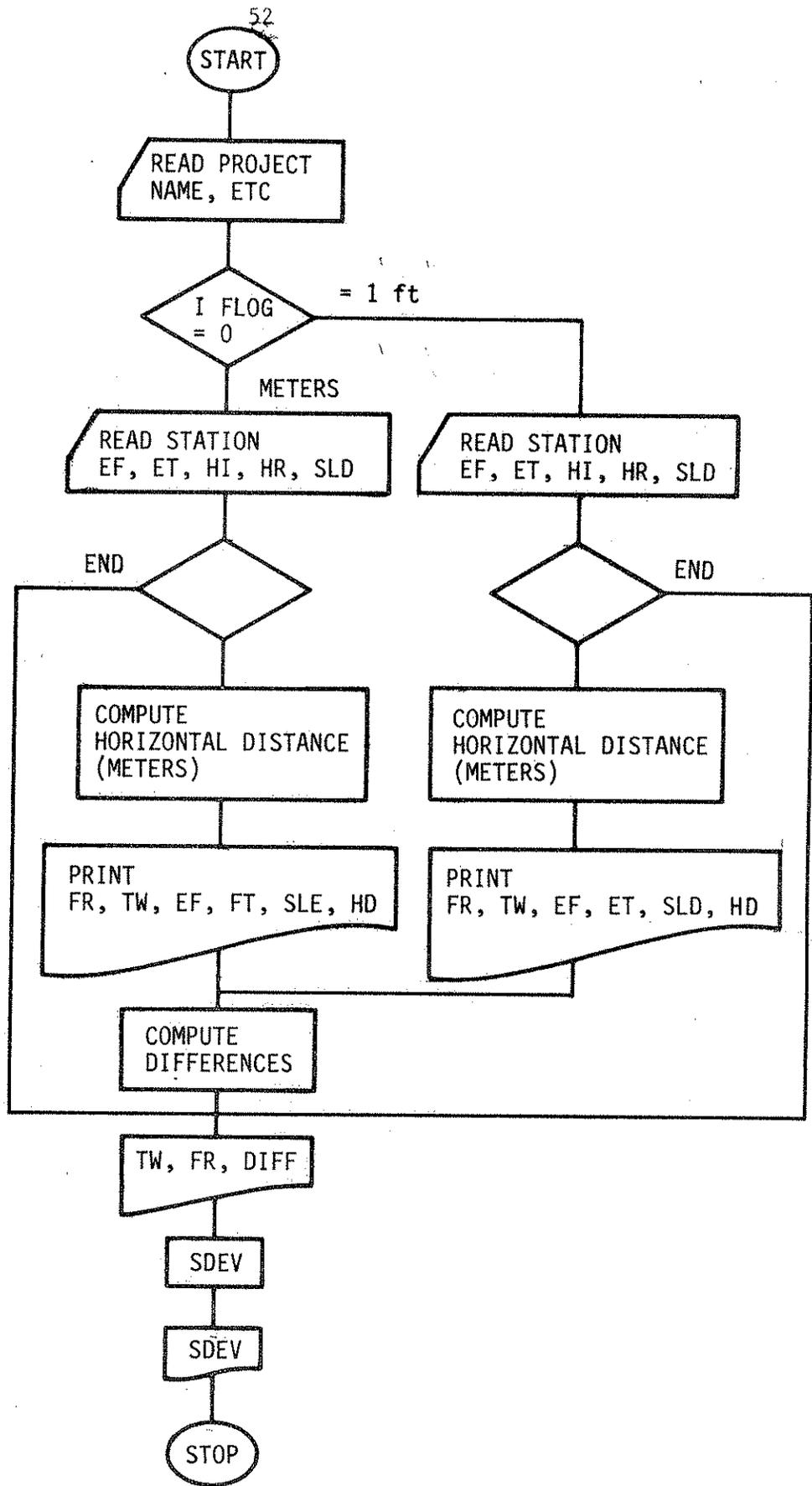


Fig. 27. Flow chart of reduction to horizontal.

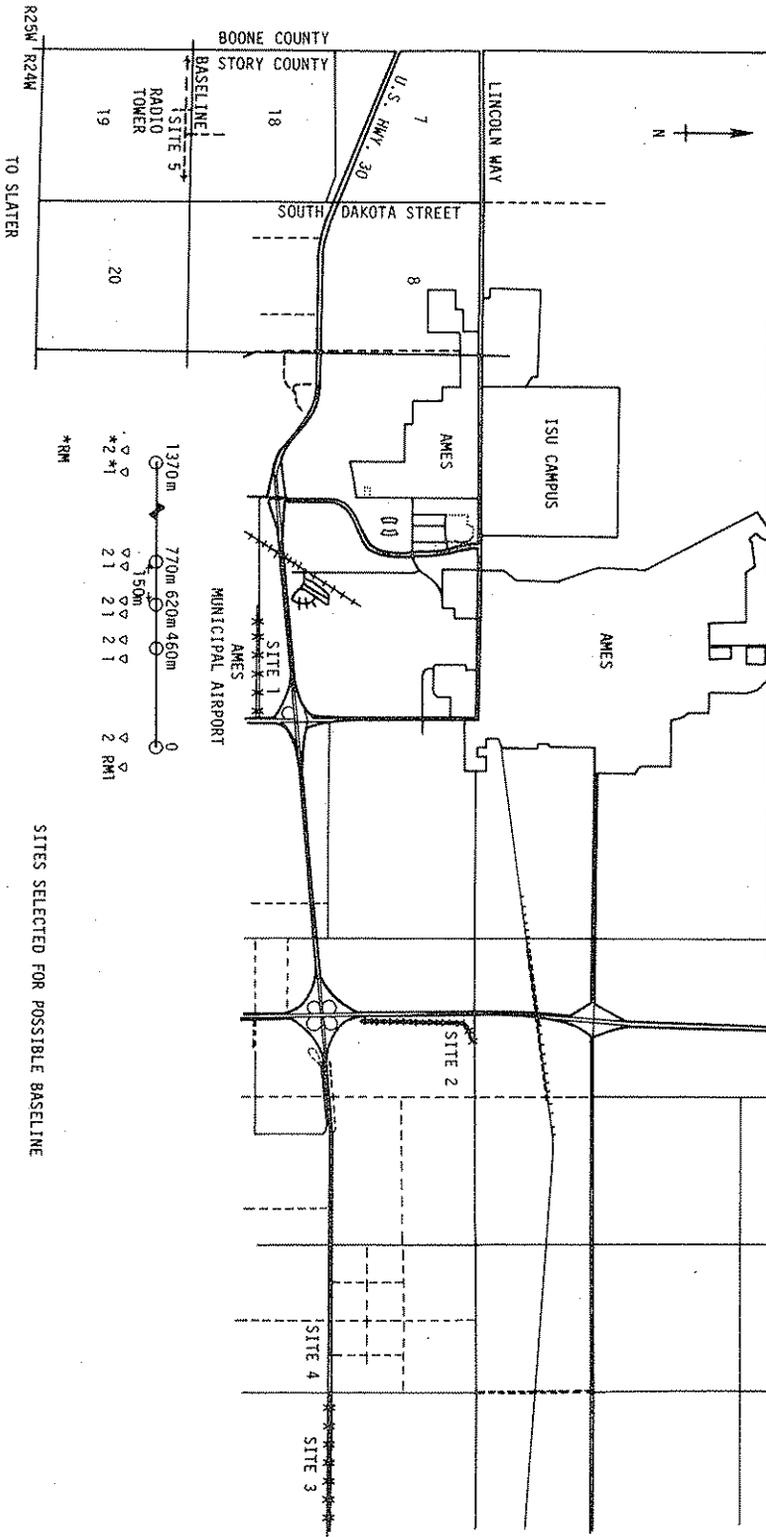


Fig. 28. Sites selected for possible baseline.

Site 2--I-35 Site

Though this site seemed ideal at first, a visit to the site showed the presence of obstructions such as high voltage lines. The terrain was also uneven.

Site 3--I-30 Site

The site was ideal. However, the Department of Transportation personnel objected because the only approach to the middle monuments was from the highway.

Site 4--County Dirt Road Site

Even though this site was ideal, it had to be abandoned because the road is going to be closed. Also landowners of the adjoining tracts objected to the establishment of these monuments.

Site 5--ISU Baseline Site

This site is on a right-of-way ditch along a county road adjoining the ISU farm. The site was good except for the presence of a TV tower at a distance of 500 feet from the baseline. This site was finally selected, even though it may not be suitable for calibrating microwave instruments.

Location

The ISU baseline is two miles south of Lincoln Way in Ames, Iowa. The property is owned by Iowa State University and the most obvious landmark is the WOI radio tower.

To get to the baseline from the north, one takes Lincoln Way to the South Dakota turnoff in West Ames and goes south two miles. The

baseline is located at the north edge of section 19, T83N, R24W, in Story County. The WOI Tower is located in the center of this section.

Traveling from the south, one takes South Dakota north out of Slater four miles (see Fig. 29).

#### Measurement Procedure Adopted to Locate Monuments

The following procedures were used to locate the monuments:

- 1) Preliminary taping was done and approximate positions were marked on the ground.
- 2) The theodolite was set at every point and other points were sighted. The last monument was not visible from the 150 m mark.
- 3) In order to set the marks at visible locations, a profile leveling was performed (see Fig. 30).
- 4) After studying the profile, it was decided to build two mounds, about 2 to 3 feet high at both ends, and position monuments as shown in Fig. 30. This ensured sufficient clearing between the electromagnetic wave and the ground.

