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**Procedure:**

1. Cancel terms...
2. Solve for  $\Delta x, \Delta\lambda$  as functions of  $\Delta\theta$ .

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