This month’s trigonometry challenges involve finding the distance between two corners, and finding the state plane coordinates of a traverse.

Problem Number 5

Jeff and Tony could not occupy either corner to get a measured distance between them, so they measured the data shown. What is the distance between the two corners?

Problem Number 6

Katrinka ran the traverse A-B-C-D-E-F-A with an assumed coordinate of N 1000, E 3000 for Point “A” and an assumed bearing of “east” for line A-B. She later tied the traverse to the state plane coordinate system by the two angles and distances shown. What are the state plane coordinates of her traverse?

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