#### Establishing Monuments

The monuments were established in the following order:

- 1) The final positions were staked after checking with the EDM for distance and with the theodolite for alignment. The positions were flagged for subsequent drilling.
- 2) Holes were drilled for the monuments and witness monuments.

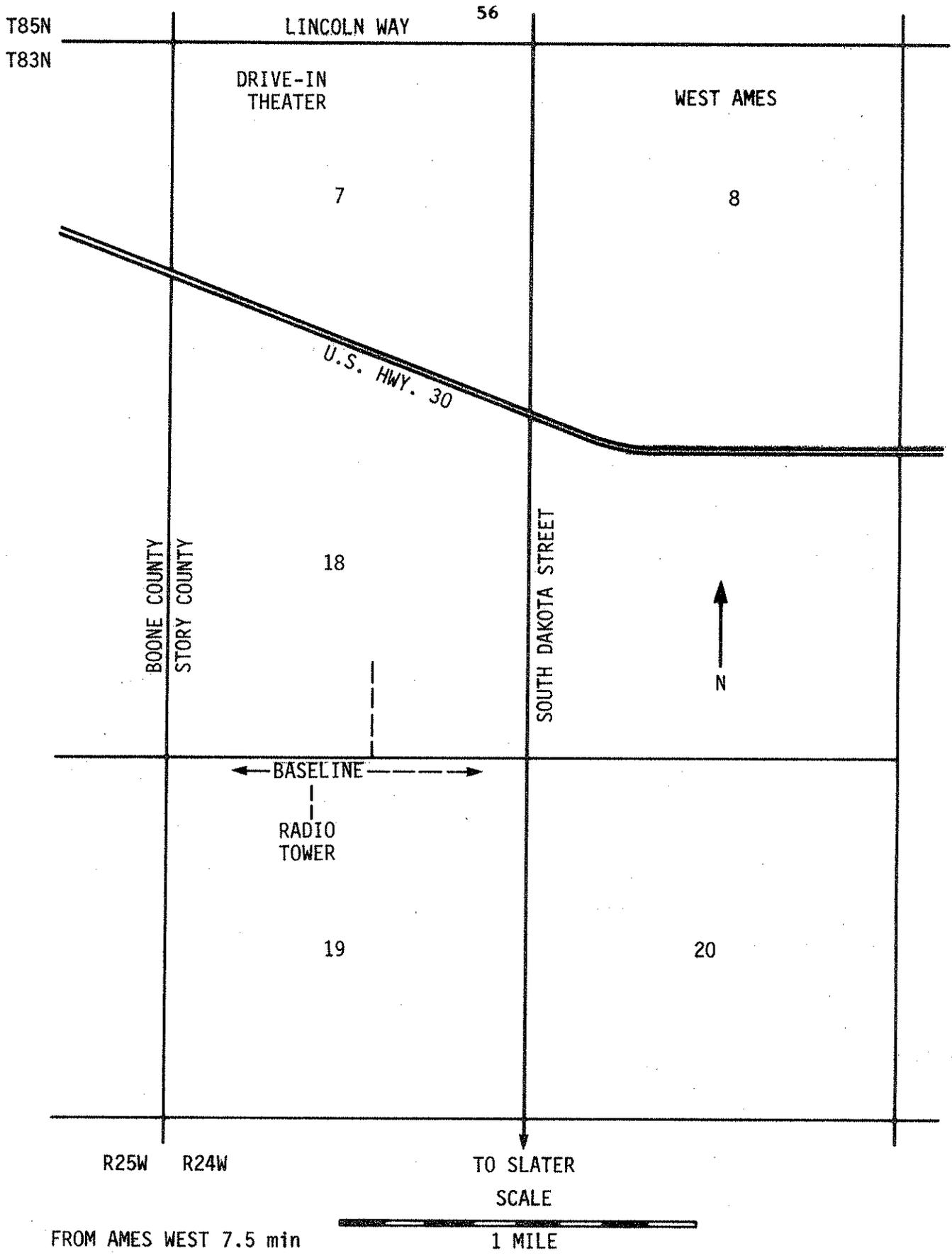


Fig. 29. Baseline location.

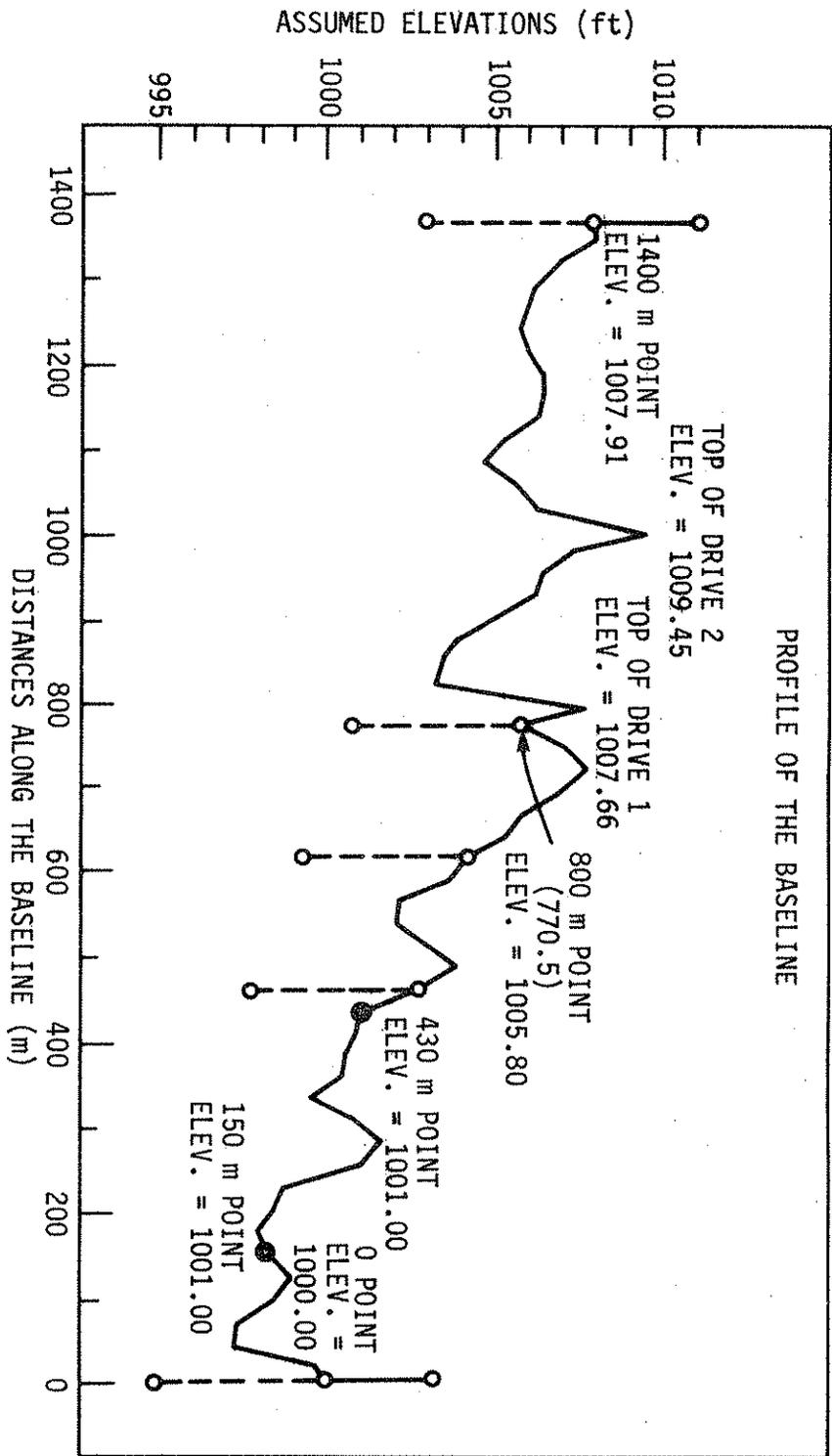


Fig. 30. Profile of the baseline.

- 3) Before setting the monuments in place, the holes were checked for alignment by placing the theodolite at the 770 m mark.
- 4) The positioning of the underground monuments was done with the aid of two stakes, placed exactly 6 ft on either side of the drilled hole. A steel tape was plumbed directly under the center of the tape. The underground monument was set in 6 in. of concrete and positioned with a bent wire affixed to the end of a range pole.
- 5) The positioning of the surface monuments and reference monuments was done three days after the underground monuments were set.

Two inches of sand was placed over the bottom for protection and the 5-ft-deep hole was then filled with ready-mix concrete. Positioning of the surface monuments was done in the same manner as the underground monument except the theodolite was used to ensure the placing of the monuments on line (see Figs. 31, 32, and 33). The theodolite was set up over one of the two stakes sighted on a range pole at the center of the range, and then the cap was set on line with the cross hairs of the instrument. The proper distance was reset at the center of a tape stretched between two stakes.

The initial and the 1370 m stations were elevated with the aid of concrete forms (see Fig. 33) set over the drilled holes and filled to a height of 3 ft above the normal ground surface. After the concrete hardened, these forms were removed and a mound built around the monument.

