REFERENCE GUIDE





RESECTION COMPUTATIONS IN TRIMBLE ACCESS™

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Introduction

There are two methods of computing a resection in the Trimble Access™ software: the Standard method and the Helmert method. The following sections outline the formulae that are used in these resection computations.

NOTE – In all the following formulae, x or X values refer to coordinate values on the east-west axis and y or Y values refer to coordinate values on the north-south axis.

Standard resection

Calculation principle

An initial estimate of the instrument station position is computed. Observation equations are formed for the observations to each control point.

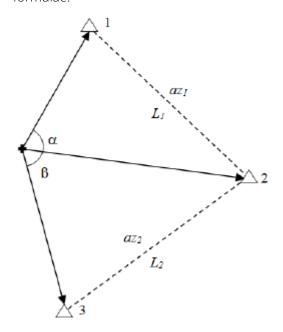
The observations to the control points do not need to have angles and distances observed. If no distances are measured then angular observations to a minimum of three control points are required.

A matrix-based least squares adjustment is carried out using the formed observation equations to determine the instrument station coordinates, orientation correction (Face 1 and Face 2) and scale (if not fixed).

Step 1: Initial Estimate of Instrument Station Position

The routines will compute an estimated position for the instrument station using either a classical three point angular resection or observations to two control points with measured distances, depending on which can be computed first.

The estimated position for the classical three point angular resection is computed using the following formulae:



with: 3 observed control points 1, 2 and 3 (coordinate values X_1 , Y_1 , X_2 , Y_2 , X_3 , Y_3)

the angle α observed between points 1 and 2

the angle β observed between points 2 and 3

the azimuth az_1 and distance L_1 from point 2 to point 1

the azimuth az_2 and distance L_2 from point 2 to point 3

$$arPhi=360\degree-(lpha+eta+(az_2-az_1))$$

$$\omega = an^{-1} \left(rac{\sin(arPhi)}{\cos(arPhi) + rac{L_2 imes \sin(lpha)}{L_1 imes \sin(eta)}}
ight)$$

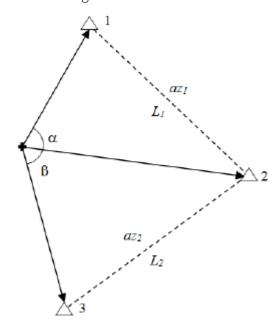
$$l = rac{L_2 imes \sin \left(180\degree - (eta + \omega)
ight)}{\sin \left(eta
ight)}$$

$$az = az_2 - \omega + 180^{\circ}$$

$$X_{est} = X_3 + l imes \sin{(az)}$$

$$Y_{est} = Y_3 + l imes \cos{(az)}$$

The estimated position for observations to two control points with measured distances is computed using the following formulae:



with: 2 observed control points 1 and 2 (coordinate values X_1, Y_1, X_2, Y_2)

the angle f computed at point 2 (the angle between the baseline from point 2 to point 1 and the direction from point 2 to the occupied point)

the azimuth az_1 and distance L_1 from point 2 to point 1 the azimuth az from point 2 to the occupied point

the horizontal distance L_2 measured to point 2 the horizontal distance L_3 measured to point 1

using the cosine rule:

$$\cos\left(arPhi
ight) = rac{L_1^2 + L_2^2 - L_3^2}{2 imes L_1 imes L_2}$$

$$az = az_1 - \Phi$$

$$X_{est} = X_2 + L_2 \times \sin{(az)}$$

$$Y_{est} = Y_2 + L_2 imes \cos{(az)}$$

The elevation for the estimated position is computed using the first observation to a control point with an elevation value for which a vertical distance can be computed and then applied to the control point elevation.

Step 2: Build the observation equations

The observation equation that is used to fill the observation matrix for the least squares adjustment is:

$$V = \omega_{F_1} - \omega_{F_2} - Xterm - Yterm - Zterm - Scaleterm - (Obs - Calc)$$

with: Correction value V

Face 1 orientation value $\omega_{\rm F1}$

Face 2 orientation value ω_{E2}

Observed value 'Obs'

Calculated value 'Calc'

Note that all observations on both Face 1 and Face 2 are passed into the observation equations, without initial meaning of the Face 1 and Face 2 observations to the same points. This means that independent orientation corrections are computed and maintained for each face on the instrument. The independent Face 1 and Face 2 orientation corrections effectively encapsulate any residual collimation on the instrument. All following Face 1 observations at the resected station have the Face 1 orientation correction applied to them, and following Face 2 observations have the Face 2 orientation correction applied to them. This mechanism allows Face 2 observations, with no matching Face 1 observations, to be handled without making assumptions about the instrument collimation.

