

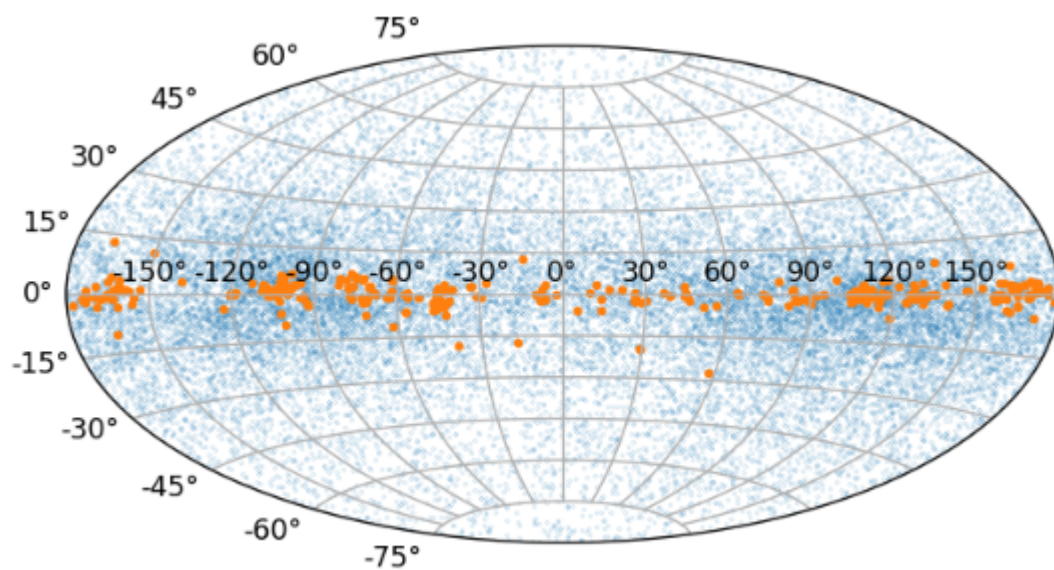
An exploration of O-star data contained in early data release 3 of the GAIA satellite

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Abstract

In 2013 ESA launched the GAIA satellite into space to take a survey of all visible sources and determine their position, proper motion and some colour information. This data has higher precision than anything that has come before, the satellite's unparalleled ability to accurately measure parallax allows us to make more accurate visualisations of our interstellar neighbourhood. Main sequence stars are classified according to their spectral types. O-type stars are the most massive and most luminous main sequence stars. The life cycle of an O-stars is extremely short compared to other types of stars due to their rapid fuel burning. This short life makes O-stars interesting to study; if we observe an O-star then we know that it must have formed near where we see it, thus allowing us to study active star formation regions in space. Describing star position and motion is done in reference to the ICRF (International Celestial Reference Frame), this reference frame can be transformed to align with the galactic plane to get the Galactic Reference Frame, which helps us study star distribution in our local milky way. We find that O-stars tend to be concentrated near the galactic plane, where other stars are more spread out. An important aspect of astrometry (the science of measuring objects in space) is keeping track of possible biases in the data. An important bias is the Malmquist bias, which tells us that dim stars are only visible up to a certain point, if you are measuring with a sensor which has a detection limit for low luminosity. Understanding this bias helps us correct for it in the data that we have. Another bias is the Lutz-Kelker bias which describes how, when measuring parallaxes, we will underestimate the distance to stars on average. It is important to correct for the Lutz-Kelker bias when using data to calibrate astrometric equipment.

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1. Introduction

In this paper we will explore some aspects of the incredible data gathered by the GAIA mission. We will explore known phenomena in astronomy and show how these can be represented with the measurements made by GAIA. The data from the GAIA satellite is publicly available and can be retrieved from [1] with the use of ADQL (Astronomical data query language) which is a programming language based on SQL. In this paper we will make use of a specific sample of O-type stars as gathered by [2], and some random samples which were retrieved with the `random_index` parameter in the GAIA data. This random sample will be used to make comparisons with the O-star data. The most important result in this paper is figure 3.9, which shows a three dimensional map of 472 O-stars and the motion of a subset of these. It is the first time in history that such a map can be made with this level of precision. The data used is from early data release 3 which became available on December 3rd 2020. Early data release 3 is the first installment of the third data release of the GAIA satellite, it's second installment (data release 3) became available the 13th of june 2022, which was after all analysis was completed for this paper. The first half of this paper will focus on the results of the data analysis and is intended to provide general knowledge of some important aspects of astronomy and will use plots from the GAIA data to illustrate this general knowledge. The second half of this paper explores two important systematic errors in astronomy, the Malmquist bias and the Lutz-Kelker bias. These biases will be explained and some common corrections will be derived. The section on the Malmquist bias will follow the results from Malmquist's original paper [3]. In this section results from mathematician Charlier will be used which can be found in [4], we will not go in depth into these results since they are beyond the scope of this paper. In the section on the Lutz-Kelker bias we will follow the work done by Lutz and Kelker in [5]. We have updated some of the figures used by Lutz and Kelker with the help of modern software.

2. Astronomy

2.1. Astrometry

Astrometry is the branch of astronomy involved with making precise position and velocity measurements for various extraterrestrial objects. For a long time all we had to observe the sky above were our own sadly inadequate eyes. The advent of telescopes and precision measuring devices brought new life to the field of astrometry. A big question is the one of scale, we know that everything outside of our solar system is very far away, at least on human scales, but how far away is everything exactly? The best way we have to measure how far away a (not too distant) star is is parallax. Parallax measurements rely on the movement of our earth around the Sun. We can measure the position of a nearby star compared to some (far away) background stars at one point in the year, if we do the same half a year later we see that the star has seemingly shifted compared to the background stars. This shift is measured in degrees (or arcseconds ($''$) or milliarcseconds (mas)), and allows us to calculate how far away the star is. The usual distance unit associated with parallax measurements is a parsec (pc): 1 parsec is defined as the distance to a star whose parallax is equal to $1''$. A parsec is $3.086 \cdot 10^{13}$ kilometres. Measuring parallax with a telescope from earth is not very precise, the first person to succeed in measuring the distance to a star is Friedrich Bessel in 1838, his measurement of 61 Cygni provided a parallax of $p = 0.314$ [6], more recent measurements have concluded that the actual value for the parallax is equal to $p = 0.286$. Measuring parallaxes by hand is a time consuming and difficult process. A massive leap was made in 1989 when ESA built and launched the Hipparcos satellite, this satellite was able to measure parallaxes of many stars at the same time to an accuracy of about a milliarcsecond [7]. But this is not where the history of parallax measurements ends, a more recent telescope has once again made a massive leap in the field of astrometry.

2.2. The GAIA Satellite

The GAIA satellite was launched in 2013 by ESA and started operating in 2014. Its main goal is to create the largest and most precise three dimensional map of the milky way [8]. GAIA's main strength lies in its extremely precise ability to pinpoint the distance to nearby stars. It is the successor of the Hipparcos mission, with the similar task of mapping our interstellar neighbourhood. The GAIA satellite is an order of magnitude more precise and offers not only a quantitative leap forward compared to Hipparcos but also a qualitative leap. The accuracy of its parallax measurements is about 0.4 microarcseconds (μas) for bright ($G < 14$ mag) sources and about 0.1 mas

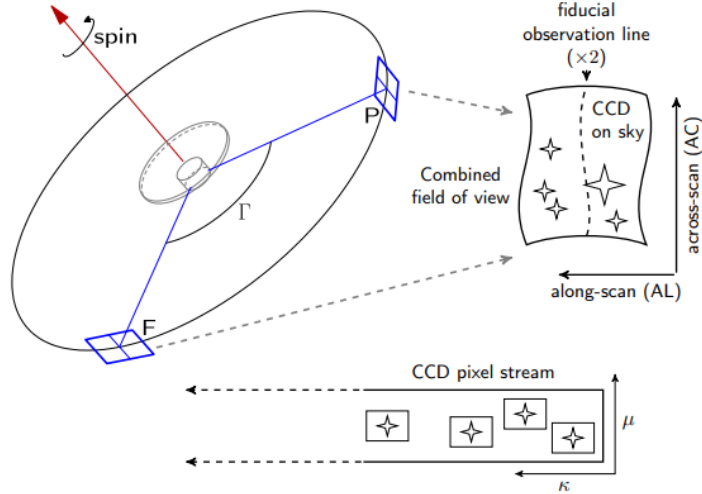


Figure 2.1.: Schematic of the GAIA satellite. Taken from [10].

for sources around $G = 17$ mag [9]. It is able to achieve this high precision distance mapping because of the sophisticated equipment on the spacecraft. On board of the GAIA satellite are two telescopes which are separated by a large angle ($\Gamma = 106.5^\circ$) which is well known and very stable. The spacecraft rotates at a rate of one rotation every 6 hours. The light from both telescopes is redirected into a single focal plane, as shown in figure 2.1. The satellite is also equipped with two low resolution prisms which disperse the light to have measurements in two different color bands, one operates at wavelengths of 330–680nm (BP) and the other 640–1050nm (RP). GAIA also has a spectrometer on board to accurately measure spectra in the range of 847–874nm. With these instruments we are able to determine, for a single star, its distance, its proper motion, its apparent magnitude, and some color information. This paper is based on data gathered mostly from Early data release 3 (GAIA EDR3), in this data release radial velocity is only included for some stars, so this information has to be supplemented with data from different sources. The detection limit for GAIA’s main telescopes in the G band is approximately 21 mag. In section 4.1 on the Malmquist bias we will discuss the implications of this limit.