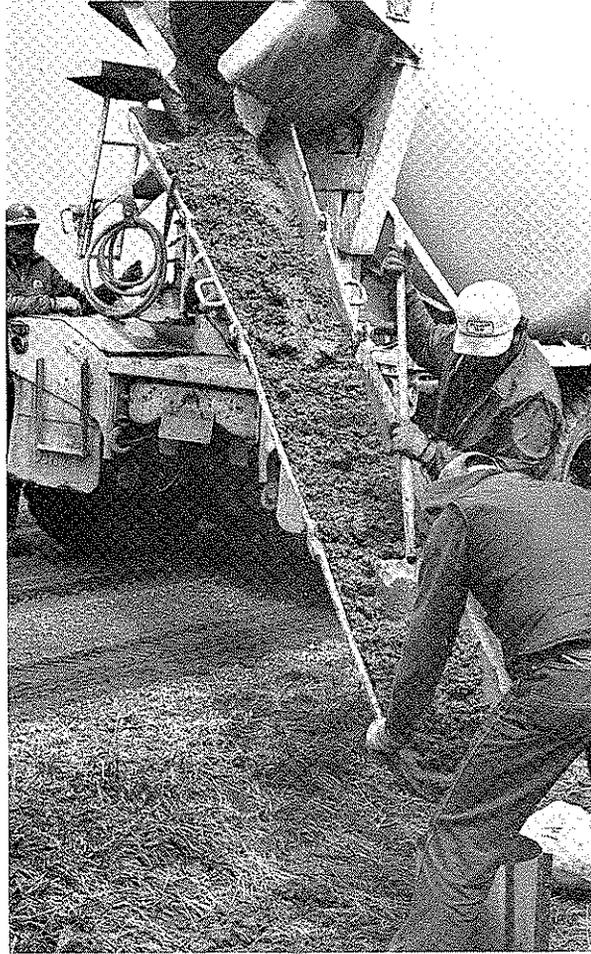


Fig. 31. Final adjustment.



Fig. 32. Positioning the monument.



Fig. 33. Filling the form.

In the final layout of the ISU baseline, the spacing is approximately 461 m (1513 ft), 620 m (2035 ft), 770 m (2528 ft), and 1369 m (4492 ft) from the initial point that lies on the east end of the line (Fig. 34).

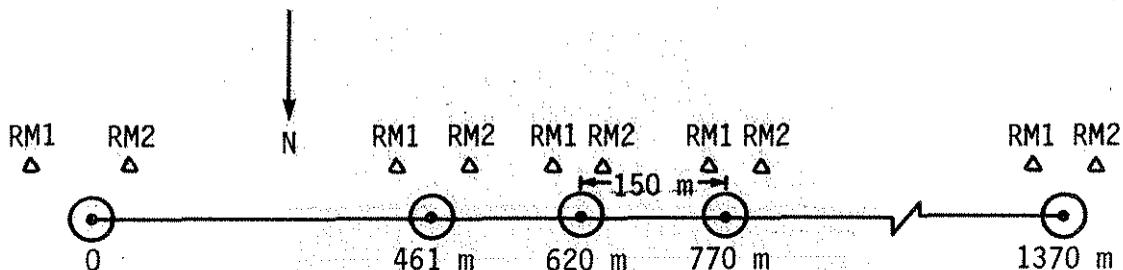


Fig. 34. ISU baseline.

To insure relocation of destroyed monuments, two precautions were taken: reference marks were set at each station for approximate relocation, and an underground monument was set directly under the surface monument for precise relocation. Table 5 gives the distances to the reference points and Fig. 35 shows the monument construction.

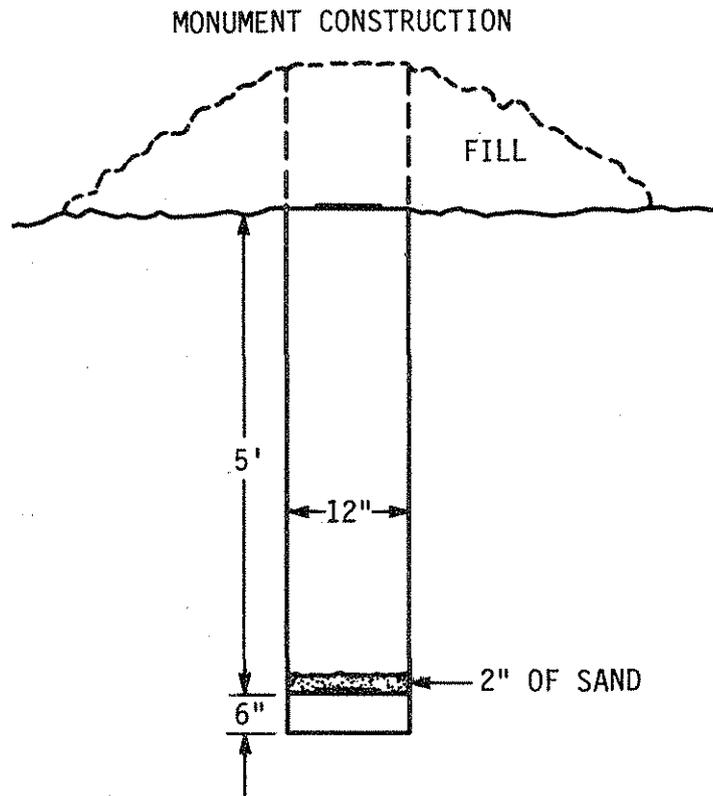


Fig. 35. Monument construction.

Table 5. Reference mark positioning.

Station	RM	Distance
0	1	20.9'
	2	16.5'
460	1	21.3'
	2	18.7'
620	1	16.4'
	2	16.5'
770	1	19.2'
	2	12.0'
1370	1	17.6'
	2	18.1'

Setting the Monuments and Establishing the Baseline

Three phases of monument location were undertaken: hole drilling, underground monument location, and surface monument location.

The hole drilling was performed after all stations were staked and marked with ribbon for easy identification. Holes were drilled by the Iowa DOT with a 1-ft-diameter earth drill, 5-ft deep. Reference mark holes were drilled 6 in. in diameter, 4-ft deep.

Surveying students at ISU, David Varner and John Dierksen, completed the reconnaissance in February 1981. The monuments were established in spring 1981. John Dierksen et al., the staff of ISU Physical Plant, and the staff of Iowa DOT were involved in establishing the monuments. In May 1981, Joel Dresel and Robert Lyon measured the distances and elevation differences between the monuments. In October 1982, an NGS team of two plus four ISU students (Scott Kool, etc.) measured the distances and elevation differences between the monuments. The 150 m distance between monuments B and C was measured with two Invar tapes by the NGS team. They also measured all distances between monuments using both HP 3808 and MA 100 EDM. A first order observation procedure was used in these measurements. These measurements were reduced and least-squares adjustment was done. The final results were then published by NGS (see Appendix IX).

Also in October 1982, Scott Kool and Robert Lyon did a third order leveling between monuments E and an existing bench mark "IHC" on Highway 30 (see Fig. 36). Table 6 gives the elevation of E and Table 7

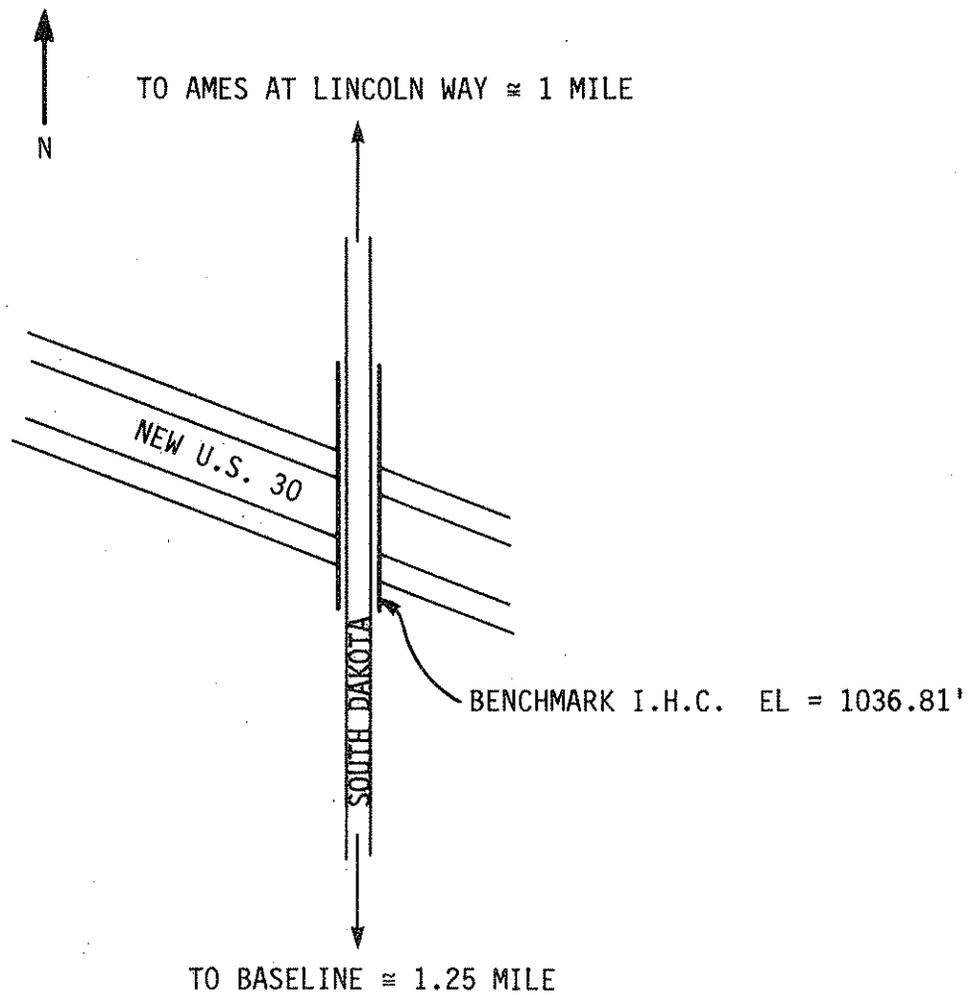


Fig. 36. Benchmark IHC.

compares the elevation differences between monuments as obtained by Scott Kool, the NGS team, and Joel Dresel.

