

# CE 371 Surveying Systematic Taping Corrections

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## Overview



- Special Field Operations Using a Tape
- Sources of Error in Taping
- Types of Error in Taping
- Systematic Taping Corrections
- Poor Alignment

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## Special Field Operations Using a Tape



- Laying off a right angle
- Measuring an angle with a tape
- Laying off an angle from a given line
- Tape survey of a field

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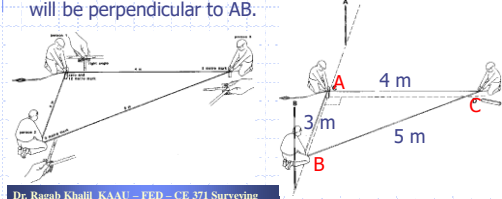
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## Laying off a right angle



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- Set both the zero-meter end of the tape and 12 m mark on A and the 3 m mark on B.
- Have a person hold the 8 m mark on the tape and apply pull.
- When the tape becomes taut, the 4 m length from C will be perpendicular to AB.



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## Measuring an angle with a tape



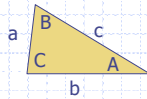
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- If all 3 sides (a,b,c) of a triangle are measured, any of the 3 angles (A,B,C) can be found from the following:

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

$$s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$$

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



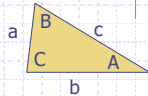
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## Example 1



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In a triangle ABC, sides  $a = 5.7$  m,  $b = 6.4$  m and  $c = 8.9$  m. Compute angle A.



Solution:

$$\cos(A) = \frac{(6.4^2 + 8.9^2 - 5.7^2)}{(2 \times 6.4 \times 8.9)} = 0.769663$$

$$A = \arccos(0.769663) = 39.67637^\circ$$

$$B = ?? \quad 45.79557^\circ$$

$$C = ?? \quad 94.52806^\circ$$

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## Types of Error in Taping



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1. **Systematic:** such as errors due to temperature, excess tension, sag of the tape due to its weight, incorrect length of tape and poor alignment.
2. **Random:** such as variations in temperature, tension, and wind speed.
3. **Mistake:** such as misreading measurements.

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## Systematic Taping Corrections



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- Incorrect length of tape (standardization)
- Temperature other than standard
- Inconsistent tension (Pull)
- Sag correction

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## Standardization



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- $C_l = \frac{l - l_s}{l_s} L$
- $l$ : actual tape length
- $l_s$ : standard length
- $L$ : measured distance
- $C_l$ : correction
- Ex. A measurements was recorded as 85.39 m with a 20 m tape that was found to be 20.05 under standard conditions. What is the corrected measurement?
- $C_l = ((20.05 - 20) / 20) \times 85.39 = 0.213 \text{ m}$
- $L_c = 85.39 + 0.213 = 85.60 \text{ m}$

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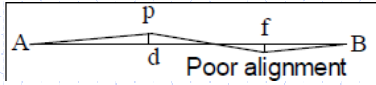




## Poor Alignment



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- $Ad = \sqrt{Ap^2 - pd^2}$

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## Next lecture



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- **1st Quiz**
- **Time: 45 minutes**
- **Cover all subjects**

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