2.3. Star classification

All stars are divided into different so called ”spectral types”, the different spectral types are: O, B, A, F, G, K, M. O-type stars are the hottest and most luminous stars and M-type stars are the coolest and faintest. This classification is applicable only to main

sequence stars, these are stars that fuse hydrogen in their cores to produce helium. Our Sun is a main sequence G-type star. A useful tool to study star classification is the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram (HR diagram), this diagram plots stars based on their absolute magnitude and temperature. Since temperature is closely related to color for stars, instead of plotting temperature we can use the difference in apparent magnitude of two different color-bands. Figure 2.2 shows a Hertzsprung-Russell diagram compiled from a random sample of stars (in blue) contained in the GAIA early data release 3 (GAIA EDR3). In orange a sample of O-type stars is shown. In this diagram the main sequence is clearly visible. The O-star sample appears to diverge from the main sequence, this is most likely due to an astrometric effect called reddening and extinction. Due to dust contained in our milky way and in our line of sight to stars certain stars will appear "redder" and less bright than they actually are. This is due to radiation being scattered by this interstellar dust. Shorter wavelengths are scattered more than longer wavelengths, leaving more red light. So without this dust, the O-star sample would be moved up and to the left in the HR diagram and align with the main sequence [11]. Since the HR diagram in figure 2.2 is composed of a random sample of GAIA data, it is susceptible to other statistical biases and may not be an actual representation of reality, we will focus on some of these biases in detail later in this paper. Another helpful tool for star classification are color-color diagrams, where two different colors are plotted against each other. Color here is defined as the difference in apparent magnitude of two color bands. In figure 2.3 we have a color-color diagram of a random star sample from the GAIA EDR3 (in blue) and O-type stars (in orange). We can clearly see that, while there is some overlap, the O-type stars differentiate themselves from a random sample. Figure 2.4 shows the combination of our HR diagram and the color-color diagram, here we clearly see our HR-diagram and also we get an even better distinction between the O-type stars and the random sample. Historically we did not have access to accurate distance measurements so all we had were color-color diagrams to make classifications with, this muddled the data set and affected analyses negatively.

2.3.1. O-stars

In this paper we are most interested in O-type stars, these are the hottest and most luminous main sequence stars. What makes these O-stars so interesting is the fact that they burn through their fuel quickly. Due to this quick fuel burning their lives are very short compared to other types of stars, this means that when we observe an O-type star we can be certain that this star was formed relatively recently. Studying these objects can give us insight in where star formation occurs and what happens to stars at the beginning of their lives. The thing that makes observing O-type stars difficult is the fact that they are the rarest type of main sequence stars. Throughout this paper we will use a sample of O-stars collected by Apellániz et al [2]. This sample was cross-referenced with the GAIA catalogue to find the corresponding GAIA EDR3 ID's of these stars, and from this data was collected about these stars, the full list of the used O-type stars and their GAIA EDR3 ID's can be found in the appendix A, as well as the ADQL code to retrieve the data from the GAIA catalogue. The sample contains 472 (usable) stars.

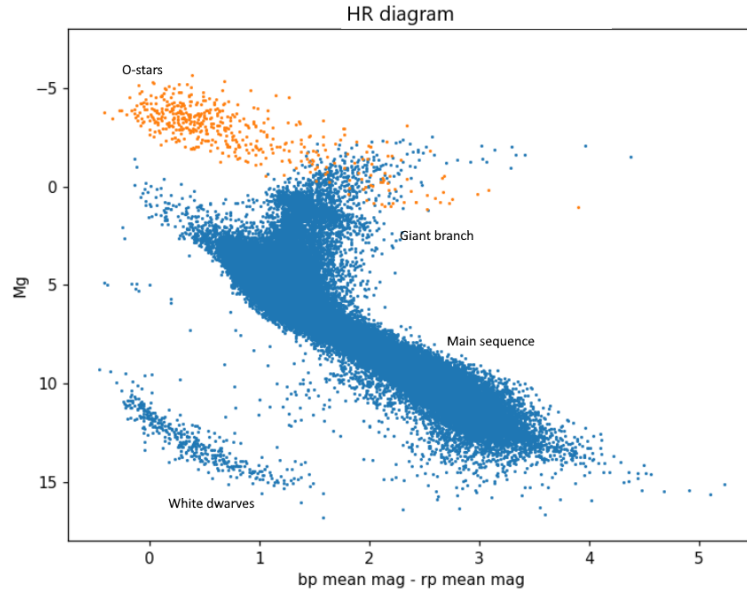


Figure 2.2.: Hertzsprung-Russell diagram from GAIA early data release 3. A random sample of stars is used (blue) and a sample of exclusively O-type stars (orange). The main features are highlighted.

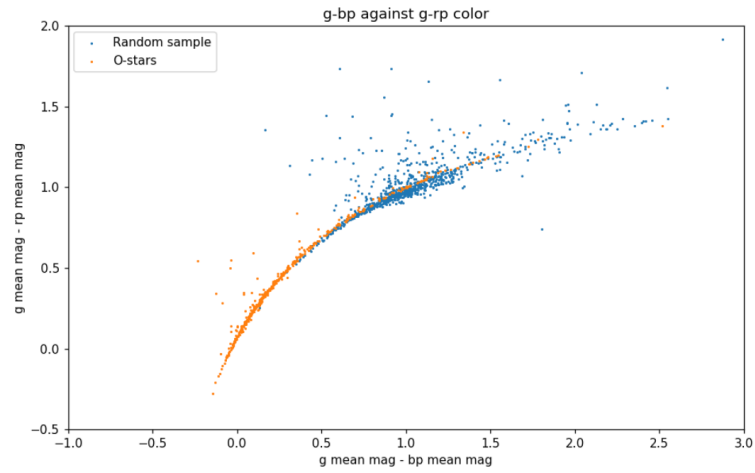


Figure 2.3.: Color-Color diagram of a random GAIA sample (blue) and O-stars (orange).

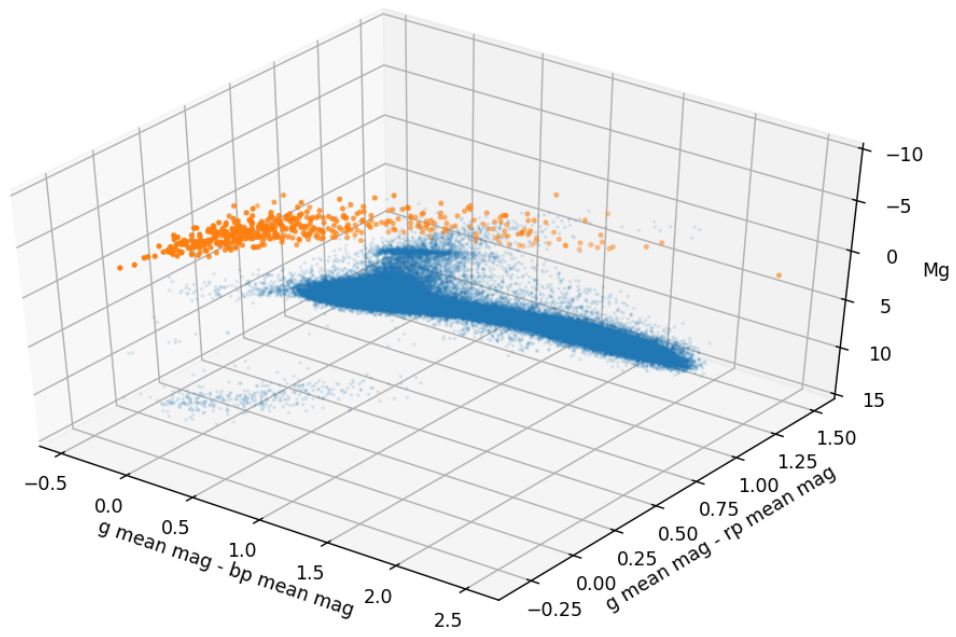


Figure 2.4.: Color-Color diagram of a random GAIA sample (blue) and O-stars (orange) with an added third axis for absolute magnitude.

