



GEODESY LESSON PLAN

All Shook Up

Focus

Displacement of the Earth's crust due to seismic events

Grade Level

9-12

Focus Question

How can we measure movements in the Earth's crust due to seismic events?

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to calculate the amount of displacement in horizontal and vertical direction due to an earthquake.

Materials

- Computer with internet access and a working email account (if computer access is not available, you may choose to use data sets included in Crustal Displacement – Teacher Answer Guide)
- Copies of Using CORS Data, one for each student or student group
- Copy of Using CORS Data – Teacher's Guide, one copy for teacher's reference
- Copies of Student Sheet Analyzing Crustal Displacement Due to Earthquakes, one for each student or student group
- Calculator or spreadsheet program, such as Microsoft Excel
- Copies of either Geodesy Subject Review (fill-in-the-blank version, with or without word bank) or Geodesy Subject Review Crossword Puzzle one copy for each student or student group (these tests are included in the Meet Geodesy lesson plan).

Audio/Visual Materials

None

Teaching Time

Three 45-minute class periods, plus one additional class period to complete the Meet Geodesy lesson, if desired

Seating Arrangement

Groups of three students

Maximum Number of Students

This depends upon availability of computers; if access is limited you might have one group retrieving data while the remaining groups complete one version of the Geodesy Subject Review

Key Words

GPS

CORS

OPUS

Plate boundary

Fault

Background

[NOTE: See the Meet Geodesy lesson plan for background on the science and importance of geodesy.]

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Alaska has more earthquakes and larger earthquakes than any other state. In fact, the four largest earthquakes ever recorded in the United States all occurred in Alaska. The reason for this is that the southern portion of Alaska is located on the boundary between the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate. While most of the seismic activity occurs in the region of the plate boundary, there are also several active faults in Alaska that can also create earthquakes.

On November 3, 2002, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake hit Alaska. The earthquake occurred about 144 km (90 miles) south of Fairbanks along the Denali Fault. The quake fractured over 336 km (209 miles) of the Earth's surface, triggering thousands of landslides and damaging runways at a nearby airport. Fortunately, the quake caused no deaths and very little structural damage because the surrounding area is sparsely populated. However, many locations around the epicenter did experience a displacement due to the quake. These displacements consisted of both vertical and horizontal motions.

In this lesson, students will analyze geodetic data from three sites affected by the Alaskan earthquake of November 3, 2002, and determine how much the Earth's crust was displaced by this event.

Learning Procedure

[NOTE: You may want to complete part or all of the "Meet Geodesy" lesson plan if students have not been previously introduced to this science.]

Part 1:

Briefly introduce the concept of measuring displacements in the Earth's crust using geodetic data, and describe the Alaskan earthquake of November 3, 2002 (maps and other information about the earthquake can be found at <http://neic.usgs.gov/neis/poster/2002/20021103.html>)

Part 2: (If students will be retrieving data via the Internet)

1.

Have students review Using CORS Data. Go over this with students ahead of time so they are familiar with how to retrieve the needed information from the NGS Web site.

2.

Student will need the following RINEX2 files from the NGS Web site. Have each student or student group get data for one or more of the dates listed for the following sites:

FAIR	GNAA	TLKA
(Fairbanks, AK):	(Glennallen, AK):	(Talkeetna, AK):
Oct 26, 2002	Oct 29, 2002	Oct 29, 2002
Oct 30, 2002	Oct 30, 2002	Oct 30, 2002
Oct 31, 2002	Oct 31, 2002	Oct 31, 2002
Nov 1, 2002	Nov 1, 2002	Nov 1, 2002
Nov 2, 2002	Nov 2, 2002	Nov 2, 2002
Nov 4, 2002	Nov 12, 2002	Nov 12, 2002
Nov 6, 2002	Nov 13, 2002	Nov 13, 2002
Nov 8, 2002	Nov 21, 2002	Nov 21, 2002
Nov 12, 2002	Nov 22, 2002	Nov 22, 2002
Nov 13, 2002	Nov 25, 2002	Nov 25, 2002

3.

Submit the files to OPUS.

Use the following information for antennas:

FAIR: AOAD/M_T	[Dorne Margolin T. Chokerings (TurboRogue)]
GNAA: TRM22020.00+GP	(Geodetic L1/L2 compact + groundplane)
TLKA: TRM22020.00+GP	(Geodetic L1/L2 compact + groundplane)

Use the following three sites as the base sites:

AISI (Annette Island 1, AK)

BAY1 (Cold Bay 1, AK)

PBOC (Prudhoe Bay 2, AK)

4.

