

Computational Astrophysics 2022

01. Data in Astrophysics

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Knowing the Data

Usual data formats in astrophysics

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.txt (plain text)
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.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	ogL	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.
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

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Non-numerical values

Missing values

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SIMBAD - VizieR

Set of Identifications, Measurements and Bibliography for Astronomical Data.

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

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Data is used in bibliographical references

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- Type of the object
- Coordinates
- Proper motion
- Radial velocity
- Paralax

Spectral type

- Redshift

- Integral magnitude

- Flux

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SDSS

https://www.sdss.org/

Sloan

Digital

Sky

Survey

Data Release 16 (DR16): 9 Dec 2019

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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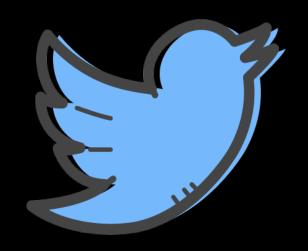
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