An attempt was made to train a neural network to look for more O-stars within GAIA EDR3, but the attempt was unsuccessful, as the data used (distance, color, magnitude) was not discriminatory enough to distinguish between O- and B-stars, and due to the relative abundance of B-stars compared to O-stars, no new O-stars were identified.

2.4. Galactic coordinates

The position of all stars are defined by the International Celestial Reference System (ICRS), this reference system has at its origin the solar system barycenter. Each point is defined by its right ascension (ra), declination (dec) and distance (r). The right ascension is its azimuthal coordinate and the declination its polar coordinate. The $dec = 0$ plane is aligned with the ecliptic and the $(ra, dec) = (0, 0)$ point is aligned with the vernal equinox or the point where the ecliptic and the celestial equator intersect. Another coordinate system is the Galactic coordinate system. It is also a spherical coordinate system, which is aligned not with the solar system but with the galactic plane. The origin of the galactic coordinate system is still the barycenter of the solar system but its azimuthal coordinate (l) is now aligned with the galactic plane, its polar coordinate is b and distance (r). The $(l, b) = (0, 0)$ point is aligned with the galactic center. The transformation from ICRS to galactic coordinates is given by:

$$r_{Gal} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.05487556041621545 & -0.8734370902348850 & -0.4838350155487132 \\ +0.4941094278755837 & -0.4448296299600112 & +0.7469822444972189 \\ -0.8676661490190047 & -0.1980763734312015 & +0.4559837761750669 \end{pmatrix} r_{ICRS}, \quad (2.1)$$

(As taken from [12])

where r_{ICRS} is the position vector

$$r_{ICRS} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{ICRS} \\ y_{ICRS} \\ z_{ICRS} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha) \cos(\delta) \\ \sin(\alpha) \cos(\delta) \\ \sin(\delta) \end{pmatrix}$$

where α is the right ascension and δ the declination.

These reference frames are defined by so called reference sources. Since everything moves in the universe it is very difficult to find some anchor to base an inertial reference system on, so to compromise a selection has been made of very distant sources, since these appear to be stationary from our perspective. These sources must be extremely bright to still be visible at a vast distance, so mostly quasars are used for this purpose [13].

In GAIA EDR3 the proper motion is included as the change in right ascension (pmra) and declination (pmdec) in miliarcseconds (mas) per year, these are μ_α and μ_δ respectively. Since right ascension is an azimuthal coordinate, the actual right ascension velocity component of the proper motion is given by $\mu_\alpha^* = \mu_\alpha \cos(\delta)$. In this paper we will also follow a cartesian coordinate system based on the galactic reference frame. The origin of this cartesian coordinate system is the solar system barycenter, it's x-axis is aligned with the galactic center, and the z-axis is perpendicular to the galactic disc, it's coordinates

are denoted $(x_{Gal}, y_{Gal}, z_{Gal})$. The transformation from the galactic coordinate system to the cartesian one is given by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{Gal} \\ y_{Gal} \\ z_{Gal} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(l) \cos(b) * r \\ \sin(l) \cos(b) * r \\ \sin(b) * r \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Structure of the milky way

3.1. Spatial structure

Our milky way is a spiral galaxy. Most of the stars in our galaxy are concentrated in a disc with spiral arms. At the moment 5 spiral arms have been identified, in order of furthest to the galactic center to closest we have the Outer, Perseus, Local, Sagittarius and Scutum arms [14]. Due to dust and extinction effects we can currently not look deeper into our own galaxy past these 5 arms. The distance to the black hole at the center of the milky way is roughly 8 kiloparsec [15]. The star density roughly decreases exponentially with the distance perpendicular to the disc. We can indeed see in figure 3.3 that most stars are indeed concentrated around $z = 0$ where z is the distance to the galactic plane in kiloparsec. We expect that the distributions of x_{Gal} and y_{Gal} should be roughly homogeneous at this scale, since the disc is roughly homogeneous in our close neighbourhood. We see for these coordinates however that they are also slightly concentrated around 0, this is due to the Malmquist bias which is discussed in section 4.1, in short, we see fewer stars the further out we look. This bias results in the fact that we are sampling a roughly spherical section of space. If we were sampling a homogeneous sphere we would expect the x , y and z distributions to be roughly dome shaped. For x_{Gal} and y_{Gal} we recognise a dome-like structure in their distribution. The distribution for the z coordinate also suffers from the Malmquist bias to equal extent as x_{Gal} and y_{Gal} , but we can still clearly see that the peak around 0 is more significant for z_{Gal} than for x_{Gal} and y_{Gal} as expected for a disc-shaped galaxy.

Figure 3.2 shows the position of O-stars (orange) and a random sample (blue) projected on the celestial sphere in galactic coordinates. We see that the O-stars are clumped together and do not show a homogeneous distribution around the equator. We thus expect to see clustering when we look at a three dimensional representation of this data. In figure 3.5 we see the distance distribution for a random sample of GAIA EDR3 data up to 0.5 kiloparsec. We would expect, if the sample was complete, a roughly quadratic distribution, since we are sampling from a sphere. We would expect some flattening at further distances, due to the exponential decrease in density in the z_{Gal} direction, but what we see instead is a more drastic flattening than expected. This flattening is again due to the Malmquist bias (section 4.1), we can correct for this bias by randomly dropping sources from our sample based on a the desired final distribution and the current distribution. For a source at distance r we allocate a random number between 0 and 1, we drop the source from the sample if the random number is lower than $c * \frac{p_{desired}(r)}{p_{current}(r)}$, where $p_{desired}(r)$ (green line in figure 3.5) is the desired distribution at distance r and $p_{current}(r)$ is the current distribution at distance r (orange line in figure 3.5), and c is a constant to normalise the expression. Now we have a distance

distribution which is more accurate to reality, but the sources contained in this sample are still subjected to the Malmquist bias, which entails that at further distances we remain with only bright sources (see 4.1 for the reason for this). If we now represent this data as a density plot, as we have done in figure 3.6, we see that before the sampling it looks like most stars are concentrated around the Sun. After the sampling we see that this concentration disappears and a more homogeneous plot is produced.

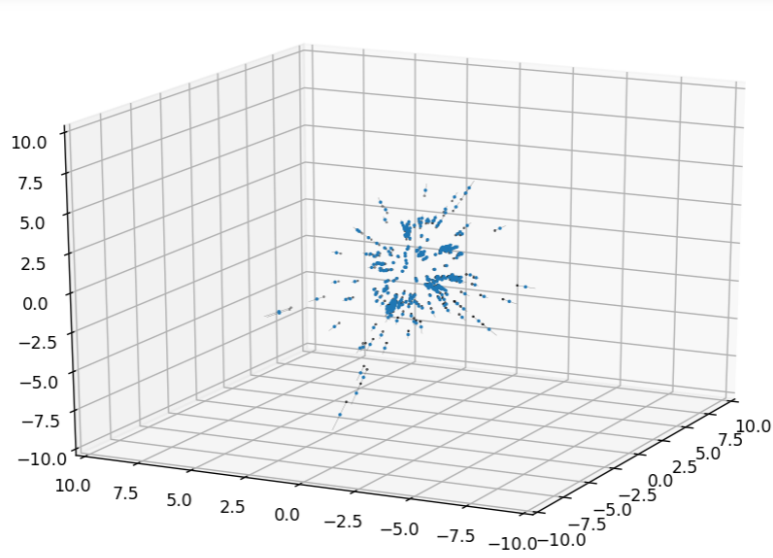


Figure 3.1.: Spatial distribution of our O-star sample with error bars on the distance.

