



COMPUTATIONAL ASTROPHYSICS

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01. Data in Astrophysics

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Knowing the Data

Usual data formats in astrophysics

.txt (plain text)

.fits (Flexible Image Transport System)

.dat + ReadMe

VOTable

.CSV

Data files

Feature

Data point
or Sample

Name	z	sigma*	e_sigma*	n_sigma*	FWHM	e_FWHM	logL	e_logL	logM	E_logM	e_logM
SDSS J000805.62+145023.4	0.0454	140.0	27.0		7610	380	41.13	0.04	7.7		0.1
SDSS J004236.86-104921.8	0.0419	78.4	10.0		1960	97	41.58	0.14	6.7		0.1
SDSS J011703.58+000027.3	0.0456	98.8	16.0		2270	110	41.45	0.08	6.8		0.1
SDSS J020459.25-080816.0	0.0772	121.0	9.4	a	3720	180	41.13	0.05	7.0		0.1
SDSS J020615.99-001729.1	0.0426	216.0	30.0		3860	190	41.91	0.07	7.5		0.1

Data files

Non-numerical
values

Missing
values

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DataBases

SIMBAD - VizieR

**Set of
Identifications,
Measurements and
Bibliography for
Astronomical
Data.**

DataBases

SIMBAD - VizieR <http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad/>

4'500.000 stars

3'500.000 non-stellar objects (galaxies, nebula, clusters, novae, supernovae, etc)

No data for Solar System objects

DataBases

SIMBAD - VizieR [http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/
simbad/](http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad/)

Data is used in bibliographical references

DataBases

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- Type of the object
- Coordinates
- Proper motion
- Radial velocity
- Parallax
- Spectral type
- Redshift
- Integral magnitude
- Flux
- ...

DataBases

SDSS <https://www.sdss.org/>

**Sloan
Digital
Sky
Survey**

Data Release 16 (DR16): 9 Dec 2019

DataBases

SDSS <https://www.sdss.org/>

3D map of the Universe with multicolor (photometric bands) images of one third of the sky and spectroscopical data of more than 3 million objects (stars, galaxies, quasars).

Synthetic Data

We will also use synthetic data in some examples, obtained from known physical models and numerical solution of some systems.

Conociendo los Datos

- Is your data enough ? Do you need more data?
- How many features do you have? Are them too many? Are them enough?
- Are there missing data values ? Is it possible to drop out those missing values?
- What is the question you want to answer from the data analysis? Is the data enough to answer that question?





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