In the following sections X, Y and Z are used to identify the east, north, and elevation values of a given resection control point. X_{est} , Y_{est} and Z_{est} are used to identify the estimated instrument position coordinate values. Observation equations are created for every individual observation, thus allowing the independent computation of Face 1 and Face 2 orientation values if observations on both faces are observed. The scale value is not computed if a fixed scale is specified.

Horizontal directions

For horizontal directions the observation equation values are as follows:

1 for a Face 1 observation, 0 for a Face 2 observation ω_{F1}

1 for a Face 2 observation, 0 for a Face 1 observation ω_{F2}

 $-\left(rac{X-X_{est}}{HD^2}
ight)$ X term

 $\left(rac{Y-Y_{est}}{HD^2}
ight)$ Y term

0 (horizontal direction does not provide any Z component data) Z term

Scale term 0 (horizontal direction does not provide any scale component data)

Obs Observed direction to control point =

 $an^{-1}\left(rac{X-X_{est}}{Y-Y_{est}}
ight)$ with control point coordinate values X, Y Calc

HD calculated horiz. distance to control point

Slope distances/vertical angles

For slope distance/vertical angle data horizontal distance and vertical distance observation equation are constructed.

Horizontal distances

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0 (the horizontal distance does not provide any orientation component data) ω_{F2}

 $\left(rac{X-X_{est}}{HD}
ight) imes SF$ X term

 $\left(\frac{Y-Y_{est}}{HD}\right)\times SF$ Y term

0 (horizontal direction does not provide any Z component data) Z term

Scale = HD

term

 $SD imes \sin{(VA)}$ Obs

 $\sqrt{(X-X_{est})^2+(Y-Y_{est})^2} imes SF$ with control point coordinate values X, Y Calc

Vertical distances

For vertical distances the observation equation values are as follows:

0 (the vertical distance does not provide any orientation component data) ω_{F1}

0 (the vertical distance does not provide any orientation component data) ω_{F2}

X term 0 (vertical distance does not provide any X component data)

0 (vertical distance does not provide any Y component data) Y term

1 Z term

0 (vertical distance does not provide any scale component data) Scale

term

Obs $SD imes \cos{(VA)} + IH - TH$

IH = Instrument Height

TH = Target Height

SD = Slope distance with corrections for prism constant, atmospherics and

projection applied

VA = Vertical angle with curvature and refraction corrections applied

 $oldsymbol{Z}-oldsymbol{Z_{est}}$ with control point coordinate values X, Y Calc

Vertical angles

For vertical angles the observation equation values are the same as for vertical distances with distance terms being calculated distances:

0 (the vertical distance does not provide any orientation component data) ω_{F1}

0 (the vertical distance does not provide any orientation component data) ω_{F2}

0 (vertical distance does not provide any X component data) X term

0 (vertical distance does not provide any Y component data) Y term

Z term

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term

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constant, atmospherics and projection applied

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 $oldsymbol{Z}-oldsymbol{Z_{est}}$ with control point coordinate values X, Y Calc

Step 3: Determine the observation weighting

Horizontal directions

The weighting of the horizontal directions is computed as follows:

$$w = rac{1}{HA_{prec}^2 + \left(rac{InstCent_{err}}{HD}
ight)^2 + \left(rac{BSCent_{err}}{HD}
ight)^2}$$

with: $\mathsf{HA}_{\mathsf{prec}}$ Instrument horizontal angle precision

> InstCent_{err} Station setup centering error

BSCent_{err} Backsight centering error

Calculated horizontal distance to control HD

point

Horizontal distances

The weighting of the horizontal distances is computed as follows:

$$DistE
ho Sqd = rac{((EDMprecision + EDMppm imes ObsSID) imes \sin{(ObsVA)})^2}{(ObsSID imes \cos{(ObsVA)} imes VA_{prec})^2}$$

$$w = rac{1}{DistErrSqd + InstCent_{err}^2 + BSCent_{err}^2}$$

with: ObsSID Observed slope distance

> ObsVA Observed vertical angle

 VA_{prec} Instrument vertical angle precision

InstCent_{err} Station setup centering error

BSCent_{err} Backsight centering error

Vertical distances

The weighting of the vertical distances is computed as follows:

$$StdError = HD \times 0.00005$$

(0.00005 = 50mm per kilometre – an empirical allowance for the lower accuracy of vertical angles due to unknowns such as refraction)

$$VAprecisionTerm = HD \times InstVAprecision \times 4.84814E - 6$$

(4.84814E-6 = 1 second of arc expressed in radians)

NOTE - Any horizontal distances (HD) less than 30m are treated as if they are 30m for weighting purposes (this means that the weighting for all vertical distances, where the horizontal distance is less than 30m, will be the same).