Extract the latitude, longitude, and elevation information from each OPUS solution.

Part 3:

1.

Assign one of the three sites to each student in each group.

Have students fill in the table in their worksheet using the latitude, longitude, and elevation data for their assigned site.

2.

Have students make four graphs for their assigned site:

- Latitude vs. Date
- Longitude vs. Date
- Elevation vs. Date
- Latitude vs. Longitude

Note: This can be easily done by importing the data into a spreadsheet program; Microsoft Excel works well.

3.

Have students share their graphs with the other members in their group. They will need information from all three sites to answer the questions that follow.

4.

Have students answer the questions on the worksheet. Lead a discussion of student's results using answers from Crustal Displacement – Teacher Answer Guide as a guide. Ask students whether displacements of several centimeters are really significant. You may want to have a student stand straight up on a piece of cardboard or a small piece of carpet, and jerk the cardboard or carpet a few centimeters along the floor. Ask students what might happen if rigid structures (such as buildings) were similarly displaced. Students should realize that relatively small displacements can still have significant effects. Students should also realize that quantifying displacements caused by earthquakes can provide useful data for designing earthquake-resistant structures, and possibly for developing better tools and methods for predicting earthquakes.

The Bridge Connection

www.vims.edu/bridge/ Click on "Search" in the box on the upper right and enter : "earthquake."

The "Me" Connection

Have students write a short essay in which they predict the effects of a sudden 6 cm shift in the portion of the Earth's crust beneath their school building.

Connections to Other Subjects

Geography, Technology, and Mathematics

Evaluation

The teacher will review the student's Analyzing Crustal Displacement Due to Earthquakes worksheet.

Extensions

1. Visit <http://geodesy.noaa.gov/TOOLS/> to learn more about the kinds of information that can be obtained through geodesy.
2. Have students visit <http://geodesy.noaa.gov/INFO/NGShistory.html> and prepare a brief report highlighting advances in geodesy since the establishment of the National Geodetic Survey in 1807.
3. Visit <http://mceer.buffalo.edu/education/exercises/struct.asp> to learn about designing structures to perform well during an earthquake.
4. Visit <http://www.exploratorium.edu/faultline/activities/index.html> for ideas from the exploratorium to learn more about earthquakes.

Resources

<http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/CORS/> – Web site for the National Geodetic Survey's network of Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) that provide Global Positioning System (GPS) measurements to support accurate determination of locations and elevations throughout the United States and its territories.

<http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/OPUS> – Web site for the National Geodetic Survey's On-line Positioning User Service (OPUS). This service allows users to submit GPS data files to NGS, where the data are processed to determine a position using NGS computers and software. Calculated positions are reported back via email.

http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/news/features/supp_sep03.html. – National Ocean Service Web site story that describes the National Spatial Reference System, Global Positioning System, and why geodesy is important.

<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/GEOID/> – National Geodetic Survey Web site with definitions, descriptions, and links to research and information about the geoid, including a slide show on gravity and the geoid.

<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/GRD/> – Web site of the Geosciences Research Division of the National Geodetic Survey, with current projects, data, software and archives.

http://geodesy.noaa.gov/PUBS_LIB/thePossibilities/Imagine.html – A brochure (PDF format) explaining the role of geodesy in contemporary America.

http://geodesy.noaa.gov/PUBS_LIB/Geodesy4Layman/TR80003A.HTM – A “classic” report which presents the basic principles of geodesy in an elementary form.

<http://einstein.gge.unb.ca/tutorial/tutorial.htm> – An introduction to geodesy by the Geodesy Group at the University of New Brunswick.

<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/faq.shtml> – Frequently Asked Questions about geodesy and the National Geodetic Survey.