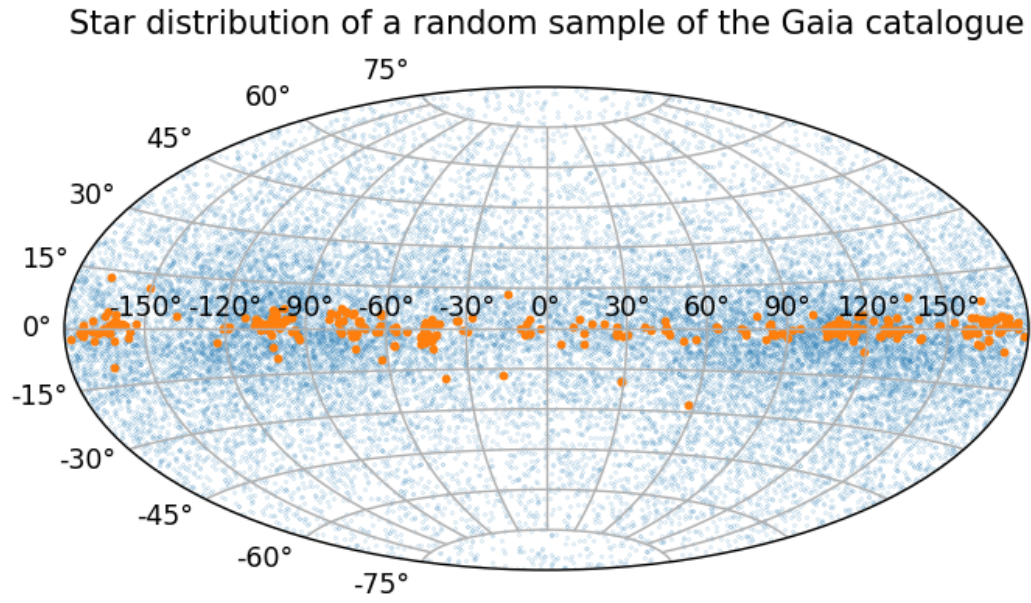


Figure 3.2.: Distribution of a random sample of stars in the GAIA catalogue (blue), and O-stars (Orange)

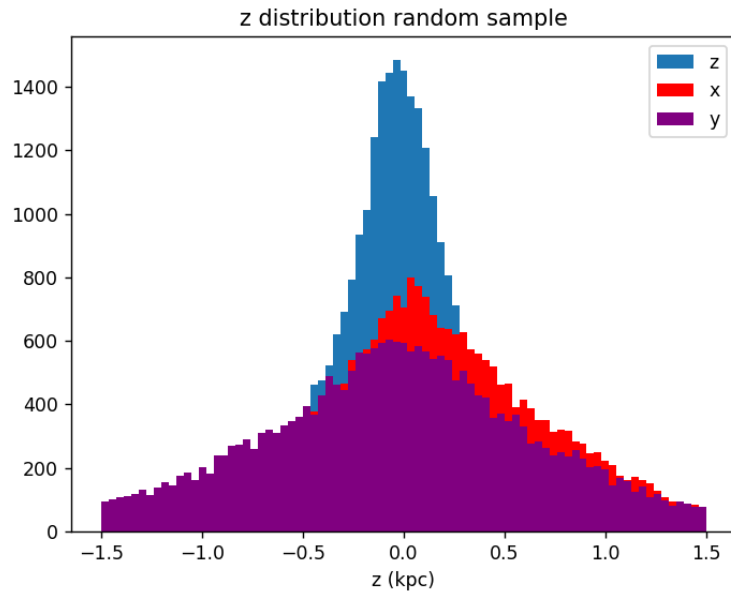


Figure 3.3.: Distributions of x_{Gal} , y_{Gal} , z_{Gal} of a random sample.

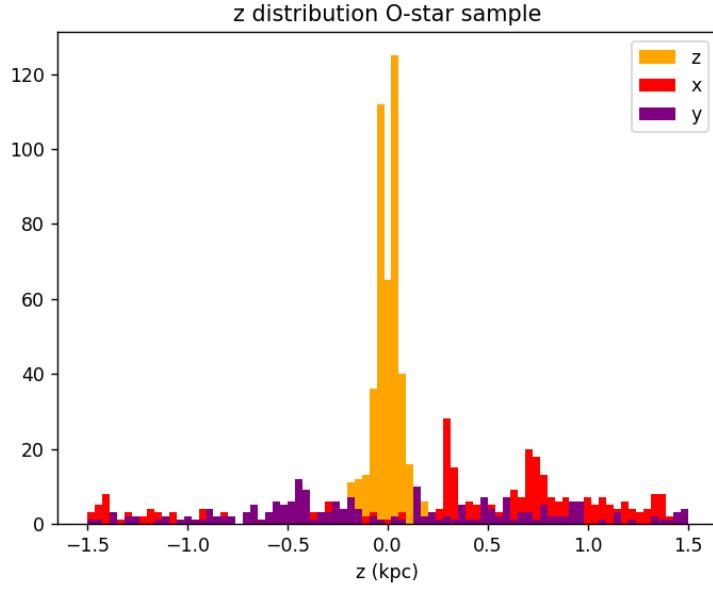


Figure 3.4.: Distributions of x_{Gal} , y_{Gal} , z_{Gal} of our O-star sample.

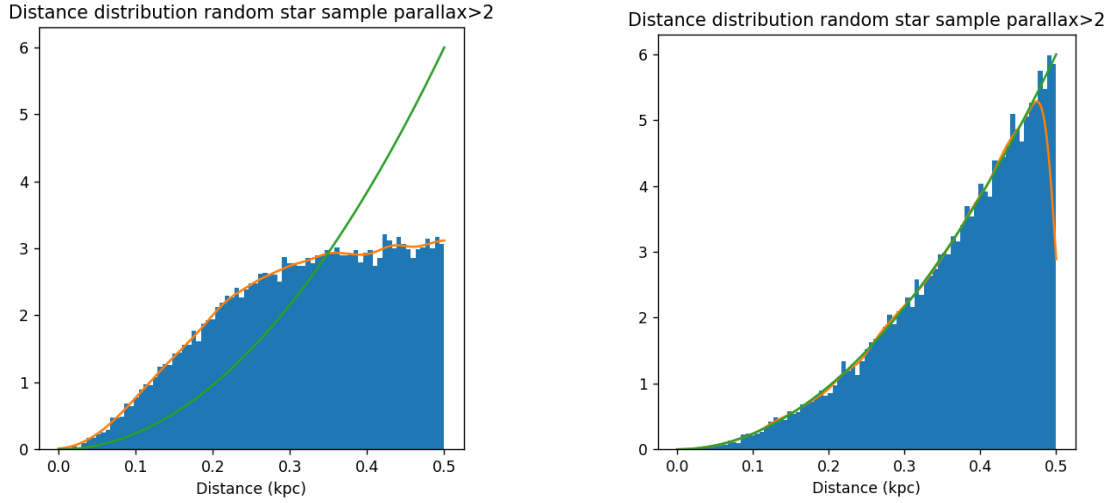


Figure 3.5.: Distribution of the distance to stars in a random sample of the GAIA data up to a distance of 0.5 kpc (left) and the distance distribution to a subsample of this random sample to correct the distribution to a desired distribution (right).

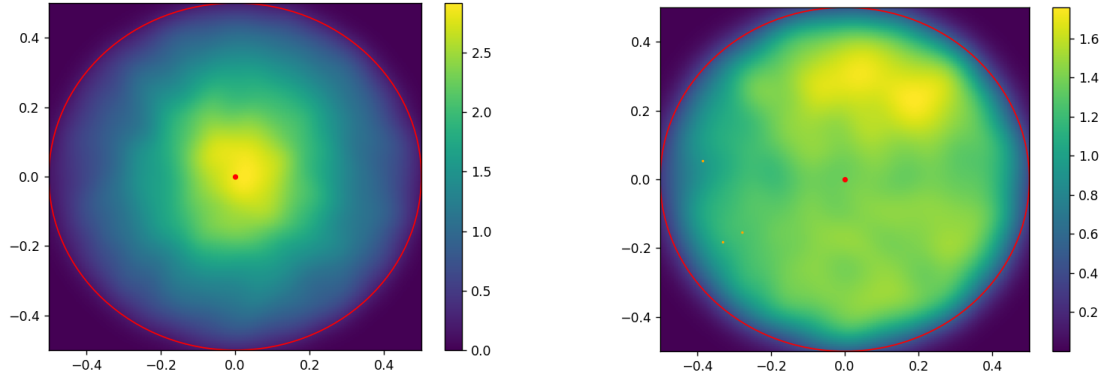


Figure 3.6.: Spatial star density in a 0.5kpc neighbourhood around the Sun (red dot) of a random sample of the GAIA data (left) and the Spatial star density of a subsample of this random sample to correct the distribution to a desired distribution (right).

