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The CSS Sensor Data module is responsible for correcting course sun sensor data using a Chebyshev polynomial fit.

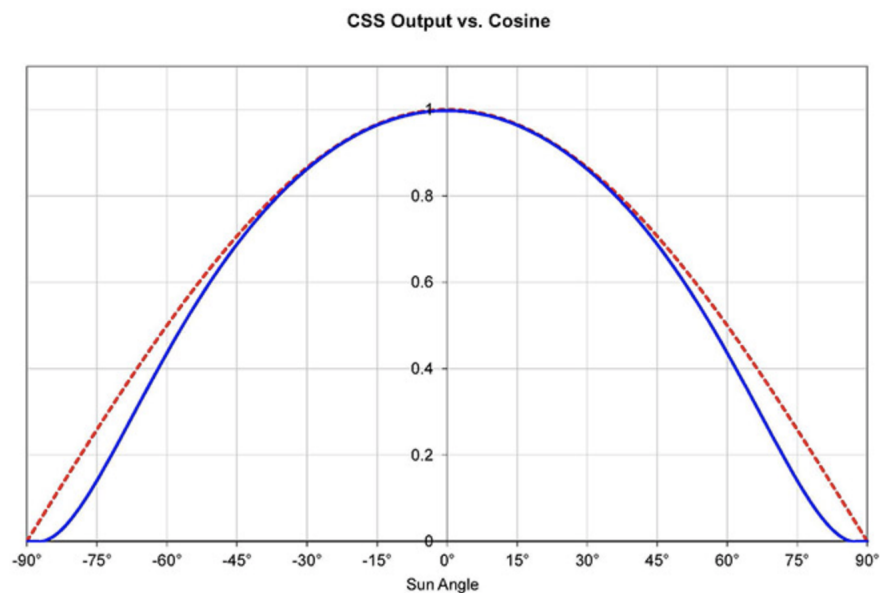
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## 1 Model Description



**Fig. 1:** Example of CSS output (blue) relative to a cosine curve (red).<sup>1</sup>

This module reads in raw sensor data from the `CSSArraySensorIntMsg`, message type, iterates through each raw CSS measurement, normalizes the measurement, checks that the input is within sensible bounds, and then corrects the measurement based on pre-calibrated Chebyshev polynomial. The corrected cosine measurement value is then written out in a `CSSArraySensorIntMsg`.

## 1.1 Equations

The Chebyshev formulation follows the standard formulation:

$$T_{i+1}(x) = 2xT_i(x) - T_{i-1}(x) \quad (1)$$

where

$$T_0(x) = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$T_1(x) = x \quad (3)$$

As such, the algorithm to compute the Chebyshev polynomial approximation given by the following excerpt:<sup>2</sup>

1. Suppose we want to evaluate Chebyshev polynomial of order  $i$  at  $x_0$ , ( $T_i(x_0)$ )
2. The first two order of Chebyshev polynomials can be evaluated using the following form

$$T_0(x) = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$T_1(x) = x \quad (5)$$

3. The Chebyshev polynomial of order  $i > 1$  can be computed using the values of Chebyshev polynomials of order  $i - 1$  and  $i - 2$  and the following recursive formula:

$$T_{i+1}(x) = 2xT_i(x) - T_{i-1}(x) \quad (6)$$

4. Apply this formula up to the order  $i$  to evaluate Chebyshev polynomial of order  $i$  at  $x_0$ .

## 2 Module Functions

- **Corrects raw CSS data:** This module adjusts the raw CSS data to reflect sensor calibrations.
- **Sends out corrected values to the simulation:** This module outputs a `CSSArrayIntMsg` with to be used for guidance modules.

## 3 Module Assumptions and Limitations

The chebyshev calibration model and coefficients are calibrated for only one distance. As the spacecraft moves farther away from the distance for which the CSS were calibrated, the model will change. This should be most apparent at high sun angles.

## 4 Test Description and Success Criteria

The unit test checks for proper functionality of the module for various CSS configurations and input values, both within and outside expected bounds.

## 5 Test Parameters

The three test cases run include:

1. Checking for appropriate correction to raw CSS sensor data.
2. Handle too many sensor inputs, i.e. enforcing the total number of sensors inputs to the maximum sensors defined
3. Ensuring the sim shuts down if zero or a negative number of sensors are configured.

The unit test verify that the module output guidance message vectors match expected values.

**Table 2:** Error tolerance for each test.

Output Value Tested	Tolerated Error
cosValues	1e-06

## 6 Test Results

All of the tests passed:

**Table 3:** Test results

Check	Pass/Fail
1	PASSED

## 7 User Guide

1. Input required: `CSSArrayIntMsg` which contains the raw cosine values of the CSS array.
2. Output required: `CSSArrayIntMsg` contains the corrected cosine values of the CSS array.

## REFERENCES

- [1] Adcole Corporation. Coarse sun sensor detector (cosine type).
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