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To Determine Percent of Slope and Angle of Slope

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n traveling on an idealized flat surface - it does not account for the actual distance traveled once elevation change is factored (sometimes referred to as "the rise divided by the run"), and then multiplying the result by 100. The "run" assumes you're Percent of slope is determined by dividing the amount of elevation change by the amount of horizontal distance covered

is 2,000 feet (the run) Example: let's assume your climb gains 1,000 feet in altitude (the rise) and the horizontal distance as measured on the map

1,000 divided by 2,000 equals 0.5

Multiply 0.5 by 100 to derive percent of slope: 50%

3,000 feet (the run) Example: let's assume your climb gains 500 feet in altitude (the rise) and the horizontal distance as measured on the map is

500 divided by 3,000 equals 0.166

Multiply 0.166 by 100 to derive percent of slope: 16.6%

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700 divided by 500 equals 1.4

Multiply 1.4 by 100 to derive percent of slope: 140%

elevation change) and your climb's angular deviation from that idealized flat surface. To calculate this, you divide the rise Angle of slope represents the angle that's formed between the run (remember it's an idealized flat surface that ignores divided by the run, and then obtain the inverse tangent of the result.

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1,000 divided by 2,000 equals .5

Press the INV button on your calculator (sometimes called 2nd function)

Press the TAN button on your calculator

Your angle of slope is 26.5 degrees

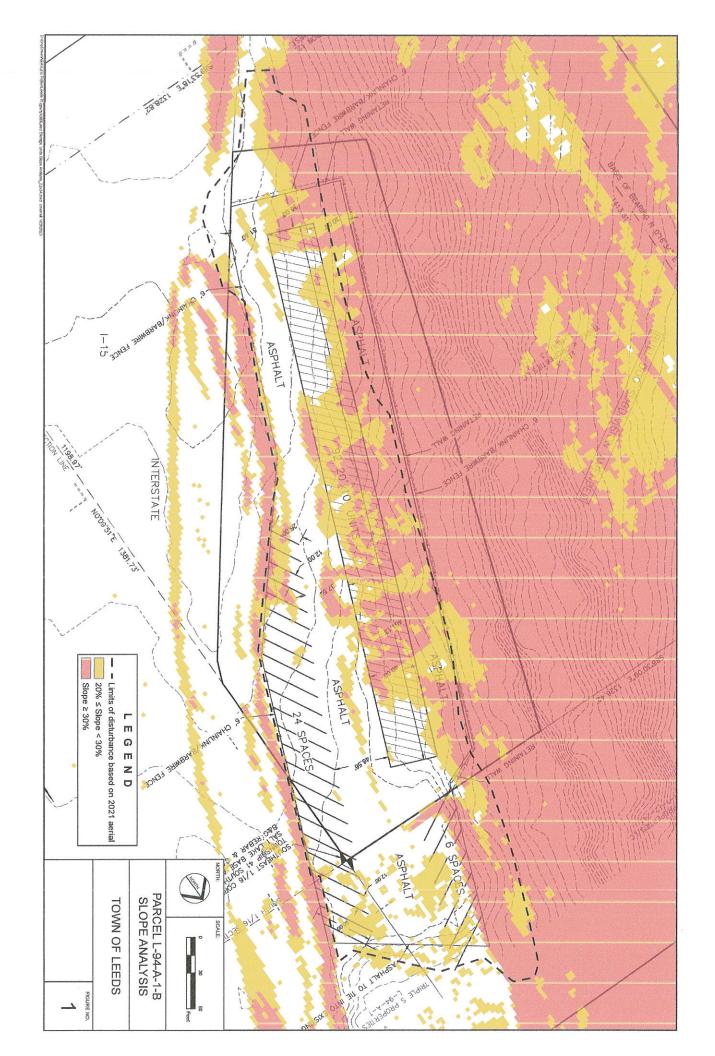
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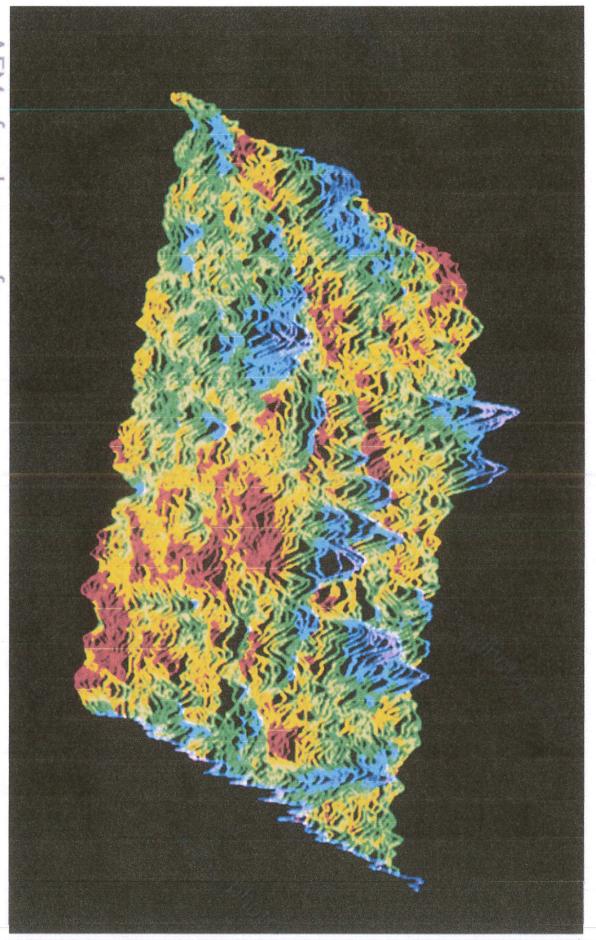
1,000 divided by 1,000 equals 1

Press the INV button on your calculator (sometimes called 2nd function)

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Your angle of slope is 45 degrees





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