<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/INFO/NGShistory.html> – History of the National Geodetic Survey, which was the first civilian scientific agency in the United States, established by President Thomas Jefferson in 1807.

http://geodesy.noaa.gov/geodetic_links.shtml – Links to other organizations, information, and resources about geodesy

National Science Education Standards

Content Standard A: Science as Inquiry

- Abilities necessary to do scientific inquiry
- Understandings about scientific inquiry

Content Standard B: Physical Science

- Motions and forces

Content Standard D: Earth and Space Science

- Energy in the earth system

Content Standard E: Science and Technology

- Abilities of technological design
- Understandings about science and technology

Content Standard F: Science in Personal and Social Perspectives

- Natural and human-induced hazards
- Science and technology in local, national, and global challenges



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Using CORS Data

Introduction

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① ② ③ ④ ⑤
tlka0010.03o.gz

- ① 4 letter site ID
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0010 = day 1 or Jan 1st;
3650 = day 365 or Dec 31st)
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may vary. You always want to save
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Enter the following information:

An email address to which OPUS can send your files.

The location of the RINEX2 files you saved from the previous step.

Antenna data. This will vary for each site, and is specified for each exercise.

Leave as “0.0 m”.

Leave as “0 NONE” for state plane coordinates.

Click “OPTIONAL – PICK/REMOVE SITES”. Once you are there, you will need to choose the 3 sites to be used as base sites. This will vary and is specified for each exercise.

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SOFTWARE: page5 0203.19 ./master.pl START: 2002/10/26 00:00:00
EPHEMERIS: igs11896.eph [precise] STOP: 2002/10/26 23:59:00
NAV FILE: brdc2990.02n OBS USED: 37163 / 45755 : 81%
ANT NAME: AOAD/M_T # FIXED AMB: 260 / 380 : 68%
ARP HEIGHT: 0.0 OVERALL RMS: 0.022 (m)
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REF FRAME: NAD83(CORS96) (EPOCH:2002.0000) ITRF00 (EPOCH:2002.8178)
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Teacher’s Note:

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Step 4: Organizing the Data to See Changes.

In order to see changes in position, students will need to graph the data. This can either be done by hand or students could input their data into a spreadsheet program and create graphs from the data. Microsoft Excel works well.

The displacements that occur for these events are on the order of centimeters. Therefore, the degrees and minutes of latitude and longitude do NOT vary. For this reason, analysis of the data from this point forward will focus on the **seconds** of latitude and longitude.

Step 5: Converting Latitude & Longitude Changes into More Meaningful Units (Centimeters).

Overall, each site had movement in a horizontal and/or vertical direction. These movements are relatively small, so they are

expressed in fractions of a second. The next step is to express these small numbers in units students are more familiar with: centimeters.

Note: You only need to deal with the seconds of latitude and longitude for all of the following steps.

Use a proportion and the information below to convert the change in latitude seconds into centimeters:

1 second of latitude = 3092.36 centimeters

Longitude is more complicated to deal with than latitude since longitude lines converge at the poles. A change in 1 degree of longitude at the equator would represent a much larger distance than a change of 1 degree of longitude close to the poles. Therefore, longitude values need to be calculated as a function of latitude. Use the information below to convert the change in longitude seconds into centimeters. For this calculation, you can round the latitude to the nearest whole degree.

**1 second of longitude = 3092.36 centimeters * cos
(latitude)**



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Analyzing Crustal Displacement Due to Earthquakes

Name _____ Period ____ Date _____

Site Name:			
Date	Latitude (deg, min, sec)	West Longitude (deg, min, sec)	Elevation (meters)

Make four graphs of your data:

- Latitude vs. Time
- Longitude vs. Time
- Elevation vs. Time
- Latitude vs. Longitude

Questions:

Describe any changes that you see in the latitude or longitude of the site you analyzed. Be sure to include the *direction* that the site appeared to move.

Describe any changes that you see in the elevation of the site you analyzed.

Compare the data of the site that you analyzed with the other 2 sites. What similarities do you see? What differences?

Compare the graphs of latitude vs. longitude for all 3 stations. Which graph seems to show the greatest correlation between changes of latitude and changes of longitude? Why do you think this is so?

For your site, calculate the *average* latitude and longitude for the site before the earthquake (November 3, 2002) and after the earthquake.

Find the *change* in latitude and longitude for your site. This will be on the order of fractions of a second.

Convert the change in latitude from seconds into centimeters. One second of latitude is equal to 3092.36 centimeters, so this can be done by multiplying the change in latitude by 3092.36 centimeters.

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Note: For this calculation, you can round the latitude of your site to the nearest whole degree.

Elevation changes are expressed in meters in the data from OPUS. Convert these meters into centimeters.

Compare the results from your site with your classmates' results from the other two sites. Which site had the greatest change in latitude? In which direction did it move?

Which site had the greatest change in longitude? In which direction did it move?

