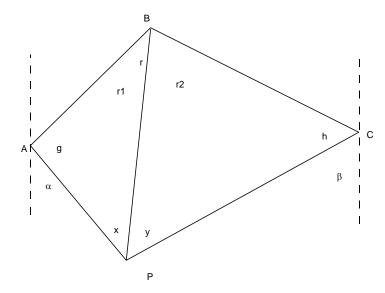
Three Point Resection

Given: Coordinates of three points (A, B, C)

Find: Coordinates of a fourth point that you occupy (P)



Steps to solve for P

- 1. Occupy P and measure the angles labeled x and y.
- 2. From the given coordinates calculate distances AB and BC
- 3. From the given coordinates calculate azimuths AB and BC
- 4. From azimuths AB and BC calculate the angle labeled r.
- 5. Determine J (the sum of g+h) by subtracting x, y, and r from 360.
- 6. Determine the value K from the following relationship

$$K = \frac{\sin(g)}{\sin(h)} = \frac{BC\sin(x)}{AB\sin(y)}$$

- 7. Now let g = J-h (from 5 above) and substitute into 6.,
- 8. We have $K\sin(h) = \sin(J-h)$
- 9. From the difference formula of sines set sin(J-h) to sin(J)cos(h) cos(J)sin(h)
- 10. Substitute into 8 so that we have $K\sin(h) = \sin(J)\cos(h) \cos(J)\sin(h)$
- 11. Divide both sides by cos(h) and you will have Ktan(h) = sin(J) cos(J)tan(h)
- 12. Rearranging gives $tan(h) = \frac{\sin(J)}{K + \cos(J)}$
- 13. Remember that J = g+h you can solve for h and then g
- 14. Calculate r1
- 15. Using the law of sines calculate AP
- 16. Calculate the angle α representing the bearing of AP
- 17. Determine the latitude and departure for AP
- 18. Calculate the coordinates Px and Py
- 19. You can repeat steps 14-18 calculating r2, CP, β , and latitude and departure CP so that you can determine Px and Py from C as a check.