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Where HD is the calculated horizontal distance to the control point.

Step 4: Carry out the matrix computations

The observation equations create the observation matrix B. The computed weighting values create the weighting matrix w. The Obs – Calc values create the matrix f.

The corrections to be applied to the estimated instrument position, as well as the orientation and scale values are returned in the corrections matrix Δ .

The following matrix computations are carried out with the t suffix indicating a matrix transposition and a -1 suffix indicating a matrix inversion.

$$N = B^t w B$$

$$t = B^t w f$$

$$\Delta = N^{-1}t$$

These computations are carried out iteratively until the corrections matrix values converge (the coordinate corrections have changed by less than 0.0001 and the scale has changed by less than 0.1ppm) or a maximum of 15 iterations has been carried out. Convergence of the orientation values is not monitored for the purposes of terminating the computation. If the results do not converge then the computation is deemed to have failed.

Step 5: Apply the corrections values from the corrections matrix

The corrections matrix Δ contains the following result values:

Easting (X) correction value

Northing (Y) correction value

Elevation (Z) correction value

Face 1 orientation correction

Face 2 orientation correction

Resection setup scale value

The Easting, Northing and Elevation correction values are added to the $X_{\rm est}$, $Y_{\rm est}$ and $Z_{\rm est}$ values respectively to give the resection station coordinate values. The computed Face 1 and Face 2 orientation values are available directly, as is the scale value if computed.

Step 6: Compute residuals and standard errors

The residuals for all the observations are computed using the observation equation matrix B, the corrections matrix Δ and the *Obs – Calc* matrix f using the following formula:

$$v = f - B\Delta$$

with v being the matrix of residual values.

The sum of the squares of the weighted residuals (SR) is computed using the matrix formula:

$$SR = v^t w v$$

In fact two separate sums of the squares of the weighted residuals are computed by separately summing the horizontal and vertical residuals to give SRHz and SRVt respectively.

The horizontal and vertical redundancies are computed as follows:

For a fixed scale computation:

$$r_{hz} = n_{2D} - 3$$

For a free scale computation:

$$r_{hz}=n_{2D}-4$$

$$r_{vt} = n_{1D} - 1$$

with: horizontal redundancy r_{hz} vertical redundancy number of observations contributing to the 2D n_{2D} (horizontal) solution number of observations contributing to the 1D n_{1D} (vertical) solution

If horizontal angular observations have been observed on both faces the horizontal redundancy is reduced by one.

The standard errors of unit weight (s) are computed from the sum of the squares of the weighted residuals and the sum of the weights as follows:

$$\sigma_{Hz} = \sqrt{rac{SR_{Hz}}{r_{Hz}}} \hspace{1.5cm} \sigma_{vt} = \sqrt{rac{SR_{vt}}{r_{vt}}}$$

The standard error values for the computed results are calculated using the standard errors of unit weight (s) values above and the appropriate terms from the leading diagonal of the inverted N matrix as described in step 4 above:

$$X_{SE} = \sigma_{hz} \times \sqrt{DiagN_{TTerm}^{-1}}$$

$$Y_{SE} = \sigma_{hz} \times \sqrt{DiagN_{TTerm}^{-1}}$$

$$Z_{SE} = \sigma_{vt} \times \sqrt{DiagN_{TTerm}^{-1}}$$

$$\omega F1_{SE} = \sigma_{hz} \times \sqrt{DiagN_{\omega F1Term}^{-1}}$$

$$\omega F2_{SE} = \sigma_{hz} \times \sqrt{DiagN_{\omega F2Term}^{-1}}$$

$$with: \qquad X_{SE} = standard error in computed \times (East) value$$

$$Y_{SE} = standard error in computed \times (North) value$$

$$Z_{SE} = standard error in computed \times (Elevation)$$

$$value$$

$$\omega F1_{SE} = standard error in computed F1 orientation$$

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$$\omega F1$$

Helmert resection

Calculation principle

Two or more known control points are required – the computation caters for a maximum of 25 known control points. When more than two known control points are used a least squares solution provides the best fit transformation parameters.

