

1. Second (inverse) geodetic problem

Given two points, determine the azimuth and length of the line (straight line, arc or [geodesic](#)) that connects them.

In the case of plane geometry (valid for small areas on the Earth's surface) the solutions to both problems reduce to simple [trigonometry](#). On the sphere, the solution is significantly more complex, e.g., in the inverse problem the azimuths will differ between the two end points of the connecting [great circle](#), arc, i.e. the geodesic.

On the ellipsoid of revolution, geodesics may be written in terms of elliptic integrals, which are usually evaluated in terms of a series expansion; for example, see [Vincenty's formulae](#).

In the general case, the solution is called the [geodesic](#) for the surface considered. The [differential equations](#) for the [geodesic](#) can be solved numerically.

Input data

x0=500

y0=600

x=301

y=705

$$s = \sqrt{(x_0 - x)^2 + (y_0 - y)^2}$$
$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}((y_0 - y)/(x_0 - x))$$

Help:

Function name to get the square root: sqrt()

Archus tangent: atan()

2. task:

First read the Introduction of the spherical law of cosines

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spherical_law_of_cosines

First geodetic problem on sphere, please read this part of the lecture note:

*****The principal problems of geodesy - transformation between geographical coordinates and polar coordinates on surface of revolution**

First (direct) geodetic problem***

http://mercator.elte.hu/~gyorffy/jegyzete/Coord_sys/coordinate_2_.htm

Input data:

fi0=47.474795

la0=19.0620286

s=85000 meter

r=6372797 meter

alpha0=60°

Use this equation to calculate **fi_p** and **la**

$$\varphi_P = \arcsin \left[\sin \varphi_0 \cdot \cos \left(\frac{s}{R} \right) + \cos \varphi_0 \cdot \sin \left(\frac{s}{R} \right) \cdot \cos \alpha_0 \right]$$

$$\Delta \lambda = \arccos \left[\frac{\cos \left(\frac{s}{R} \right) - \sin \varphi_0 \cdot \sin \varphi_P}{\cos \varphi_0 \cdot \cos \varphi_P} \right] \cdot \frac{\sin \Delta \lambda}{|\sin \Delta \lambda|}$$

la=la0+Δla

Help: archus cosine in Python: `acos()`, and archus sine is `asin()`