Which site had the greatest change in elevation? In which direction did it move?



Analyzing Crustal Displacement Due to Earthquakes – Teacher Answer Guide

Site Name: Fairbanks, Alaska			
Date	Latitude (deg, min, sec)	West Longitude (deg, min, sec)	Elevation (meters)
10/26/02	64° 58' 40.79976"	147° 29' 57.26258"	319.068
10/30/02	64° 58' 40.79980"	147° 29' 57.26266"	319.075
10/31/02	64° 58' 40.79963"	147° 29' 57.26200"	319.102
11/1/02	64° 58' 40.79980"	147° 29' 57.26278"	319.089
11/2/02	64° 58' 40.79980"	147° 29' 57.26248"	319.093
11/4/02	64° 58' 40.79862"	147° 29' 57.26087"	319.085
11/6/02	64° 58' 40.79859"	147° 29' 57.26135"	319.063
11/8/02	64° 58' 40.79862"	147° 29' 57.26156"	319.066
11/12/02	64° 58' 40.79839"	147° 29' 57.26040"	319.073
11/13/02	64° 58' 40.79869"	147° 29' 57.26063"	319.069

Site Name: Glennallen, AK			
Date	Latitude (deg, min, sec)	West Longitude (deg, min, sec)	Elevation (meters)
10/29/02	62° 6' 44.57832"	145° 58' 12.78613"	603.052
10/30/02	62° 6' 44.57832"	145° 58' 12.78624"	603.058
10/31/02	62° 6' 44.57830"	145° 58' 12.78613"	603.051
11/1/02	62° 6' 44.57825"	145° 58' 12.78642"	603.058
11/2/02	62° 6' 44.57812"	145° 58' 12.78686"	603.067
11/12/02	62° 6' 44.58021"	145° 58' 12.79075"	603.051
11/13/02	62° 6' 44.58047"	145° 58' 12.79128"	603.021
11/21/02	62° 6' 44.58054"	145° 58' 12.79186"	603.060
11/22/02	62° 6' 44.58030"	145° 58' 12.79141"	603.071
11/25/02	62° 6' 44.58016"	145° 58' 12.79148"	603.058

Site Name: Talkeetna, Alaska			
Date	Latitude (deg, min, sec)	West Longitude (deg, min, sec)	Elevation (meters)
10/29/02	62° 18' 27.55715"	150° 25' 13.06341"	165.993
10/30/02	62° 18' 27.55726"	150° 25' 13.06313"	165.958
10/31/02	62° 18' 27.55740"	150° 25' 13.06310"	165.969
11/1/02	62° 18' 27.55728"	150° 25' 13.06359"	165.975
11/2/02	62° 18' 27.55753"	150° 25' 13.06354"	165.979
11/12/02	62° 18' 27.55743"	150° 25' 13.06378"	165.956
11/13/02	62° 18' 27.55732"	150° 25' 13.06350"	165.930
11/21/02	62° 18' 27.55738"	150° 25' 13.06356"	165.939
11/22/02	62° 18' 27.55732"	150° 25' 13.06343"	165.928
11/25/02	62° 18' 27.55705"	150° 25' 13.06306"	165.951

Make four graphs of your data:

- Latitude vs. Time
- Longitude vs. Time
- Elevation vs. Time
- Latitude vs. Longitude

Questions:

Describe any changes that you see in the latitude or longitude of the site you analyzed. Be sure to include the direction that the site appeared to move.

Fairbanks: The site moves south and east.

Glennallen: The site moves north and west.

Talkeetna: The latitude of the site does not appear to change, but it moves west.

Describe any changes that you see in the elevation of the site you analyzed.

Fairbanks: The elevation decreases.

Glennallen: There is no evident change in elevation.

Talkeetna: The elevation decreases.

Compare the data of the site that you analyzed with the other 2 sites. What similarities do you see? What differences?

All of the sites had changes in location due to the earthquake.

However, not all of the sites moved the same amount or in the same direction. For example, Glennallen had strong horizontal move-

ment, but no significant change in elevation, while Fairbanks and Talkeena both showed movement both horizontally and vertically.

Compare the graphs of latitude vs. longitude for all 3 stations. Which graph seems to show the greatest correlation between changes of latitude and changes of longitude?

Why do you think this is so?

Glennallen seemed to show the best correlation in latitude and longitude changes.

For your site, calculate the *average* latitude and longitude for the site before the earthquake (November 3, 2002) and after the earthquake.

