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README - Star Matching - Star Catalogue: Preprocessing

Guidance, Navigation and Controls Subsystem

st_guide_star_catalogue.m

Code Type: MATLAB - Script

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Description:

This script converts the SSP Star Catalogue, into the Guide Catalogue.

st_Guide_Star_Catalogue.csv : This Catalogue has been generated specifically for the purpose of Star Matching. It contains the following data fields:

1. **SSP_ID** - The fictitious identifier of all those stars which satisfy the condition, that their **Vmag** is \leq the Limiting Magnitude ($= 6$)
2. **[X, Y, Z]** - The Cartesian unit vector representation of each star generated from its Right-Ascension and Declination coordinate. The (X, Y, Z) coordinate system definition corresponds to the projection of the Earth's North Pole onto the celestial sphere as the Z-axis, and the vernal equinox as the X-axis, at epoch ICRS2000, with the Y-axis completing the right-handed orthonormal coordinate system: $Z = X \times Y$

Formula & References:

References:

1. Guide Star Catalogue, Section 1.1 - Dong, Ying Xing, Fei You, Zheng. (2006). *Brightness Independent 4-Star Matching Algorithm for Lost-in-Space 3-Axis Attitude Acquisition*. Tsinghua Science Technology. 11. 543-548. 10.1016/S1007-0214(06)70232-2.

Input parameters:

1. **Magnitude_Limit** : (Double) A system parameter, that ascertains the magnitude of the dimmest star we are capable of detecting by our system

Output:

Writes st_Guide_Star_Catalogue.csv in `./Star_Matching/Star_Matching_Catalogues/Catalogues` directory

st_preprocessed_star_catalogue.m

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Description:

This script uses the Guide Star Catalogue, to generate the Preprocessed Star Catalogue.

st_Preprocessed_Star_Catalogue.csv : This Catalogue has been generated specifically for the purpose of Star Matching. It contains the following data fields:

1. **SSP_ID_1** - The SSP-ID of i^{th} star
2. **SSP_ID_2** - The SSP-ID of j^{th} star
3. **AngDst.cos** - The dot product of the Cartesian unit vector corresponding to the i^{th} and j^{th} star ($i \neq j, \forall i, j$)
4. **AngDst.deg** - The cos inverse of the corresponding dot product value in degrees

This catalogue has only those pairs of stars whose **AngDst.deg** is $\leq (2 \times \text{circular Field-of-View})$ ($= 2 \times 17.89^\circ$)

Formula & References:

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Input parameters:

1. **FOV_Circular** : (Double) A system parameter, that ascertains the circular Field-of-View of the optic system

Output:

Writes st_Preprocessed_Star_Catalogue.csv in [./Star_Matching/Star_Matching_Catalogues/Catalogues](#) directory