3.2. Differential galactic rotation

All stars in the milky way move, most move in a circular motion around the galactic center. Describing this motion helps understand the milky way and its kinematics. In 1927 J.H.Oort [16] published a now famous paper about the differential galactic rotation. In this paper he describes the expected motion of stars, based on their galactic coordinates. He shows that the expected value of μ_{l*} is only dependent on the galactic coordinates l, b and A, B the so called Oort constants, which may be experimentally determined. Where μ_{l*} is the component of the proper motion in the longitudinal direction in galactic coordinate reference frame. The relation is given by

$$\overline{\mu_{l*}} = \frac{A}{4.74} \cos(2l) \cos(b) + \frac{B}{4.74} \cos b. \quad (3.1)$$

He also states that the expected radial velocity ($\bar{\rho}$) is given by

$$\bar{\rho} = V_0 \cos(\lambda) + rA \sin(2l) \cos^2(b). \quad (3.2)$$

Where λ is the distance to the solar apex.

3.2.1. deriving the expected tangential and radial velocities

We will derive expression 3.1 and 3.2 for the case $b = 0$, so for stars in the galactic plane. In figure 3.7 (adapted from [17]) we have all the quantities we need to derive the expression. "Center" represents the Galactic center "Sun" our Sun and "Star" the observed star. We assume that the Sun and the observed star follow a circular motion around the galactic center. V_0 is the velocity of the Sun and V the velocity of the observed star. The relative tangential velocity (v_t) is simply given by

$$v_t = V \sin(\alpha) - V_0 \sin(90 - l) \quad (3.3)$$

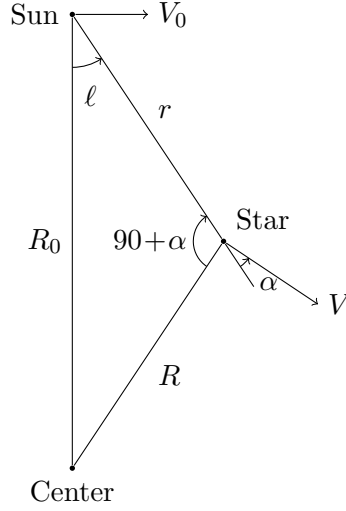


Figure 3.7.: Schematic of the situation for the derivation of the expected radial and tangential velocities of a star in the galactic plane.

By using the fact that $\sin(90 - x) = \cos(x)$, and the fact that $\sin(\alpha) = \frac{R_0 \cos(l) - r}{R}$ we see that 3.3 can be rewritten as

$$v_t = \frac{V}{R}(R_0 \cos(l) - r) - \frac{V_0}{R_0} R_0 \cos(l). \quad (3.4)$$

$\frac{V}{R}$ defines the angular velocity ω so we can rewrite this expression as

$$v_t = R_0(\omega - \omega_0) \cos(l) - \omega r.$$

Where ω_0 is the Sun's angular velocity around the galactic center and ω is the observed star's angular velocity.

$$R^2 = R_0^2 + r^2 - 2rR_0 \cos(l) \quad (3.5)$$

which we divide by R_0^2 we see that for relatively close stars $\left(\frac{r}{R_0}\right)^2$ will be small, so we set this to 0. By using the series approximation $(1 + x)^n \approx 1 + nx$ we get that

$$\frac{R}{R_0} = \left(1 - \frac{2r \cos(l)}{R_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1 - \frac{r \cos(l)}{R_0} \quad (3.6)$$

or $R \approx R_0 - r \cos(l)$. From the first order Taylor expansion ($f(x) \approx f(a) + (x - a)f'(a)$) we get

$$(\omega - \omega_0) \approx \left(\frac{d\omega}{dR}\right)_{R_0} (R - R_0) \quad (3.7)$$

Now we see, since $\omega = \frac{V}{R}$, that

$$\frac{d\omega}{dR} = \frac{d}{dR} \frac{V}{R} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{dV}{dR} - \frac{V}{R^2} \quad (3.8)$$

For stars in our neighbourhood $\omega r \approx \omega_0 r$, now substituting 3.7 in 3.5 we get

$$v_t = \left[\frac{V_0}{R_0} - \left(\frac{dV}{dR} \right)_{R_0} \right] r \cos^2(l) - \frac{V_0}{R_0} r. \quad (3.9)$$

Now with the relation $\cos(2l) = 2 \cos^2(l) - 1$ we can rewrite this as

$$v_t = \frac{A \cos(2l) + B}{4.74} r \quad (3.10)$$

where

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{V_0}{R_0} - \left(\frac{dV}{dR} \right)_{R_0} \right] \quad B = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{V_0}{R_0} + \left(\frac{dV}{dR} \right)_{R_0} \right]. \quad (3.11)$$

The factor $\frac{1}{4.74}$ comes from the conversion from kilometers per second to arcseconds per year. Now we have simply that $\mu_l = \frac{v_t}{r}$, to get the desired result. The differential galactic rotation is visible in GAIA data, in figure 3.8, courtesy of [18] we clearly see the double cosine relation given by Oort.

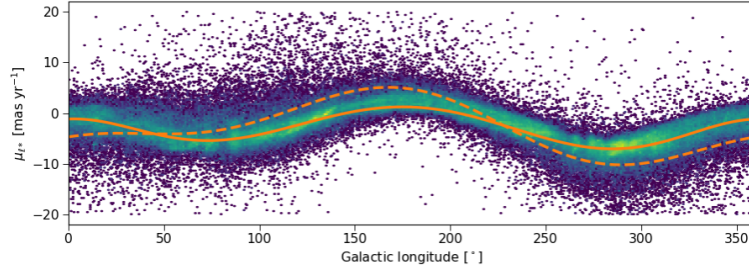


Figure 3.8.: A scatter plot of the galactic coordinate l against the velocity component μ_{l*} , the double cosine relation is clearly visible. Courtesy of [18]

For the relative radial velocity component (v_r) we see that

$$v_r = V \cos(\alpha) - V_0 \cos(90 - l) \quad (3.12)$$

Now using the sine rule we can simply express the expected radial velocity in terms of the difference in angular velocity as:

$$v_r = R_0(\omega - \omega_0) \sin(l). \quad (3.13)$$

Now we substitute equation 3.7 into the expression above to get

$$v_r = R_0 \left(\frac{d\omega}{dR} \right)_{R_0} (R - R_0) \sin(l). \quad (3.14)$$

Which becomes

$$v_r = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{V_0}{R_0} - \left(\frac{dV}{dR} \right)_{R_0} \right] r \sin(2l) \quad (3.15)$$

using equation 3.8, and noting that V evaluated at R_0 is V_0 and using the substitution $R - R_0 \approx -r \cos(l)$ and finally using the relation $\sin(x) \cos(x) = \sin(2x)$.

3.3. O-Stars

Since O-stars are the stars with the shortest lives, we can learn where star formation happens in the galaxy by studying where we find O-stars. Figure 3.4 shows that O-stars are highly concentrated near the galactic plane ($z=0$) compared to a random sample (figure 3.3). This shows that star formation is likely to occur more near the galactic plane, where star density is highest.

Figure 3.9 shows the position of 472 O-stars, these O-stars were selected from the O-star catalogue by Apellániz et al. [2]. The shown O-stars were the O-stars which have data in GAIA EDR3 and with a parallax error smaller than 10%. Since no radial velocity data is included for these O-stars in GAIA EDR3 these had to be sourced from literature. A full list of sources can be found in appendix A as well as all the names and ID's of the used O-stars.

For the O-stars for which a radial velocity was found in literature, their motion is represented in figure 3.9 by the red line, this shows their direction of travel relative to our Sun. The size of the red line indicates relative speed.

We can see from figure 3.9 that O-stars do not necessarily follow the pattern expected from differential galactic rotation. This is also noted by Oort in [19]. The O-stars do show obvious signs of clustering. One of these clusters is highlighted in figure 3.10, we can clearly see an "arm" of O-stars which move in similar directions. These clusters are likely very active star formation regions.

Another interesting phenomenon we see in figure 3.9, which is highlighted in figure 3.11, we clearly see some O-stars which are spatially separated from the galactic plane with peculiar velocities corresponding to motion away from the plane. These are examples of so called runaway O-stars, more information about these runaway O-stars and what mechanisms may cause this motion can be found in [20].