Fairbanks: latitude before = 40.799724"
longitude before = 57.262420"
latitude after = 40.798582"
longitude after = 57.260962"

Glennallen: latitude before = 44.578262"
longitude before = 12.7863560"
latitude after = 12.786356"
longitude after = 12.791356"

Talkeetna: latitude before = 27.557324"
longitude before = 13.063354"
latitude after = 27.557300"
longitude after = 13.065866"

Find the *change* in latitude and longitude for your site. This will be on the order of fractions of a second.

Fairbanks: latitude change = - 0.001142"
longitude change = - 0.001458"

Glennallen: latitude change = + 0.002074"
longitude change = + 0.005000"

Talkeetna: latitude change = - 0.000024"
longitude change = + 0.002512"

Convert the change in latitude from seconds into centimeters.

One second of latitude is equal to 3092.36 centimeters, so this can be done by multiplying the change in latitude by 3092.36 centimeters.

Fairbanks: latitude change = - 3.5 cm

Glennallen: latitude change = + 6.4 cm

Talkeetna: latitude change = - 0.1 cm

Convert the change in longitude from seconds into centimeters. Longitude is more complicated to deal with than latitude since longitude lines converge at the poles. A change in 1 degree of longitude at the equator would represent a much larger distance than a change of 1 degree of longitude close to the poles. Therefore, longitude values need to be calculated as a function of latitude. Multiple your change in longitude by 3092.36 centimeters * cos (latitude).

Note: For this calculation, you can round the latitude of your site to the nearest whole degree.

Fairbanks longitude change = - 1.9 cm

Glennallen longitude change = + 7.3 cm

Talkeetna longitude change = + 3.6 cm

Elevation changes are expressed in meters in the data from OPUS. Convert these meters into centimeters.

Fairbanks elevation change = - 1.8 cm

Glennallen elevation change = - 0.5 cm

Talkeetna elevation change = -3.4 cm

Compare the results from your site with your classmates' results from the other two sites. Which site had the greatest change in latitude? In which direction did it move?

Glennallen had the greatest change in latitude; it moved north.

Which site had the greatest change in longitude? In which direction did it move?

Glennallen had the greatest change in longitude; it moved west.

Which site had the greatest change in elevation? In which direction did it move?

Talkeetna had the greatest change in elevation; it moved down.



GEODESY LESSON PLAN

Geodesy Subject Review

1. The science of measuring and monitoring the size and shape of the Earth is _____.
2. By looking at the height, angles and distances between numerous locations on the Earth's surface, geodesists create a _____.
3. The Earth's surface rises and falls about 30 _____ everyday under the gravitational influences of the moon and the sun.
4. The Earth's outermost layer is called the _____.
5. The plates that make up the Earth's outer layer ride atop a sea of molten rock called _____.
6. Plate _____ is the scientific discipline that looks at how the Earth's plates shift and interact, especially in relation to earthquakes and volcanoes.

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7. The Greek philosopher _____ is credited as the first person to try and calculate the size of the Earth by determining its circumference.
8. A method of determining the position of a fixed point from the angles to it from two fixed points a known distance apart. _____
9. The Earth is flattened into the shape of an _____ sphere.
10. To measure the Earth, and avoid the problems that places like the Grand Canyon present, geodesists use a theoretical, mathematical surface called the _____ that is created by rotating an ellipse around its shorter axis.
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12. The earth's mass is _____ distributed, meaning that certain areas of the planet experience more gravitational "pull" than others.
13. _____ are sets of data that are the basis for all geodetic survey work. In the United States, horizontal and vertical datums make up a system called the _____.
14. The _____ datum is a collection of specific points on the Earth that have been identified according to their precise northerly or southerly location and easterly or westerly location.
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18. Surveyors now rely almost exclusively on the _____ to identify locations on the Earth.
19. The _____ is where two plates of the Earth's crust meet, and is responsible for many earthquakes in California.
20. The _____ datum is a collection of positions whose heights above or below mean sea level is known.
21. The traditional method for setting vertical benchmarks is called _____ leveling subsidence land sinking
22. Gravitational attraction between two bodies is stronger when the _____ of the objects are greater and closer together.
23. Because the Earth's mass and density vary at different locations on the planet, _____ also varies.
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GEODESY LESSON PLAN

Geodesy Subject Review: Crossword Puzzle

Across

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