Each control point used in the computation must be observed with angles and distances (local coordinates must be able to be computed with respect to the instrument point).

A four parameter Helmert transformation is computed to transform the local coordinates to the known control coordinates, thus providing coordinates for the instrument point in terms of the known control points.

All observations (angles and distances) are given the same weight. The scale factor parameter can be either fixed or free.

As with the Standard resection computation, the Helmert resection also computes both Face 1 and Face 2 orientation corrections when both Face 1 and Face 2 observations are observed. In this case the average collimation is computed from the Face 1/Face 2 observation pairs, and is used to convert the Face 2 observations to equivalent Face 1 observations for use in the Helmert resection computation. This means a Face 1 orientation correction is returned by the resection computation, and the Face 2 orientation correction is then obtained by applying the average collimation to the Face 1 orientation correction. All following Face 1 observations at the resected station have the Face 1 orientation correction applied to them, and following Face 2 observations have the Face 2 orientation correction applied to them.

Step 1: Calculation of local (x, y) coordinates

 $x_i = \sin H z_i \cdot s_i$ $y_i = \cos H z_i \cdot s_i$

Step 2: Transformation from local (x, y) into known (X, Y) system

Known coordinates of control points Given: X_i, Y_i

> Local coordinates of control points X_i, y_i

for 1=1,...,n Control points – n = number of control points (max)

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Unknown: Scale factor m

> ω Orientation

 X_0, Y_0

Transformation equations:

$$X_i = X_0 + m \cdot \cos \omega \cdot x_i + m \cdot \sin \omega \cdot y_i$$

$$Y_i = Y_0 + m \cdot \cos \omega \cdot y_i - m \cdot \sin \omega \cdot x_i$$

 $a = m \cdot \cos \omega$ when Equation 1a

> $o = m \cdot \sin \omega$ Equation 1b

these transformation formulae become:

$$X_i = X_0 + a \cdot x_i + o \cdot y_i$$
 Equation 2a

$$Y_i = Y_0 + a \cdot y_i - o \cdot x_i$$
 Equation 2b

with more than two control points the following correction equations apply:

$$v_{X_i} = X_i - (X_0 + a \cdot x_i + o \cdot y_i)$$
 Equation 3a

$$v_{Y_i} = Y_i - (Y_0 + a \cdot y_i - o \cdot x_i)$$
 Equation 3b

 v_{X_i} = residual in X axis for ith point where:

 v_{Y_i} = residual in Y axis for ith point

Rearranging equations 2a and 2b while summing all the residuals ($^{m{v_{X_i}}}$ and $^{m{v_{Y_i}}}$) and dividing by the number of control points (n) with $[v_{X_i}]$ and $[v_{Y_i}] = 0$ gives:

$$0 = -\left(X_0 + a \cdot rac{[x_i]}{n} + o \cdot rac{[y_i]}{n} - rac{[X_i]}{n}
ight)$$
 Equation 4a
$$0 = -\left(Y_0 + a \cdot rac{[y_i]}{n} - o \cdot rac{[x_i]}{n} - rac{[Y_i]}{n}
ight)$$

Carrying out the subtractions: Equation 3a - Equation 4a and Equation 3b - Equation 4b gives:

$$v_{X_i} = \left(X_i - rac{[X_i]}{n}
ight) - a \cdot \left(x_i - rac{[x_i]}{n}
ight) - o \cdot \left(y_i - rac{[y_i]}{n}
ight)$$
 Equation 5a
$$v_{Y_i} = \left(Y_i - rac{[Y_i]}{n}
ight) - a \cdot \left(y_i - rac{[y_i]}{n}
ight) - o \cdot \left(x_i - rac{[x_i]}{n}
ight)$$

Computation of centroid coordinates (center of gravity):

$$egin{aligned} x_S = rac{[x_i]}{n} & y_S = rac{[y_i]}{n} & X_S = rac{[X_i]}{n} & Y_S = rac{[Y_i]}{n} \ & x_i \, ' = x_i - x_S & y_i \, ' = y_i - y_S & X_i \, ' = X_i - X_S & Y_i \, ' = Y_i - Y_S \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the centroid formulae into equations 5a and 5b results in the new correction equations:

$$v_{X_i} = X_i{'} - a \cdot x_i{'} - o \cdot y_i{'}$$
 Equation 6a $v_{Y_i} = Y_i{'} - a \cdot y_i{'} + o \cdot x_i{'}$ Equation 6b

