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**Recommandation :**

- 1) Revoir votre cours sur ce sujet.
- 2) Noter dans votre carnet du marin les éléments qui vous sont nécessaires pour réaliser ces exercices AVANT de commencer les exercices.
- 3) Connaître les notations et abréviations anglo saxonnes

**Matériel nécessaire :** Nautical Almanac 1981 et calculatrice

**Atelier 1 : Miscallenus**



**Exerice 1.1 Abbreviations**

Explain the following abreviations :

- UL
- LL
- DR

**Exercice 1.2 On/Off the arc and error versus correction**

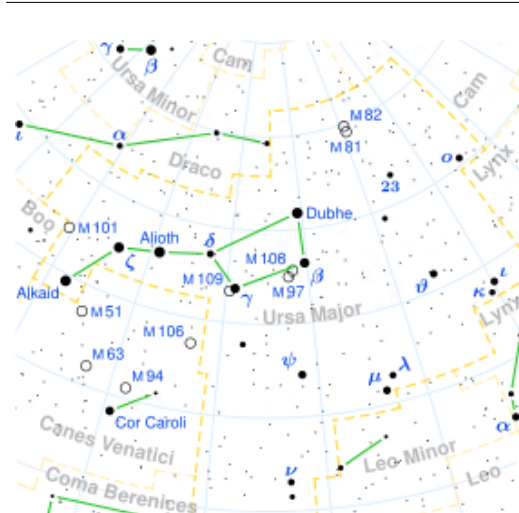
1) Choose the right answer(s) for each picture

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2) Determine the relation between the index error (IE) and the index correction(IC) .

**Atelier 2 : Altitude of Stars**

**Exercice 2.1 : Altitude of Dubhe**



On 23th july 1981, the sextant altitude of Duhbe  $50^{\circ}20,2$  was taken at 20h 53min 39s UT.  
 Your DR position was  $40^{\circ} 25' N / 32^{\circ} 40' W$ .  
 The index error is 2' on the arc ; height of eye 9,7m meter;  
 temperature  $29^{\circ}C$  pressure 1030 mb

Find the true altitude of Duhbe.

*Dubhe is also name Apha Ursae Majoris.  
 Dubhe is, despite being designated « alpha, the second-brightest star in the constellation of Ursa Major*

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### Exercise 2.2 : Altitude of Acrux

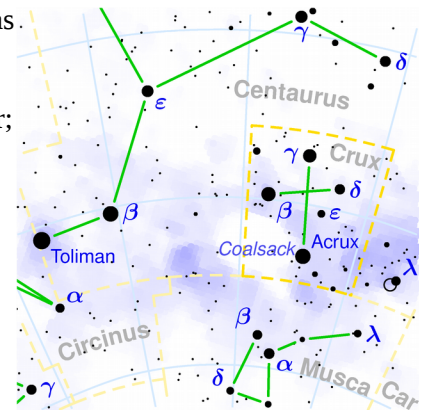
On 12th october 1981, the sextant altitude of Acrux  $64^{\circ} 35,2''$  was taken at 20h 53min 39s UT.

Your DR position was  $40^{\circ} 25' S / 32^{\circ} 40' W$ .

The index error is  $2'$  off the arc ; height of eye 6.0 meter; temperature  $20^{\circ}C$  and pressure 1030 hPa.

Is there a correction for the temperature/pressure ? Why ?

Find the true altitude of Acrux.



*Acrux is the brightest star in the constellation Southern Crux*

### Atelier 3 : Altitude of the Sun

#### Exercise 3.1 [050150]

On 2 January 1981, you observe the lower limb of the Sun at a sextant altitude (hs) of  $35^{\circ}50.4'$ . The index error is  $0.8'$  on the arc. The height of eye is 24 feet (7.3 meters). What is the observed altitude ( $H_o$ ) ?

#### Exercise 3.2 (050168)

You observe the lower limb of the Sun at a sextant altitude (hs) of  $45^{\circ}49.7'$  on 13 November . The index error is  $1.0'$  on the arc. The height of eye is 61 feet (18.6 meters). What is the observed altitude ( $H_o$ ) ?

### Atelier 4 : Altitude of planet

#### Exercise 4.1 050173

You observe the planet Jupiter at a sextant altitude (hs) of  $66^{\circ}27,6'$  on 26 May 1981. The index error is  $5,2'$  on the arc. The height of eye is 52 feet. What is the observed altitude ( $H_o$ )?

#### Exercise 4.2 050174

During the evening twilight on 28 December 1981, the sextant altitude (hs) of the planet Venus was  $29^{\circ}43,2'$ . The height of eye was 40 feet. The index error was  $2.0'$  on the arc. What is the observed altitude ( $H_o$ )?

### Atelier 5 : Altitude of the Moon

#### Exercise 5.1 Altitude of the moon (LL)

At 18h 38min 11s UT, March 23, 1981, the navigator obtains a sight of the Moon's lower limb.

The azimuth is  $043^{\circ}$  and the altitude on the sextant is  $hs=32^{\circ} 37,1'$ .

At 18h30, the dead reckoned position was  $60^{\circ} 12,6' N / 80^{\circ} 49,8' E$ .

The height of eye is 68 feet, pression is 1030 hPa, temperature  $20^{\circ}C$ .

The index correction is  $+0.2'$ .

Determine ho.

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### Exercice 5.2 Altitude of the moon (UL)

At 02h 38min 11s UT, May 23, 1981, the navigator obtains a sight of the Moon's lower limb.

The bearing is  $100^\circ$  and the altitude on the sextant is  $h_s = 18^\circ 15,3'$ .

At 02h 30min, the dead reckoned position was  $60^\circ 12,6'S / 80^\circ 49,8'W$

The height of eye is 15m, pressure 1030 hPa, temperature  $20^\circ C$ .

The index error is  $2'$  on the arc..

Determine  $h_o$ .

### Corrections partielles

Exercice 2.1 :  $h_o = 50^\circ 11,9'$

Exercice 2.2 :  $h_o = 64^\circ 32,4'$

Exercice 3.1 :  $h_o = 35^\circ 59,7'$

Exercice 3.2:  $h_o = 45^\circ 56,4'$

Exercice 4.1 :  $h_o = 66^\circ 15,0'$

Exercice 4.2 :  $h_o = 29^\circ 34,1'$

Exercice 5.1:  $h_o = 32^\circ 21,9'$

Exercice 5.2:  $h_o = 18^\circ 42,6'$

