

**12.215 Homework #2****Due Monday, November 6, 2006****Latitude and Longitude determination.**

The data needed for this homework are given below.

- (a) Find the time and the value of the maximum angle between the sun and its reflection using the data given below.
- (b) Find the mean index error of the sextant (data below) (5 points)
- (c) Using the mean index error for distance objects, compute the elevation angle to the Sun at its maximum (5 points)
- (d) Compute the approximate atmospheric bending contribution to this measured elevation to the sun (15 points)
- (e) Given the declination of the Sun and the in vacuum estimate of the elevation angle to the Sun, compute the latitude of the Green building. (25 points)
- (f) Given Greenwich hour angle at the Greenwich meridian crossing, compute the longitude of the Green building (25 points)

**Data for Homework:**

Index errors (minutes of arc)

TH            -6.2  
 Dawn        -7.5  
 Roxane      -7.8

Measured sextant data (date Oct 25, 2006)

Hrs (EDT)	Min	Sec	Sun Deg	Sun Min
11	22	12	66	46.8
11	27	48	67	23.2
11	30	43	67	41.4
11	41	24	68	48.0
11	47	27	69	18.6
11	49	46	69	31.6
11	53	48	69	43.1
11	56	40	69	56.4
12	07	35	70	28.6
12	12	02	70	41.9
12	13	50	70	40.4
12	14	57	70	42.8
12	16	17	70	44.1

12	17	30	70	50.0
12	18	36	70	48.0
12	19	46	70	46.7
12	21	26	70	58.4
12	22	51	70	46.8
12	23	51	70	45.7
12	25	29	70	48.6
12	27	50	70	49.5
12	35	13	70	54.1
12	37	05	70	48.4
12	38	56	70	40.4
12	43	20	70	36.2
12	48	34	70	25.2
12	52	57	70	18.8
12	59	14	70	01.0
13	03	30	69	43.5

Almanac from:

<http://www.tecepe.com.br/scripts/AlmanacPagesISAPI.isa/pages?date=10%2F25%2F2006>

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G.M.T		GHA		Dec	
d	h	°	'	°	'
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SUN					
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25	0	183	57.7	S11	58.4
	1	198	57.7	S11	59.3
	2	213	57.8	S12	00.2
	3	228	57.9	S12	01.0
	4	243	58.0	S12	01.9
W	5	258	58.0	S12	02.8
E					
D	6	273	58.1	S12	03.6
N	7	288	58.2	S12	04.5
E	8	303	58.2	S12	05.4
S	9	318	58.3	S12	06.2
D	10	333	58.4	S12	07.1
A	11	348	58.5	S12	07.9
Y					
	12	3	58.5	S12	08.8
	13	18	58.6	S12	09.7
	14	33	58.7	S12	10.5
	15	48	58.7	S12	11.4
	16	63	58.8	S12	12.2

17	78	58.9	S12	13.1
18	93	59.0	S12	14.0
19	108	59.0	S12	14.8
20	123	59.1	S12	15.7
21	138	59.2	S12	16.5
22	153	59.2	S12	17.4
23	168	59.3	S12	18.2

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