Table 6. Mean sea level elevation of monument E(O).

Forward leveling difference between IHC & E	= 13.958 ft.
Backward leveling difference between IHC & E	= 13.927
Mean difference in elevation between IHC & E	= 13.9425
Elevation of IHC	= 1036.81
Elevation of E	= 1050.75

Table 7. Comparison of leveling between monuments.

	NGS 1982	Scott 1982	Joel 1981
B - A	3.398 ft.	3.406 ft.	3.43 ft.
C - B	0.672 ft.	0.663 ft.	0.65 ft.
D - C	1.030 ft.	1.042 ft.	1.04 ft.
E - D	3.116 ft.	3.147 ft.	3.16 ft.

## 11. OBSERVATION PROCEDURE

The objective of the measurement procedure should be to obtain all possible combinations of distances between the monuments under normal operations procedures. These measurements can then be used to

- a) determine the horizontal distances

- b) estimate the precision of observations
- c) estimate the constant and the scale factors.

The following procedure was used to obtain all possible combinations of distances:

- 1) The tripod with a tribrach was set over each station (see Fig. 37). The centering is performed with the line of sight of the optical plummet pointing the same direction.

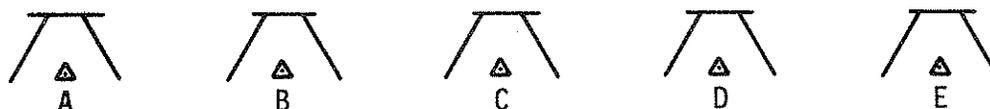


Fig. 37. Tripod set-up.

- 2) The EDM was positioned at one station at a time, and readings were taken to all other stations by moving the prism. Only two tribrach should be used, one with the EDM and the other with the reflector.
- 3) Height of instrument, height of reflector, temperature, and pressure readings were taken for each shot.
- 4) The known prism constant and the computed atmospheric correction factor were set in the instrument for each reading.
- 5) The set of readings are recorded as in Fig. 38.

## 12. PERIODIC MEASUREMENT AND CALIBRATION OF EDM

In order to monitor any possible movement of the monuments and to document the instrument history, the baseline was measured by using both Leitz Red EDM and HP 3800 instruments in July and November of 1982, and March, July, and October of 1983. The observations in July



1983 were made using HP 3800 belonging to the Iowa DOT while all other observations were made using the HP 3800 and Leitz Red EDM belonging to ISU. In May 1981 observations were made using only the Red EDM. All observations used the same triple prism. John Jennison, James Otto, Kostas Kiriakopoulos, Scott Kool, Joel Dresek, and Leon Cornelis were involved in these measurements. All measurements were reduced using the reduction to horizontal program (RDHZ). If the differences between the backward and forward measurements of any distance was greater than the  $(t_{1,9}) \cdot (\text{standard error of the differences})$ , then that particular observation was checked for blunders, and the like, and if necessary, reobserved. A new reduction was then completed using new observations. Table 8 gives the mean of the forward and backward measurements.

These measurements were also used to calibrate the EDMs periodically using the calibration program. Table 9 summarizes the calibration results. It also gives the standard error of the adjustment, the calibrated lengths and their standard errors, the calibrated instrument constants and their standard errors. For comparison, Table 10 also includes the NGS calibrated lengths of the baseline.

### 13. ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS

According to the manufacturers, both the Red EDM and HP 3800 have an accuracy of  $\pm 3$  mm. Thus after elimination of any of the blunders

$$\chi^2 = \left( \frac{\text{Std error of the difference}}{(\sqrt{2})(3)} \right)^2 > \chi_{0.01,9}^2 = 21$$

Table 8. Periodic baseline measurements.

	Summer 1981	Summer 1982 (M)	Fall 1982 (M)	March 1983 (M)	July 1983 (M)	October 1983 (M)
	<u>Hewlett Packard Observations</u>					
AB		598.7495	598.7485	598.7468	598.7402	598.7421
AC		748.9020	748.9030	748.9005	748.8963	748.9004
AD		908.1350	908.1350	908.1307	908.1248	908.1274
AE		1369.2500	1369.2520	1369.2449	1369.2332	1369.2434
BC		150.1500	150.1580	150.1607	150.1507	150.1602
BD		309.3820	309.3980	309.3910	309.3838	309.3909
BE		770.4975	770.5062	770.5088	770.4949	770.4982
CD		159.2265	159.2320	159.2308	159.2260	159.2301
CE		620.3415	620.3460	620.3460	620.3349	620.3426
DE		461.1060	461.1060	461.1111	461.1127	461.1058
	<u>Leitz Red EDM Observations</u>					
AB	598.746	598.752	598.745	598.7428	598.7502	498.7447
AC	748.904	748.906	748.902	748.9060	748.8989	748.9010
AD	908.136	908.134	908.130	908.1367	908.1433	908.1328
AE	1369.253	1369.252	1369.234	1369.2545	1369.2385	1369.2516
BC	150.162	150.164	150.158	150.1595	150.1577	150.1607
BD	309.393	309.392	309.390	309.3946	309.3936	309.3921
BE	770.507	770.504	770.499	770.5030	770.5000	770.5025
CD	159.234	159.232	159.235	159.2347	159.2329	159.2368
CE	620.350	620.349	620.343	620.3467	620.3463	620.3476
ED	461.116	461.118	461.111	461.1169	461.1233	461.1154

Table 9. Monitoring baseline and EDM1.

	Summer		Fall		Spring		Summer		Fall	
	July 1982	November 1982	March 1983	July 1983*	October 1983					
	(Value) <sup>m</sup> (Standard error) <sup>mm</sup>									
	HP									
W	461.112 ± 0.9	461.113 ± 1.0	461.114 ± 0.8	461.114 ± 0.8	461.113 ± 0.9					
X	159.232 ± 0.8	159.233 ± 1.0	159.232 ± 0.8	159.231 ± 0.8	159.232 ± 0.8					
Y	150.157 ± 0.9	150.158 ± 1.0	150.158 ± 0.8	150.157 ± 0.8	150.158 ± 0.8					
Z	598.746 ± 0.9	598.744 ± 1.1	598.744 ± 0.9	598.744 ± 0.9	598.744 ± 0.8					
C	-0.00640 m ± 1.5 mm	-0.002 m ± 2.3 mm	0.001 m ± 1.4 mm	-0.002 m ± 1.4 mm	-0.0002 m ± 1.0 mm					
S	6 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 2 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	2 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 3 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	-2.5 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 2 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	-5.95 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 2.2 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	-4.7 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 2 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>					
σ <sub>01</sub>	0.0032	0.0035	0.0031	0.0029	0.003					
	Red									
W	461.113 ± 1.0	461.113 ± 0.8	461.113 ± 1.2	461.113 ± 1.6	461.113 ± 1.4					
X	159.231 ± 1.0	159.232 ± 0.8	159.232 ± 1.2	159.232 ± 1.5	159.232 ± 1.4					
Y	150.157 ± 1.0	150.157 ± 0.8	150.158 ± 1.2	150.157 ± 1.5	150.157 ± 1.4					
Z	598.745 ± 1.0	598.745 ± 0.8	598.744 ± 1.2	598.745 ± 1.6	598.744 ± 1.5					
C	0.0041 m ± 1.8 mm	0.005 m ± 1.7 mm	0.001 m ± 2.1 mm	0.005 m ± 3 mm	0.002 m ± 2.5 mm					
S	0.41 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 2.9 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	-13.15 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 2.6 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 3.3 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	-4.3 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 4.9 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.5 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> ± 4 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>					
σ <sub>01</sub>	0.0039	0.0026	0.004	0.0056	0.0053					

Table 10. NGS (1982) vs. ISU (1981) baseline distances.

	NGS		Red 81	
	m	mm	m	mm
W	461.1134 ± 0.4 mm		461.1136 ± 0.5 mm	
X	159.2323 ± 0.4 mm		159.2325 ± 0.5 mm	
Y	150.1576 ± 0.2 mm		150.1578 ± 0.5 mm	
Z	598.7442 ± 0.4 mm		598.7439 ± 0.5 mm	
C			1.7 ± .8 mm	
S			$1.8 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.4 \times 10^{-6}$	
$\sigma$			0.0018	

then the malfunction of the instrument, such as centering error, should be suspected. Since  $\sigma_1^2/\sigma_0^2$  satisfies a chi-square distribution  $\chi_{\alpha,n}^2$ , all observations satisfied this test. Based on periodic measurements, it was found that if the difference between the forward and backward measurement is greater than 1.5 cm, then the observation should be repeated. The most serious problem was the centering error or the failure to enter the atmospheric correction. In all cases repetition of the observation eliminated the problem.