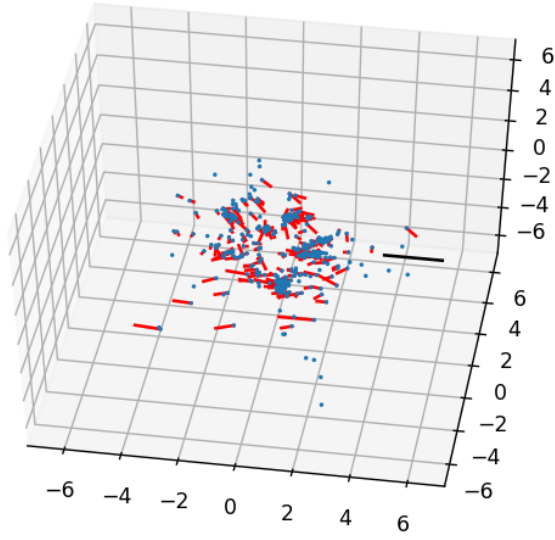


Figure 3.9.: Spatial distribution of the O-star sample in the galactic coordinate system. The red lines represent the relative peculiar motions of the O-stars. The black line points towards, and ends at the galactic center.

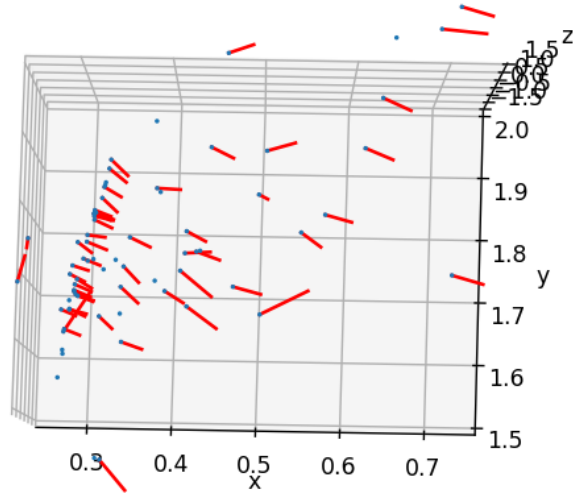


Figure 3.10.: A cluster of O-stars, $x_{Gal} \in [0.25, 0.75]$, $y_{Gal} \in [1.5, 2]$.

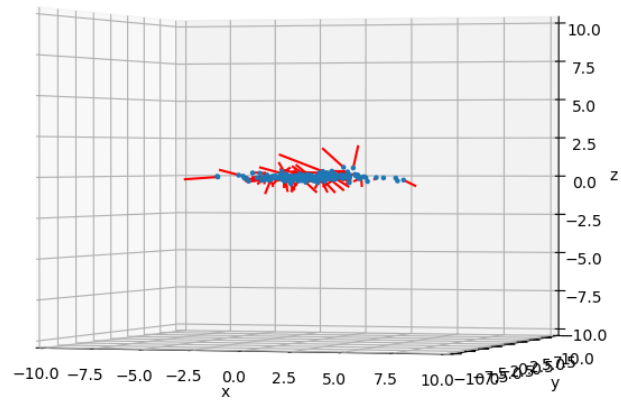


Figure 3.11.: Side view of the spatial O-star distribution, notice the two O-stars which are clearly separated from the bulk in the galactic plane, and their peculiar motion away from the plane.

4. Statistics

4.1. Malmquist Bias

In observational astronomy, collection of data is usually limited by brightness of the observed sources, dim sources are harder to detect than bright sources, this leads to a selection bias known as the Malmquist bias. Since observed brightness of stars is inversely proportional to its distance squared, it is easy to see that dim sources which are far away are harder to detect than dim sources nearby. This leads to the fact when far sources are observed the dim sources will not be measured due to some hard limit of the detector. Due to the Malmquist bias, one may erroneously derive that the average magnitude of a star survey is higher than it actually is.

The GAIA satellite also suffers from the Malmquist bias, this is clearly demonstrated in a plot of some random sample where calculated magnitude is plotted against distance, as done in figure 4.1. We can clearly see some hard detection limit. We would have expected to see no correlation between distance and absolute magnitude, but clearly one is present.

A traditional correction for the Malmquist bias, as first mentioned by Malmquist himself in [3], is to correct the calculated average (\overline{M}) by adding $1.382\sigma^2$. While simple, this correction is based on some very idealized assumptions, namely:

1. Light follows only the inverse square law and is not affected by an interstellar medium.
2. The universe is completely homogeneous.
3. The universe is completely isotropic.
4. The sample is complete, no sources are missing above some apparent magnitude (m_{lim}).
5. The distribution of luminosities can be approximated by a gaussian centered on an intrinsic absolute magnitude (M_0)
6. All stars are of the same spectral type with intrinsic mean absolute magnitude M_0 and dispersion σ .

Clearly these assumptions don't hold in a dust filled flat spiral galaxy, centered around a point roughly 8 kpc away from the Sun, containing many different types of stars.

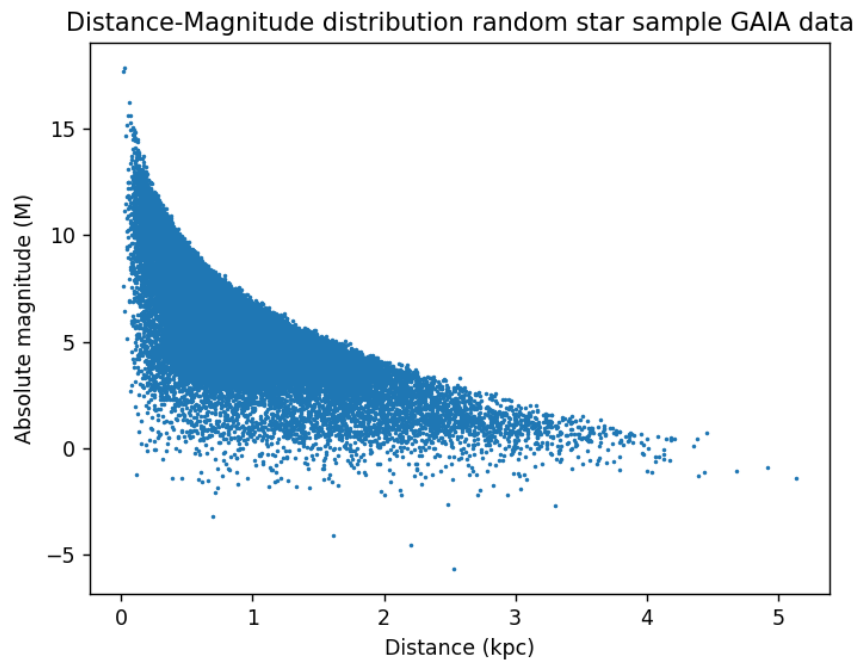


Figure 4.1.: Distribution of absolute magnitude of stars and their distances. We can clearly see a correlation between the maximum observed magnitude and the distance. A lower magnitude corresponds to a brighter star.

4.1.1. Malmquist in GAIA

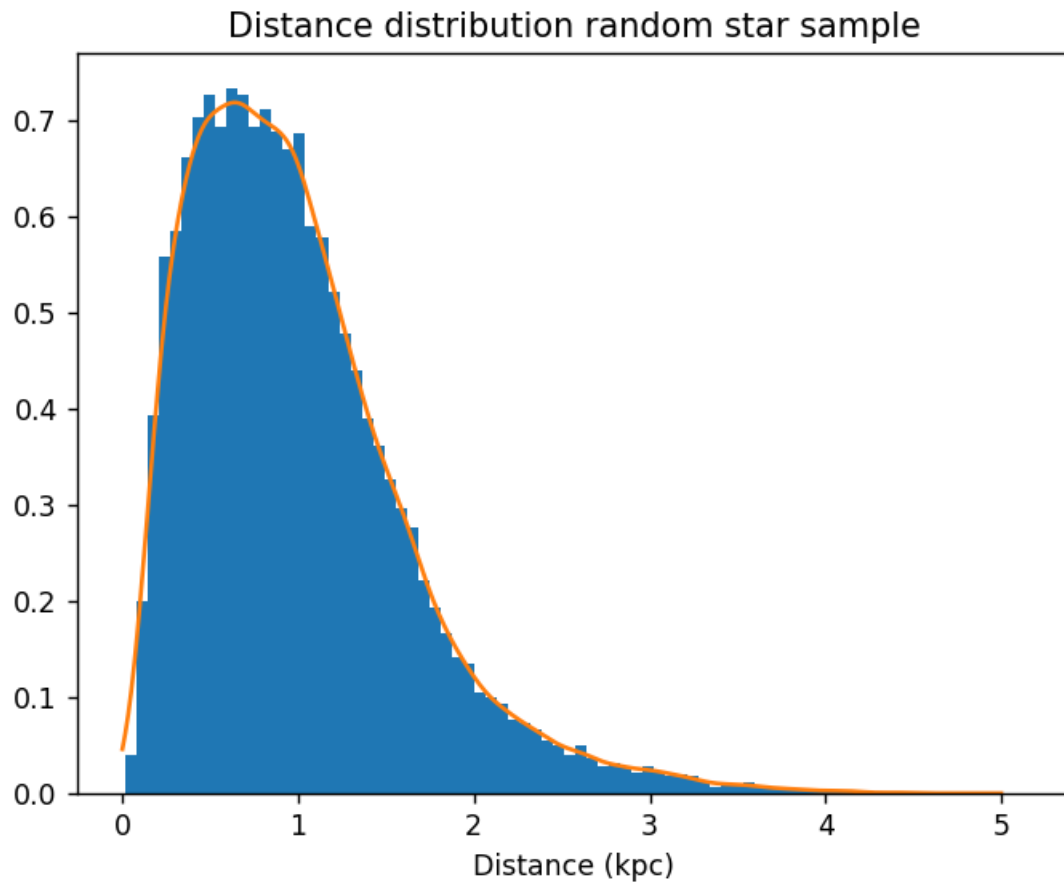


Figure 4.2.: A distribution of the distance to stars in a random sample of GAIA data. We clearly see a strong decline in the amount of sources measured at greater distances.

