

Geographic Coordinate System Conversions

Degrees° Minutes' Seconds" (DMS)

Decimal Degrees (DD)

$$(DMS)(24) = DD$$

$$(Degrees) + (Minutes/60) + (Seconds/3600) = DD$$

OR

A	30° 25' 48" N
1	

$$= (A1)*(24) = 30.43$$

$$= ((MID(A1,1,2)) + ((MID(A1,5,2))/60) + ((MID(A1,9,2))/3600)) = 30.43$$

Decimal Degrees (DD)

Degrees° Minutes' Seconds" (DMS)

$$(DD)/(24) = DMS$$

$$30.43 \text{ DD} \rightarrow 30^{\circ} 25' 48" \text{ DMS}$$

OR

$$30.43 \rightarrow (0.43*60) = 25.8 \rightarrow (0.8*60) = 48$$

A	30.43
1	

$$= (A1)/(24) = 30^{\circ} 25' 48"$$

Degrees

Minutes

Seconds

Displaying the number in DMS formatting

- Right Click on the cell & go to **Format Cells**
- Select the **Custom** Category & type **[hh] mm' ss"**
- To insert the decimal degree symbol position the cursor after the [hh] & hold down the **ALT** & type **0176**

Calculating the Distances Between 2 points

Great Circle Distances

DD

	Latitude	Longitude
Point 1	39.513	96.967
Point 2	39.200	94.967

$$= 6378.135 * \text{ACOS}(\text{COS}(\text{RADIANS}(90-(\text{Lat1d}))) * \text{COS}(\text{RADIANS}(90-(\text{Lat2d}))) + \text{SIN}(\text{RADIANS}(90-(\text{Lat1d}))) * \text{SIN}(\text{RADIANS}(90-(\text{Lat2d}))) * \text{COS}(\text{RADIANS}((\text{Long1d}-\text{Long2d}))))$$

DMS

	Latitude	Longitude
Point 1	39° 30' 45"	96° 58' 00"
Point 2	39° 12' 00"	94° 58' 00"

$$= 6378.135 * \text{ACOS}(\text{COS}(\text{RADIANS}(90-(\text{Lat1}^{\circ}24'))) * \text{COS}(\text{RADIANS}(90-(\text{Lat2}^{\circ}24))) + \text{SIN}(\text{RADIANS}(90-(\text{Lat1}^{\circ}24))) * \text{SIN}(\text{RADIANS}(90-(\text{Lat2}^{\circ}24))) * \text{COS}(\text{RADIANS}(24 * (\text{Long1}-\text{Long2}))))$$

Distance = 175.624 km (note: 6378.135 = the Earth's Radius in nautical km)