In analyzing  $\Delta C/\sigma_{\Delta C} > t_{0.01,14} = 2.62$ , it was found (see Table 9) that the values of C for HP in July 1982 were significant at 99%, whereas the values of Red EDM were significant for November 1982. In analyzing  $\Delta s/\sigma_{\Delta S} > t_{0.01,14} = 2.62$ , it was found that the value of S was significant

for observations using HP in July 1982 and July 1983. S was significant for Red EDM for November 1982.

In analyzing  $\Delta W/\sigma_{\Delta W}$ ,  $\Delta X/\sigma_{\Delta X}$ ,  $\Delta Y/\sigma_{\Delta Y}$ ,  $\Delta Z/\sigma_{\Delta Z}$ ,  $> t_{0.01,14} = 2.62$ , there were no significant changes at 99% confidence level.

In analyzing  $\sigma_{02}/\sigma_{01} > F_{0.01,14,14} = 3.7$ , no significant changes were found for HP measurements. In the Red EDM there were also no significant changes from July 1982 to October 1983, but comparing May 1981 to July 1983, there was a significant change. But on the other hand,  $\sigma_{01}^2/\sigma_0^2 = \chi^2(\alpha, N)$  since  $\sigma_0 = 3$  mm for Red EDM and  $\chi^2(0.01, 14) = 29$ , the  $\sigma_{01} = 5.6$  mm is not significant.

#### 14. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The HP measurements indicated that there was no movement of the monuments. The large change of  $\sigma_0$  in the Red EDM from 1981 to 1983 may be due to cyclic effect or malfunction of the refraction correction device. It could be concluded that observations by at least two EDM is necessary to evaluate any monument movement.

The significant changes in C and S for both the HP and Red EDM conclusively illustrate the usefulness of EDM calibration. These changes may be due to frequency drift of the carrier wave as well to internal movement of the electronics.

Precautions have to be taken to prevent any centering error. Comparing forward and backward measurement is an effective method of detecting any error in centering.

The EDM calibration baseline which has been established can only be used to determine the scale and constant errors, but not the cyclic errors. The present baseline could be modified to determine the cyclic error. One method is to build a 10-m long and 5-ft-high wall at one end of the baseline with facility to move the prism every 10 to 50 cms. Another method is to set up monuments every 1 m, 2 m, 3 m, 4 m, and 5 m on either side of the five monuments. It is recommended that these methods be studied and the baseline and computer program be modified to determine the scale, constant, and cyclic error of an EDM simultaneously.

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## APPENDIX I

## Input for Calibration Program

## INPUT FOR CALIBRATION

Name of Instrument, Name of Baseline  
 Name of Organization, Name of Observer  
 Date of Observation

Calibrated value of 0-460, its weight; calibrated value of 460-620,  
 its weight; calibrated value of 620-770, its weight; calibrated value  
 of 770-1370, its weight; correction for scale of unknown, its weight;  
 correction for known constant, its weight

observed distance, its weight

observed distance, its weight

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observed distance, its weight

-1 , 0

**APPENDIX II**  
**Sample Input Data**

100	HP, ISU
200	I. S. U. , JENNISON-OTTO
300	10/16/83
400	461.1134,10,159.2322,10,150.1576,10,598.7442,10,0,0,0,0
1000	598.7437,1
1100	748.9018,1
1200	908.1296,1
1300	1369.2408,1
1400	598.7406,1
1500	150.1595,1
1600	309.3897,1
1700	770.5001,1
1800	748.8990,1
1900	150.1609,1
2000	159.2326,1
2100	620.3444,1
2200	908.1251,1
2300	309.3921,1
2400	159.2276,1
2500	461.1005,1
2600	1369.246,1
2700	770.4963,1
2800	620.3408,1
2900	461.1032,1
3000	-1.0

**APPENDIX III**  
**Listing of Calibration Program**

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100 10 rem
200 20 rem This is a EDM1 calibration program giving the constant and scale
300 30 REM BY THE SECTION METHOD. THIS USES REDUCED DISTANCE AND REL. WEIGHTS
400 40 REM OBSERVED DISTANCES NEED WEIGHTS. THE SECTION DISTANCE HAS TO BE
500 50 REM ESTIMATED AND CAN BE WEIGHTED IF KNOWN. THE CONSTANT AND SCALE CAN
600 60 REM ALSO BE WEIGHTED, IF KNOWN.
700 70 dim d(10), a(26,6), b(6,26), p(26,26), c(6,26)
800 80 dim e(6,6), l(26,1), f(6,1), g(6,6), h(6,1), q(26,1)
900 90 dim v(26,1), u(1,26), r(1,26), t(1,1)
1000 100 INPUT "NAME OF INSTRUMENT AND BASE LINE", A$, B$
1100 110 INPUT "NAME OF ORGANIZATION AND OBSERVER", C$, E$
1200 120 INPUT "DATE OF OBSERVATION", D$
1300 130 PRINT TAB(30); "INSTRUMENT:", A$
1400 140 PRINT
1500 150 PRINT TAB(30); "-----"
1600 160 PRINT
1700 170 PRINT TAB(30); "BASELINE:", B$
1800 180 PRINT
1900 190 PRINT TAB(30); "-----"
2000 200 PRINT
2100 210 PRINT TAB(10); "OBSERVER:"; TAB(1); E$
2200 220 PRINT TAB(45); "ORGANIZATION:"; TAB(1); C$
2300 230 PRINT TAB(10); "-----"
2400 240 PRINT
2500 250 PRINT TAB(15); "DATE OF OBSERVATION:", D$
2600 260 PRINT
2700 270 PRINT TAB(15); "-----"
2800 280 PRINT
2900 290 I=0
3000 300 mat read d
3100 310 mat a=zer
3200 320 mat l=zer
3300 330 mat p=zer
3400 340 input w,w1,x,w2,y,w3,z,w4,s0,w5,c0,w6
3500 350 PRINT
3600 360 PRINT " "
3700 370 PRINT TAB(30); "OBSERVATIONS BY EDM1"
3800 380 PRINT
3900 390 PRINT TAB(30); "-----"
4000 400 PRINT
4100 410 print " "
4200 420 print tab(15); "TRUE VALUES"; tab(45); "WEIGHT"
4300 430 print
4400 440 print tab(15); "-----"; tab(45); "-----"
4500 450 print
4600 460 print tab(18); "W=",
4700 470 print using "###.###", w,
4800 480 print tab(47); w1
4900 490 print
5000 500 print tab(18); "X=",
5100 510 print using "###.###", x,
5200 520 print tab(47); w2
5300 530 print
5400 540 print tab(18); "Y=",
5500 550 print using "###.###", y,
5600 560 print tab(47); w3
5700 570 print
5800 580 print tab(18); "Z=",
5900 590 print using "###.###", z,
6000 600 print tab(47); w4
6100 610 print
6200 620 print tab(15); "OBSERVED VALUES"; tab(45); "WEIGHT"
6300 630 print
6400 640 print tab(15); "-----"; tab(45); "-----"
6500 650 print
6600 660 input s,w0

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6700 670 if s(0) then 1270
6800 680 print " "
6900 690 print tab(20);
7000 700 print using "####.####", s,
7100 710 print tab(47);w0
7200 720 s=s-s*s0-c0
7300 730 i=i+1
7400 740 s(i,5)=s
7500 750 s(i,6)=1
7600 760 p(i,i)=w0
7700 770 if s(d(1)) then 920
7800 780 if s(d(2)) then 950
7900 790 if s(d(3)) then 980
8000 800 if s(d(4)) then 1020
8100 810 if s(d(5)) then 1050
8200 820 if s(d(6)) then 1080
8300 830 if s(d(7)) then 1130
8400 840 if s(d(8)) then 1170
8500 850 if s(d(9)) then 1220
8600 860 s(i,1)=1
8700 870 s(i,2)=1
8800 880 s(i,3)=1
8900 890 s(i,4)=1
9000 900 l(i,1)=s-w-x-y-z
9100 910 go to 650
9200 920 s(i,3)=1
9300 930 l(i,1)=s-y
9400 940 go to 650
9500 950 s(i,2)=1
9600 960 l(i,1)=s-x
9700 970 go to 650
9800 980 s(i,3)=1
9900 990 s(i,2)=1
10000 1000 l(i,1)=s-x-y
10100 1010 go to 650
10200 1020 s(i,1)=1
10300 1030 l(i,1)=s-w
10400 1040 go to 650
10500 1050 s(i,4)=1
10600 1060 l(i,1)=s-z
10700 1070 go to 650
10800 1080 s(i,1)=1
10900 1090 s(i,1)=1
11000 1100 s(i,2)=1
11100 1110 l(i,1)=s-w-x
11200 1120 go to 650
11300 1130 s(i,3)=1
11400 1140 s(i,4)=1
11500 1150 l(i,1)=s-y-z
11600 1160 go to 650
11700 1170 s(i,1)=1
11800 1180 s(i,2)=1
11900 1190 s(i,3)=1
12000 1200 l(i,1)=s-w-x-y
12100 1210 go to 650
12200 1220 s(i,2)=1
12300 1230 s(i,3)=1
12400 1240 s(i,4)=1
12500 1250 l(i,1)=s-x-y-z
12600 1260 go to 650
12700 1270 i=i+1
12800 1280 p(i,i)=w1
12900 1290 s(i,1)=1
13000 1300 i=i+1
13100 1310 p(i,i)=w2