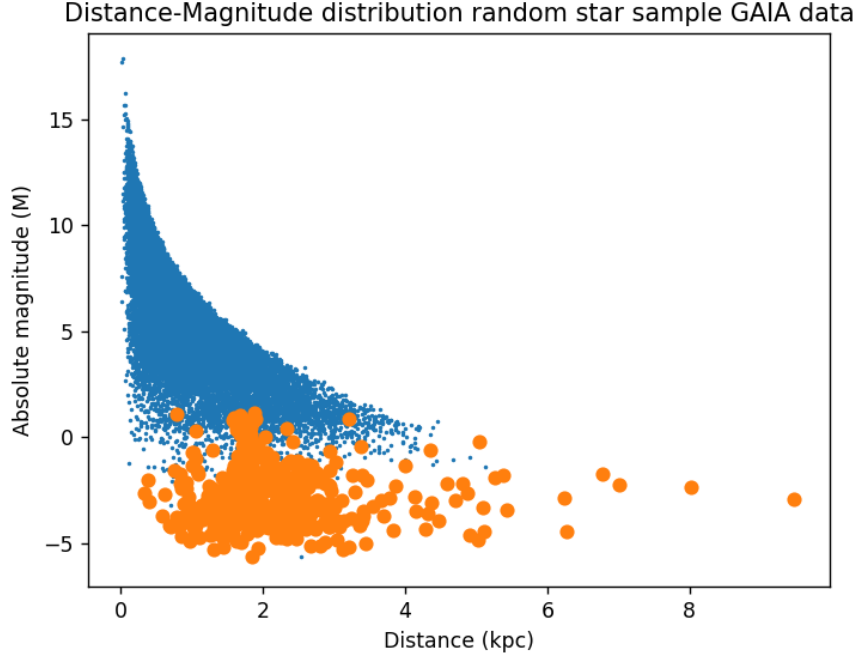


Figure 4.3.: Distribution of absolute magnitude of stars and their distances. We see that the O-stars sample available does not suffer directly from the malmquist bias. A lower magnitude corresponds to a brighter star.

In figure 4.3 we have added the O-star sample to our distance-absolute magnitude plot. As we can clearly see, the O-stars are much brighter than non-O-stars. Since most O-stars in our sample are closer than 6 kpc, we can clearly say that we do not expect any O-stars within this distance to be missed due to the Malmquist bias. Of course not all the O-stars in our galaxy are within 6 kpc, so this sample is in no way complete beyond this distance. We also see in figure 4.4 that most O-stars in our sample are concentrated around 2 kpc, and less so around 5 kpc, this shows that our sample is most likely also not complete within the 6 kpc bound, even though this is not due to the Malmquist bias.

Now we understand the Malmquist bias we can take another closer look at the star distributions shown in figure 3.3. If the universe was homogeneous and our sample up to distance r was complete, we would expect the distribution as shown in figure 3.3 to show perfect domes. But taking the Malmquist bias into account we would expect the amount of sources in our sample to decrease with distance, this is exactly what we see happen in figure 3.3 for the x_{Gal} and y_{Gal} coordinates. We do not see this same pattern in figure 3.4, as expected since we see that our O-star sample does not suffer the effects of the Malmquist bias.

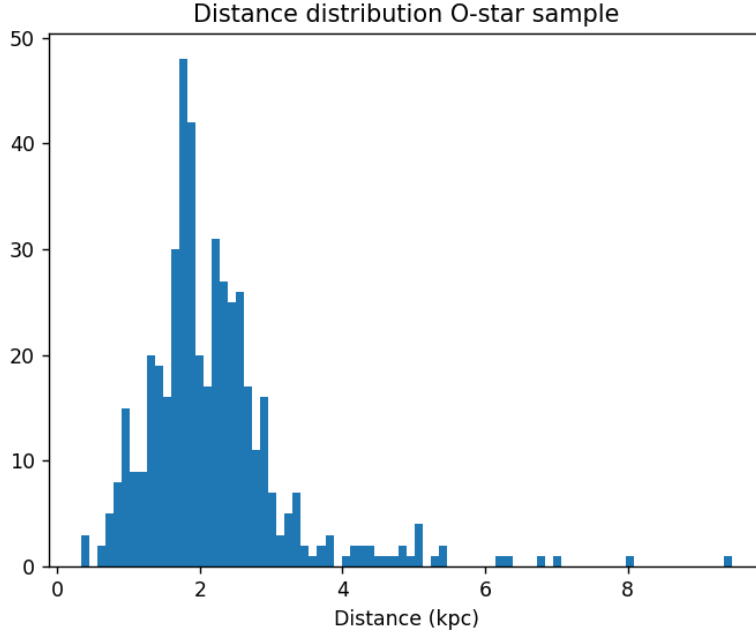


Figure 4.4.: Histogram of the distance distribution of our O-star sample.

4.1.2. Deriving the correction

This derivation will follow the derivation given by Malmquist in [3].

Let $a(m)$ be the distribution function for stars of apparent magnitude m . It is clear then, that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a(m) dm = N$$

is the total number of stars. We now define the relative distribution function $\varphi(M)$ of absolute magnitudes such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(M) dM = 1.$$

Next take $D(r)$ as the star density at distance r from us. We now get that

$$a(m) = \omega \int_0^{\infty} r^2 D(r) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr. \quad (4.1)$$

We use here the established relationship between apparent and absolute magnitude

$$M = m - 5 \log_{10}(r) = m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r) \quad (4.2)$$

where $\frac{1}{b} = \frac{5}{\log(10)} \approx 2.1714$ or $b \approx 0.4605$, and with $\omega = 4\pi$ which comes from the fact that we integrate over the whole sky. We see that in 4.1 we have three unknown

functions, which means that if we know two of these we can derive the third. Before we continue, we will recapitulate some assumptions, as Malmquist first posed them in his work:

1. *There exists no appreciable absorption of light in space.*
2. *The distribution function of the absolute magnitudes is a normal curve of type A.*
3. *This function is independent of the distances of the stars.*

The units used by Malmquist were those introduced by Charlier in [4] where the unit for distance is a siriometer (sir) which is equal to 10^6 times the mean distance of the earth to the Sun. And the unit for time is a stellar year (st) which is equal to 10^6 times the length of a tropical year. Charlier defines absolute magnitude as the apparent magnitude at a distance of one siriometer. These units are not relevant for our derivation. By assumption (2.) we may write the distribution function of the absolute magnitudes as:

$$\varphi(M) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(M-M_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}}. \quad (4.3)$$

With M_0 the mean absolute magnitude and σ the corresponding standard deviation. From this we will now look at this expression for a given apparent magnitude (m), it is not necessary that this expression $F_m(M)$ should be gaussian, but it will also not differ greatly according to assumption (3.), thus we may write this expression as a so called Charlier Series described by Charlier in [4]. With the tools of Charlier series in hand we may continue by rewriting our expression for the distribution of Absolute magnitudes for a given apparent magnitude as a Charlier series

$$F_m(M) = \varphi_m(M) + A_3\varphi_m^{(3)} + A_4\varphi_m^{(4)} + A_5\varphi_m^{(5)} + A_6\varphi_m^{(6)} + \dots \quad (4.4)$$

with $\varphi_m(M)$ the normal curve

$$\varphi_m(M) = \frac{1}{\sigma_m\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(M-\overline{M}_m)^2}{2\sigma_m^2}}. \quad (4.5)$$

With \overline{M}_m the mean absolute magnitude for constant apparent magnitude m and σ_m its corresponding standard deviation. These quantities need not be equal to M_0 and σ . For practical reasons no higher order terms are included than $A_4\varphi_m^{(4)}$. Charlier introduced two abstract quantities, the skewness (S) and the excess (E) defined as:

$$S = \frac{3A_3}{\sigma_m^3} \quad (4.6)$$

$$E = \frac{3A_4}{\sigma_m^4} \quad (4.7)$$

A positive skewness expresses that the median and mode are greater than the mean, and a negative skewness the opposite. By neglecting higher order terms than $A_4\varphi_m^{(4)}$ we get indeed that if the excess is small that

$$\text{median} = \text{mean} + \frac{1}{3}\sigma_m \cdot S$$

and

$$\text{mode} = \text{mean} + \sigma_m \cdot S$$

For our derivation, we wish to learn about the behavior of 4.4, or, we wish to express $\overline{M_m}, \sigma_m, A_n$ in terms of M_0, σ and $a(m)$. To do this we will use the method of moments developed by Charlier [4].