Step 3: Adjustment

Expressing the correction equations using matrix conventions:

$$\underline{v} = \underline{A} \cdot \underline{x} - \underline{l}$$

$$\underline{v}^T = egin{bmatrix} v_{X_1} & v_{Y_1} & v_{X_2} & v_{Y_2} \ldots \end{bmatrix}$$

Residuals (corrections)

$$\underline{l}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -X_1' & -Y_1' & -X_2' & -Y_2' \ldots \end{bmatrix}$$

Absolute part

Matrix of coefficients

$$P=E=1$$

Matrix of weights (not needed since all weights equal 1)

$$m{x}^T = egin{bmatrix} a & o \end{bmatrix}$$

Unknown transformation of parameters

results in the Normal equation:

$$\underline{A}^T\underline{A}\cdot\underline{x}-\underline{A}^T\underline{l}=0$$

or

$$\left\lceil x_i^{2} + y_i^{2} \right\rceil \cdot a$$

$$[X_i 'x_i '] + [Y_i 'y_i ']$$

$$\left[x_i^{2}+y_i^{2}\right]\cdot o$$

$$[X_i 'x_i '] - [Y_i 'y_i ']$$

This resolves to:

$$a = \frac{[X_i 'x_i '] + [Y_i 'y_i ']}{[x_i '^2 + y_i '^2]}$$

$$o = \frac{[X_i 'y_i '] - [Y_i 'x_i ']}{[x_i '^2 + y_i '^2]}$$

Step 4: Calculation of the Transformation parameters

The origin (instrument) coordinates result from the use of Equations 2a and 2b:

$$X_0 = X_S - a \cdot x_s - o \cdot y_S$$

$$Y_0 = Y_S - a \cdot y_S + o \cdot x_S$$

The scale factor and orientation values derive from Equations 1a and 1b:

$$m = \sqrt{a^2 + o^2}$$

Equation 7

$$\omega = \arctan rac{o}{a}$$

If the scale factor is not to be calculated, then m is a known value that must be applied to the parameters oand α as follows:

 $a' = \frac{a}{m}$

$$o' = \frac{o}{m}$$

Introducing these modified values into Equation 7 results in the computation of the fixed scale factor m.

Step 5: Calculation of residuals (corrections)

Use the following equations derived from Equations 6a and 6b:

$$v_{X_i} = X_i - a \cdot x_i$$
' $- o \cdot y_i$ ' $- X_S$

$$v_{Y_i} = Y_i - a \cdot y_i' + o \cdot x_i' - Y_S$$

Step 6: Compute the standard deviations

1. Standard deviation of unity weight

$$S_0^2 = rac{\left[{v_{{X_i}}}^2 + {v_{{Y_i}}}^2
ight]}{2n - u}$$

where:

n = number of control points

u = 3 with a fixed scale factor

u = 4 with a free scale factor

2. Standard deviation of instrument point coordinates Y0, X0

$$S_{X_0} = S_{Y_0} = S_0 \sqrt{rac{1}{n} + rac{x_{S^2} + y_{S^2}}{[x_i^{\ 2} + y_i^{\ 2}]}}$$

3. Standard deviation of transformation parameters

$$S_a = S_o = \frac{S_0}{\sqrt{[x_i^2 + y_i^2]}} = \frac{S_0}{\sqrt{[S_i^2]}}$$

4. Standard deviation of the free scale factor

$$m^2=a^2+o^2$$
 \Rightarrow $2mdm=2ada+2odo$ $dm=rac{a}{m}da+rac{0}{m}do$ $S_m^2=\left(rac{a}{m}
ight)^2\cdot S_a^2+\left(rac{o}{m}
ight)^2\cdot S_o^2=rac{S_0^2}{\left[S_i^2
ight]}\cdotrac{a^2+o^2}{m^2}$

with
$$m^2pprox a^2+o^2$$
 results in

$$S_m = rac{S_0}{\sqrt{[{x_i}^2 + {y_i}^2]}}$$

5. Standard deviation of orientation

$$an\omega=rac{o}{a}$$
 \Rightarrow $rac{1}{\cos^2\omega}d\omega=rac{a\cdot do-o\cdot da}{a^2}_{ ext{with}}\cos^2\omega=rac{a^2}{m^2}$ $d\omega=rac{a^2}{m^2}\left(rac{a\cdot do-o\cdot da}{a^2}
ight)$ $S_\omega^2=rac{1}{m^4}\cdot\left(a^2\cdot S_o^2+o^2\cdot S_a^2
ight)=rac{1}{m^4}\cdotrac{S_0^2}{\left[S_i^2
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