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13200 1320 a(i,2)=1
13300 1330 i=i+1
13400 1340 a(i,3)=1
13500 1350 p(i,i)=w3
13600 1360 i=i+1
13700 1370 a(i,4)=1
13800 1380 p(i,i)=w4
13900 1390 i=i+1
14000 1400 a(i,5)=1
14100 1410 p(i,i)=w5
14200 1420 i=i+1
14300 1430 a(i,6)=1
14400 1440 p(i,i)=w6
14500 1450 mat b=trn(a)
14600 1460 mat c=b#p
14700 1470 mat e=c#e
14800 1480 mat f=c#i
14900 1490 mat g=inv(e)
15000 1500 mat h=g#f
15100 1510 mat a=a#h
15200 1520 mat v=1-a
15300 1530 mat u=trn(v)
15400 1540 mat r=u#p
15500 1550 mat t=r#v
15600 1560 s1=t(1,1)/(i-6)
15700 1570 s2=sor(s1)
15800 1580 PRINT " "
15900 1590 PRINT " "
16000 1600 PRINT TAB(30);"CALIBRATED LENGTHS"
16100 1610 PRINT
16200 1620 PRINT TAB(29);"-----"
16300 1630 PRINT
16400 1640 FOR I= 1 TO 6
16500 1650 FOR K= 1 TO 6
16600 1660 G(I,K)=S1#G(I,K)
16700 1670 NEXT K
16800 1680 NEXT I
16900 1690 DATA 155,175,325,465,605,625,755,775,925,1405
17000 1700 FOR I=1 TO 6
17100 1710 G(I,I)=SOR(G(I,I))
17200 1720 NEXT I
17300 1730 W=W+H(1,1)
17400 1740 X=X+H(2,1)
17500 1750 Y=Y+H(3,1)
17600 1760 Z=Z+H(4,1)
17700 1770 S0=S0+H(5,1)
17800 1780 C0=C0+H(6,1)
17900 1790 print "INSTRUMENT CONSTANTS: C=",
18000 1800 PRINT USING"##.#####",C0
18100 1810 PRINT TAB(23);"S=",
18200 1820 PRINT USING"##.#####",S0
18300 1830 PRINT "STD.ERROR OF CONSTANTS:SIG C=";TAB(1);
18400 1840 PRINT USING"##.#####",G(6,6)
18500 1850 PRINT TAB(28);"SIG S=";TAB(1);
18600 1860 PRINT USING"##.#####",G(5,5)
18700 1870 PRINT "BASE LINE CONSTANTS:";TAB(1);
18800 1880 PRINT USING"#####",W
18900 1890 PRINT TAB(20);
19000 1900 PRINT USING"#####",X
19100 1910 PRINT TAB(20);
19200 1920 PRINT USING"#####",Y
19300 1930 PRINT TAB(20);
19400 1940 PRINT USING"#####",Z
19500 1950 print "STD.ERROR OFF CONSTANTS: ";tab(1);
19600 1960 PRINT USING"##.#####",G(1,1)

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19700 1970 PRINT TAB(25);
19800 1980 PRINT USING"##.#####",G(2,2)
19900 1990 PRINT TAB(25);
20000 2000 PRINT USING"##.#####",G(3,3)
20100 2010 PRINT TAB(25);
20200 2020 PRINT USING"##.#####",G(4,4)
20300 2030 FOR I=1 TO 50
20400 2040 PRINT " "
20500 2050 NEXT I
20600 2060 PRINT "VARIANCE COVARIANCE MATRIX"
20700 2070 FOR I=1 TO 6
20900 2090 G(I,I)=G(I,I)*G(I,I)
21100 2100 PRINT USING"##.#####", G(I,1),G(I,2),G(I,3),G(I,4),G(I,5),G(I,6)
21200 2110 NEXT I
21300 2130 print "APRIORI RESIDUALS"
21400 2140 MAT PRINT L
21500 2150 print "RESIDUALS AFTER ADJUSTMENT"
21600 2160 MAT PRINT V
21700 2170 print "STD.ERROR OF UNITY WEIGHT:";
21800 2180 print using"##.#####",S2
21900 2190 END
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APPENDIX IV

Sample Output from Calibration Forms

INSTRUMENT: RET 1A

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BASELINE: ISU BASELINE  
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OBSERVER: JENNISON-OTTO

ORGANIZATION: ISU  
-----DATE OF OBSERVATION: 10/16/1983  
-----OBSERVATIONS BY EDM1  
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TRUE VALUES	WEIGHT
N= 461.1134	10
X= 159.2323	10
Y= 150.1576	10
Z= 598.7442	10
OBSERVED VALUES	WEIGHT
598.7491	1
748.9059	1
908.1387	1
1369.2493	1
598.7404	1
150.1686	1
309.3964	1
770.5063	1
748.8961	1

150.1529	1
159.2407	1
620.3544	1
908.1269	1
309.3877	1
159.2329	1
461.1105	1
1369.2538	1
770.4987	1
620.3408	1
461.1124	1

CALIBRATED LENGTHS

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INSTRUMENT CONSTANTS: C= 0.0024536406  
S= -0.0000015312  
STD.ERROR OF CONSTANTS: SIG C= 0.0024743900  
SIG S= 0.0000040136  
BASE LINE CONSTANTS: 461.11365  
159.23255  
150.15736  
598.74400  
STD.ERROR OFF CONSTANTS: 0.0014697303  
0.0014102159  
0.0014177003  
0.0015449026

## VARIANCE COVARIANCE MATRIX

0.00000021601  
 -0.00000000396  
 0.00000002359  
 0.00000004595  
 -0.00000000019  
 -0.00000000040  
 -0.00000000396  
 0.00000019887  
 -0.00000000523  
 0.00000002647  
 -0.00000000010  
 -0.00000006584  
 0.00000002359  
 -0.00000000523  
 0.00000020099  
 0.00000000354  
 -0.00000000011  
 -0.00000005910  
 0.00000004595  
 0.00000002647  
 0.00000000354  
 0.00000023887  
 -0.00000000027  
 0.00000003264  
 -0.00000000019  
 -0.00000000010  
 -0.00000000011  
 -0.00000000027

0.00000000000  
 -0.00000000067  
 -0.00000000040  
 -0.00000006584  
 -0.00000005910  
 0.00000003264  
 -0.00000000067  
 0.00000061226

## PRIORI RESIDUALS

.0049  
 .0041  
 .0046  
 .0010  
 -.0038  
 .011  
 .0065  
 .003  
 -.0057  
 -.0047  
 .0084  
 .0087  
 -.0072  
 -.0022  
 .0006  
 .0051  
 .0063  
 -.0042  
 -.0047  
 -.001

00  
 00  
 00  
 00  
 00

## RESIDUALS AFTER ADJUSTMENT

.356168E-02  
.32325E-02  
.372894E-02  
.138433E-02  
-.513833E-02  
.901719E-02  
.451382E-02  
.146902E-02  
-.856757E-02  
-.668264E-02  
.594281E-02  
.669821E-02  
-.807108E-02  
-.418639E-02  
-.10572E-02  
.310177E-02  
.588434E-02  
-.006131  
-.690101E-02  
-.299824E-02  
-.250667E-03  
-.247379E-03  
.23089E-03  
.198514E-03  
.153121E-05  
-.245364E-02  
STD.ERROR OF UNIT WEIGHT: 0.0053102096

## APPENDIX V

## INPUT OF REDUCTION TO HORIZONTAL PROGRAM

Instrument

Project

Organization

Observer

1 (for feet) or 2 (for meters)

Name of station from, name of station to

Elevation of station from, elevation of station to, height of  
instrument; height of reflector, slope distance (ft/m)

Repeat for all stations

END (type)

APPENDIX VI

Sample Input for Reduction to Horizontal Program

2800	'RED'
2900	'DOT'
3000	'ISU'
3100	'JOEL'
3200	'MAY 81'
3300	1
3400	A,B
3500	1059.01,1055.60,4.85,5.10,1964.39
3600	A,C
3700	1059.01,1054.94,4.85,4.80,2457.02
3800	A,D
3900	1059.01,1053.90,4.85,5.15,2979.45
4000	A,E
4100	1059.01,1050.75,4.85,4.90,4492.31
4200	B,C
4300	1055.60,1054.94,5.10,5.10,492.66
4400	B,E
4500	1055.60,1050.75,5.10,5.10,2527.91
4600	B,D
4700	1055.60,1053.90,5.10,5.10,1015.07
4800	B,A
4900	1055.01,1059.01,5.10,5.10,1964.39
5000	C,A
5100	1054.94,1059.01,4.80,4.80,2457.05
5200	C,B
5300	1054.94,1055.01,4.80,4.80,492.65
5400	C,D
5500	1054.94,1053.90,4.80,4.80,522.42
5600	C,E
5700	1054.94,1050.75,4.80,4.80,2035.27
5800	D,E
5900	1053.90,1050.75,5.15,5.15,1512.85
6000	D,C
6100	1053.90,1054.94,5.15,5.15,522.42
6200	D,B
6300	1053.90,1055.60,5.15,5.15,1015.07
6400	D,A
6500	1053.90,1059.01,5.15,5.15,2979.45
6600	E,D
6700	1050.75,1053.90,4.90,4.90,1512.84
6800	E,C
6900	1050.75,1054.94,4.90,4.90,2035.27
7000	E,B
7100	1050.75,1055.60,4.90,4.90,2527.91
7200	E,A
7300	1050.75,1059.01,4.90,4.90,4492.31
7400	END,END
7500	1050.75,1059.01,4.90,4.90,4492.31

APPENDIX VII

Listing of Reduction to Horizontal Program

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100 REAL EF,ET,SLD,HD(1000),HI,HR,DE,SDEV
200 CHARACTER*4 FR(1000),TW(1000)
300 CHARACTER*20 A
400 OPEN(UNIT=100,TYPE='NEW',NAME='RDHZ.OUT')
500 PRINT*, 'INSTRUMENT: '
600 READ*,A
700 WRITE(100,*),'INSTRUMENT: ',A
800 WRITE(100,*)','
900 WRITE(100,*)','
1000 PRINT*, 'PROJECT: '
1100 READ*,A
1200 WRITE(100,*),'PROJECT: ',A
1300 WRITE(100,*)','
1400 WRITE(100,*)','
1500 PRINT*, 'ORGANIZATION: '
1600 READ*,A
1700 WRITE(100,*),'ORGANIZATION: ',A
1800 WRITE(100,*)','
1900 WRITE(100,*)','
2000 PRINT*, 'OBSERVER: '
2100 READ*,A
2200 WRITE(100,*),'OBSERVER: ',A
2300 WRITE(100,*)','
2400 WRITE(100,*)','
2500 PRINT*, 'DATE: '
2600 READ*,A
2700 WRITE(100,*),'DATE: ',A
2800 WRITE(100,*)','
2900 WRITE(100,*)','
3000 PRINT*, 'ENTER 1 IF DISTANCE IN FEET OR 2 IF DISTANCE IN
3100 * METERS'
3200 READ*,IFLAG
3300 IF (IFLAG.EQ.1) THEN
3400 GO TO 10
3500 ELSE
3600 GO TO 20
3700 END IF
3800 10 WRITE(100,50),'FROM','TO','ELEVATION FROM','ELEVATION
3900 * TO','SLOPE DIST','HORIZ.DIST'
4000 WRITE(100,75),'(ft)','(ft)','(ft)','(ft)','(ft)'
4100 75 FORMAT(' ',28X,A4,13X,A4,11X,A4,10X,A3)
4200 50 FORMAT('0',5X,A4,4X,A2,8X,A14,3X,A13,3X,A11,4X,A10)
4300 PRINT*, 'FR TO'
4400 READ(5,150) FR(1),TW(1)
4500 I=1
4600 150 FORMAT(A4)
4700 PRINT*, 'EF,ET,HI,HR,SLD'
4800 READ*,EF,ET,HI,HR,SLD
4900 DO WHILE (FR(I).NE.'END')
5000 DE=ABS((EF*HI)-(ET*HR))
5100 HD(I)=(SQRT(SLD**2-DE**2))
5200 * -DE*SIN(SLD*4.735/(3600000.0*57.29577951)))#0.3048
5300 WRITE(100,100),FR(I),TW(I),EF,ET,SLD,HD(I)
5400 I=I+1
5500 PRINT*, 'FR,TO'
5600 READ(5,150) FR(I),TW(I)
5700 PRINT*, 'EF,ET,HI,HR,SLD'
5800 READ*,EF,ET,HI,HR,SLD
5900 END DO
6000 GO TO 30
6100 20 WRITE(100,50),'FROM','TO','ELEVATION FROM','ELEVATION
6200 * TO','SLOPE DIST','HORIZ.DIST'
6300 WRITE(100,75),'(ft)','(ft)','(ft)','(ft)','(ft)'
6400 PRINT*, 'FROM TO'
6500 READ(5,150) FR(1),TW(1)
6600 I=1

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6700      PRINT*, 'EF, ET, HI, HR, SLD'
6800      READ*, EF, ET, HI, HR, SLD
6900      DO WHILE (FR(I).NE.'END')
7000      DE=ABS((EF+HI)-(ET+HR))
7100      HD(I)=(SQRT((SLD/0.3048)**2-DE**2))
7200      * -DE*SIN((SLD/0.3048)*4.935/(3600000.0*57.29578))*.3048
7300      WRITE(100,100),FR(I),TW(I),EF,ET,SLD,HD(I)
7400      I=I+1
7500      PRINT*, 'FROM TO'
7600      READ(5,150) FR(I),TW(I)
7700      PRINT*, 'EF, ET, HI, HR, SLD'
7800      READ*, EF, ET, HI, HR, SLD
7900      END DO
8000      100  FORMAT ('0', 6X, A4, 3X, A4, 3X, F13.4, 5X, F13.4, 4X, F11.4, 3X, F11.4)
8100      30   I=I-1
8200      WRITE(100,*), ' '
8300      WRITE(100,*), ' '
8400      WRITE(100,*), ' '
8500      WRITE(100,*), ' DIFFERENCES IN HOR. DIST MEASURED BACK AND FORTH'
8600      WRITE(100,*), '*****'
8700      WRITE(100,*), ' '
8800      SDEV=0
8900      DO 102 J=1,I
9000      IF (J.NE.1) THEN
9100      DO 302 K=J-1,1,-1
9200      IF (FR(J).EQ.TW(K).AND.FR(K).EQ.TW(J)) THEN
9300      SDEV=SDEV+(HD(J)-HD(K))**2
9400      WRITE(100,101),TW(J),FR(J),ABS(HD(J)-HD(K))
9500      101  *  FORMAT ('0', 'DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM', 1X, A2,
9600      *  'AND', 1X, A2, ' IS: ', F10.5)
9700      END IF
9800      302  CONTINUE
9900      END IF
10000     102  CONTINUE
10100     SDEV=SQRT(SDEV/I)
10200     WRITE(100,*), '*****'
10300     *  WRITE(100,*), ' '
10400     WRITE(100,*), ' '
10500     WRITE(100,*), ' '
10600     WRITE(100,103),SDEV
10700     103  *  FORMAT ('0', 'STD.ERROR OF DIFF. IN OBSERVATION=+/-', F6.5)
10800     STOP
10900     END

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**APPENDIX VIII**

**Sample Output from Reduction to Horizontal Program**

INSTRUMENT: RED

PROJECT: BOT

ORGANIZATION: ISU

OBSERVER: JOEL

DATE: MAY 81

FROM	TO	ELEVATION FROM (ft)	ELEVATION TO (ft)	SLOPE DIST (ft)	HORIZ. DIST (m)
A	B	1059.0100	1055.6000	1964.3900	598.7452
A	C	1059.0100	1054.9399	2457.0200	748.8986
A	D	1059.0100	1053.9000	2979.4500	908.1349
A	E	1059.0100	1050.7500	4492.3101	1369.2535
B	C	1055.6000	1054.9399	492.6600	150.1626
B	E	1055.6000	1050.7500	2527.9099	770.5054
B	D	1055.6000	1053.9000	1015.0700	309.3929
B	A	1055.0100	1059.0100	1964.3900	598.7448
C	A	1054.9399	1059.0100	2457.0500	748.9078
C	B	1054.9399	1055.0100	492.6500	150.1597
C	D	1054.9399	1053.9000	522.4200	159.2333
C	E	1054.9399	1050.7500	2035.2700	620.3489
D	E	1053.9000	1050.7500	1512.8500	461.1156
D	C	1053.9000	1054.9399	522.4200	159.2333
D	B	1053.9000	1055.6000	1015.0700	309.3929
D	A	1053.9000	1059.0100	2979.4500	908.1349
E	D	1050.7500	1053.9000	1512.8400	461.1126
E	C	1050.7500	1054.9399	2035.2700	620.3489
E	B	1050.7500	1055.6000	2527.9099	770.5054
E	A	1050.7500	1059.0100	4492.3101	1369.2535

## DIFFERENCES IN HOR. DIST MEASURED BACK AND FORTH

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DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM A AND B IS: 0.00037

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM A AND C IS: 0.00916

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM B AND C IS: 0.00291

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM C AND D IS: 0.00000

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM B AND D IS: 0.00000

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM A AND D IS: 0.00000

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM D AND E IS: 0.00305

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM C AND E IS: 0.00000

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM B AND E IS: 0.00000

DIFFERENCE OF MEASUREMENTS FROM A AND E IS: 0.00000

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STD.ERROR OF DIFF. IN OBSERVATION=+/- 0.00226

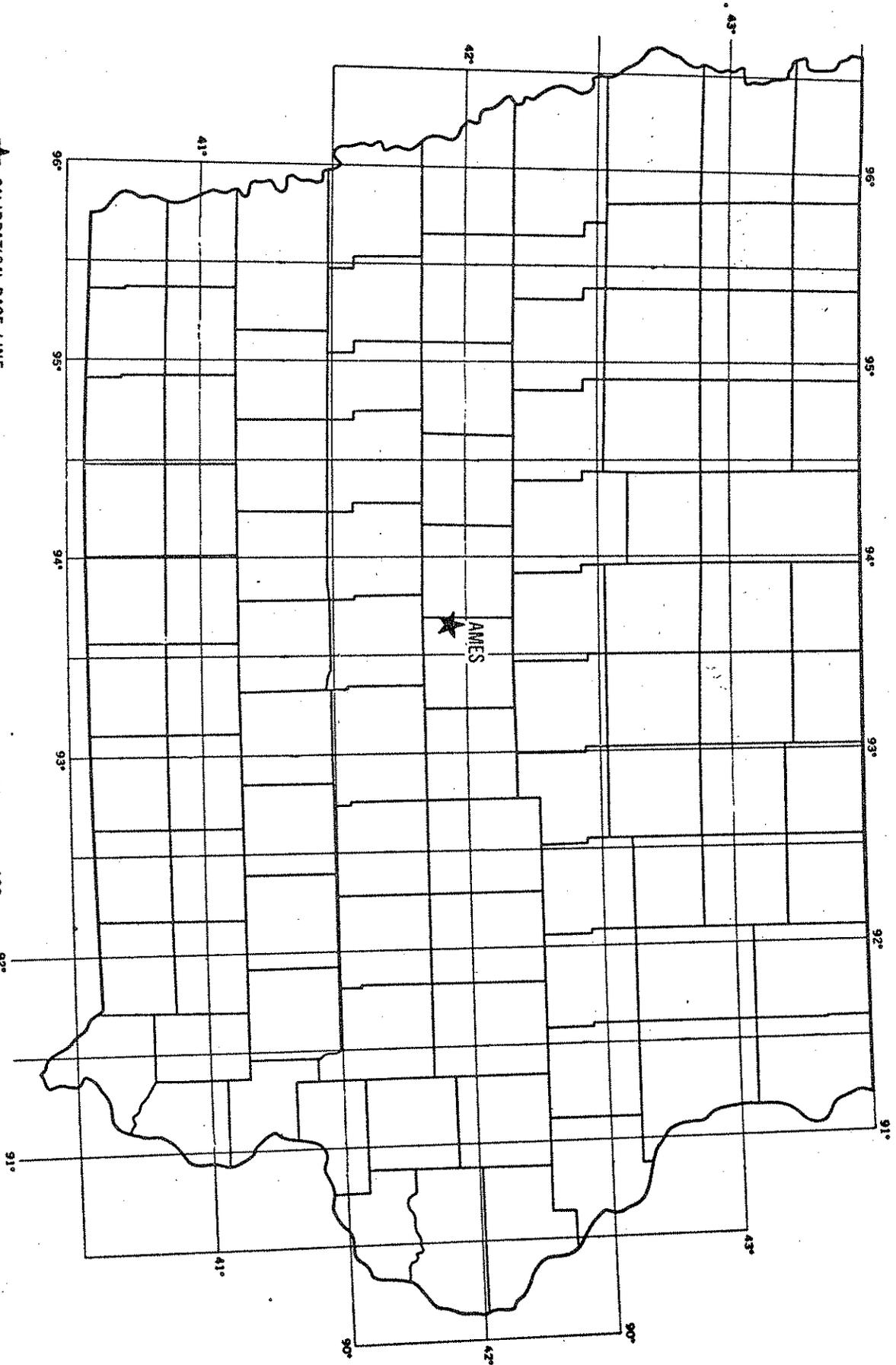
**APPENDIX IX**

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★ CALIBRATION BASE LINE



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - NOAA  
- NATIONAL GEODETIC SURVEY  
WILMINGTON MD 20852 - FEBRUARY 2, 1983

CALIBRATION BASE LINE REPORT

CONTENTS

BASE LINE DESIGNATION	STATE	COUNTY	QUAD	PAGE
AMES	IOWA	STORY	N410934	1

LIST OF ADJUSTED DISTANCES (DECEMBER 14, 1982)

FROM STATION	ELEV. (M)	TO STATION	ELEV. (M)	ADJ. HORIZONTAL DIST. (M)	ADJ. MARK - MARK	STB. ERROR (MM)
0	312.421	461	313.370	461.1134	461.1144	0.4
0	312.421	620	313.684	620.3457	620.3470	0.5
0	312.421	770	313.889	770.5013	770.5047	0.5
0	312.421	1370	314.894	1369.2477	1369.2500	0.7
461	313.370	620	313.684	159.2323	159.2326	0.4
461	313.370	770	313.889	309.3900	309.3904	0.4
461	313.370	1370	314.894	908.1344	908.1357	0.6
620	313.684	770	313.889	150.1576	150.1578	0.2
620	313.684	1370	314.894	748.9021	748.9030	0.4
770	313.889	1370	314.894	598.7444	598.7453	0.4

DESCRIPTION OF AMES BASE LINE  
 YEAR MEASURED: REP  
 CHIEF OF PARTY: 1982

THE BASE LINE IS LOCATED ABOUT 6.4 KM (4 MI) SOUTHWEST OF AMES, PARALLEL TO AND ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF A GRAVEL ROAD WHICH INTERSECTS WITH STORY COUNTY ROAD R 38 TO THE EAST OF BASE LINE.

TO REACH THE BASE LINE FROM THE JUNCTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 69 AND LINCOLN WAY (OLD U.S. HIGHWAY 30) IN AMES, GO WEST ON LINCOLN WAY FOR 4.8 KM (3.0 MI), TO STORY COUNTY R 38 (SOUTH DAKOTA AVE). TURN LEFT ON STORY COUNTY R 38 (PAVED SURFACE) AND GO SOUTH FOR 3.2 KM (2.0 MI) TO GRAVEL CROSSROAD. TURN RIGHT AND GO WEST FOR 0.2 KM (0.15 MI) TO THE 0 METER POINT ON LEFT (ABOUT THE SAME ELEVATION AS THE ROAD).

THE 0 METER POINT IS A STANDARD NGS DISK SET INTO THE TOP OF AN IRREGULAR MASS OF CONCRETE 33 CM (13 IN) IN DIAMETER PROJECTING 8 CM (3 IN) ABOVE THE GROUND LOCATED 6.4 M (21 FT) S FROM THE CENTER OF A GRAVEL ROAD, 3.6 M (12 FT) N FROM A WIRE FENCE, AND 2.4 M (8 FT) NW FROM A ROAD SIGN. THE 461 METER POINT IS A STANDARD NGS DISK SET INTO THE TOP OF A ROUND CONCRETE MONUMENT 55 CM (22 IN) IN DIAMETER FLUSH WITH GROUND LOCATED 5.8 M (19 FT) S FROM THE CENTER OF A GRAVEL ROAD, 4.3 M (14 FT) N FROM A WIRE FENCE, 5.2 M (17 FT) NW FROM A POWER LINE POLE, AND 0.6 M (2 FT) LOWER THAN THE GRAVEL ROAD. THE 620 METER POINT IS A STANDARD NGS DISK SET INTO THE TOP OF A ROUND CONCRETE MONUMENT 44 CM (17 IN) IN DIAMETER PROJECTING 5 CM (2 IN) ABOVE THE GROUND LOCATED 6.1 M (20 FT) S FROM THE CENTER OF A GRAVEL ROAD, 4.0 M (13 FT) N FROM A WIRE FENCE, 32.3 M (106 FT) W FROM A POWER LINE POLE, AND 0.6 M (2 FT) LOWER THAN GRAVEL ROAD. THE 770 METER POINT IS A STANDARD NGS DISK SET IN THE TOP OF A ROUND CONCRETE MONUMENT 33 CM (13 IN) IN DIAMETER FLUSH WITH GROUND LOCATED 6.4 M (21 FT) S FROM THE CENTER OF A GRAVEL ROAD, 4.3 M (14 FT) N FROM A WIRE FENCE, 8.2 M (27 FT) E FROM THE CENTER OF A TRACK ROAD LEADING SOUTH TO A RADIO TOWER AND BUILDING, AND 0.9 M (3.0 FT) LOWER THAN GRAVEL ROAD. THE 1370 METER POINT IS A STANDARD NGS DISK SET INTO THE TOP OF A ROUND CONCRETE MONUMENT 30 CM (12 IN) IN DIAMETER PROJECTING 10 CM (4 IN) ABOVE THE GROUND LOCATED 5.8 M (19 FT) S FROM CENTER OF A GRAVEL ROAD, 4.0 M (13 FT) N FROM A WIRE FENCE, 69.8 M (229 FT) S FROM CENTER OF GRAVEL ROAD (NORTH-SOUTH) INTERSECTING WITH EAST-WEST GRAVEL ROAD, AND 0.3 M (1.0 FT) LOWER THAN THE GRAVEL ROAD. NONE OF THE DISKS ARE STAMPED.

THE BASE LINE IS A EAST-WEST BASE LINE WITH THE 0 METER POINT ON THE EAST END. IT IS MADE UP OF 0, 461, 620, 770, AND 1370 METER POINTS. ALL OF THE MARKS ARE SET ON A LINE SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST-WEST GRAVEL ROAD.

THE BASE LINE WAS ESTABLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY AT AMES, IOWA. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, AMES, IOWA 50011. TELEPHONE (515) 294-3532 OR 6324.

**APPENDIX X**

**Signs on ISU Baseline**