The relative moment about the mean of the n 'th order is given by

$$\nu_n(m) = \overline{(M - M_m)^n} = \omega \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) (M - \overline{M_m})^n \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr \quad (4.8)$$

Where to use the notation that a line above a quantity denotes the mean value of that quantity. $\overline{M - m}$ is defined by the relation

$$\nu_1(m) = 0 \quad (4.9)$$

and σ_m from

$$\sigma_m^2 = \nu_2(m). \quad (4.10)$$

To get the value of $\overline{M_m}$ we start with 4.1

$$a(m) = \omega \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr.$$

We have that

$$a(m) \cdot \overline{M_m} = \omega \int_0^\infty M r^2 D(r) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr. \quad (4.11)$$

By differentiating 4.1 with respect to m we get

$$\frac{d a(m)}{d m} = -\omega \int_0^\infty \frac{M - M_0}{\sigma^2} r^2 D(r) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr, \quad (4.12)$$

from which we get

$$\omega \int_0^\infty M r^2 D(r) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr = M_0 a(m) - \sigma^2 \frac{d a(m)}{d m} \quad (4.13)$$

Combining this with 4.11 we see that

$$\overline{M_m} a(m) = M_0 a(m) - \sigma^2 \frac{d a(m)}{d m}. \quad (4.14)$$

By setting

$$\log(a(m)) = f_1(m) \quad (4.15)$$

we find

$$\frac{1}{a(m)} \frac{d a(m)}{d m} = \frac{d f_1(m)}{d m}, \quad (4.16)$$

now by 4.14 we have

$$\overline{M_m} = M_0 - \sigma^2 \frac{d f_1(m)}{d m}. \quad (4.17)$$

Now if we once again differentiate 4.12 with respect to m we find:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 a(m)}{dm^2} = & \omega \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) \frac{(M - M_0)^2}{\sigma^4} \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr \\ & - \omega \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr, \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

from which we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^4 \frac{d^2 a(m)}{dm^2} + \sigma^2 a(m) = & \\ = & \omega \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) (M - \overline{M_m} + \overline{M_m} - M_0)^2 \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr \\ = & \omega \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) (M - \overline{M_m})^2 \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr \\ & + 2\omega (\overline{M_m} - M_0) \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) (M - \overline{M_m}) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr \\ & + \omega (\overline{M_m} - M_0)^2 \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

By dividing this result by $a(m)$ and taking into consideration the definition of 4.8 of the moments we get, according to 4.9

$$\int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) (M - \overline{M_m}) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)) dr = 0, \quad (4.20)$$

the expression

$$\sigma^4 \frac{1}{a(m)} \frac{d^2 a(m)}{dm^2} + \sigma^2 = \nu_2(m) + (\overline{M_m} - M_0)^2. \quad (4.21)$$

From 4.16 we get

$$\frac{d^2 f_1(m)}{dm^2} = \frac{1}{a(m)} \frac{d^2 a(m)}{dm^2} - \left(\frac{1}{a(m)} \frac{da(m)}{dm} \right)^2, \quad (4.22)$$

which gives, by 4.16

$$\frac{d^2 f_1(m)}{dm^2} + \left(\frac{df_1(m)}{dm} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{a(m)} \frac{d^2 a(m)}{dm^2}. \quad (4.23)$$

Inserting this into 4.21, we get, by 4.17

$$\nu_2(m) = \sigma^2 + \sigma^4 \frac{d^2 f_1(m)}{dm^2} \quad (4.24)$$

or, rewritten by 4.10

$$\sigma_m^2 = \sigma^2 \left(1 + \sigma^2 \frac{d^2 f_1(m)}{dm^2} \right). \quad (4.25)$$

From 4.18 we derive

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3 a(m)}{dm^3} &= \\ &= -\omega \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) \frac{(M - M_0)^3}{\sigma^6} \varphi\left(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)\right) dr \\ &+ 3\omega \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) \frac{M - M_0}{\sigma^4} \varphi\left(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)\right) dr \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$

now 4.23 gives us

$$\frac{d^3 f_1(m)}{dm^3} + 3 \frac{d f_1(m)}{dm} \frac{d^2 f_1(m)}{dm^2} = \frac{1}{a(m)} \frac{d^3 a(m)}{dm^3} - \frac{1}{a(m)^2} \frac{d a(m)}{dm} \frac{d^2 a(m)}{dm^2}, \quad (4.27)$$

which we can rewrite with the help of 4.16 and 4.23 as

$$\frac{d^3 f_1(m)}{dm^3} + 3 \frac{d f_1(m)}{dm} \frac{d^2 f_1(m)}{dm^2} + \left(\frac{d f_1(m)}{dm} \right)^3 = \frac{1}{a(m)} \frac{d^3 a(m)}{dm^3}. \quad (4.28)$$

Now by once again dividing by $a(m)$ and rewriting $M - M_0$ as $M - \overline{M}_m + \overline{M}_m - M_0$, we obtain, with 4.8, 4.20 and 4.28

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^6 \frac{d^3 f_1(m)}{dm^3} + 3\sigma^6 \frac{d f_1(m)}{dm} \frac{d^2 f_1(m)}{dm^2} + \sigma^6 \left(\frac{d f_1(m)}{dm} \right)^3 &= \\ &= -\nu_3(m) - 3(\overline{M}_m - M_0)(\nu_2(m) - \sigma^2) - (\overline{M}_m - M_0)^3. \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

From this, with the help of 4.17 and 4.24 we find

$$\nu_3(m) = -\sigma^6 \frac{d^3 f_1(m)}{dm^3}. \quad (4.30)$$

Repeating the steps taken, we find in the same manner

$$\nu_4(m) - 3\nu_2^2(m) = \sigma^8 \frac{d^4 f_1(m)}{dm^4} \quad (4.31)$$

$$\nu_5(m) - 10\nu_2(m)\nu_3(m) = -\sigma^{10} \frac{d^5 f_1(m)}{dm^5} \quad (4.32)$$

$$\nu_6(m) - 10\nu_3^2(m) - 15\nu_2(m)\nu_4(m) + 30\nu_2^3(m) = \sigma^{12} \frac{d^6 f_1(m)}{dm^6} \quad (4.33)$$

We will now make use of the relations between moments and the characteristics (A_3, A_4, \dots) given by Charlier in [4]. The relations take the form

$$\begin{aligned} A_3 &= -\nu_3(m), \\ A_4 &= \nu_4(m) - 3\nu_2^2(m), \\ A_5 &= -\nu_5(m) + 10\nu_2(m)\nu_3(m), \\ A_6 &= \nu_6(m) - 15\nu_2(m)\nu_4(m) + 30\nu_2^3(m) \end{aligned} \quad (4.34)$$

Now relating this to the expressions for the moments found in 4.30, 4.31, 4.32 and 4.33 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
A_3 &= \sigma^6 \frac{d^3 f_1(m)}{dm^3}, \\
A_4 &= \sigma^8 \frac{d^4 f_1(m)}{dm^4}, \\
A_5 &= \sigma^{10} \frac{d^5 f_1(m)}{dm^5}, \\
A_6 &= \sigma^{12} \frac{d^6 f_1(m)}{dm^6} + 10\sigma^{12} \left(\frac{d^3 f_1(m)}{dm^3} \right)^3
\end{aligned} \tag{4.35}$$

Now adding this to 4.17 and 4.25 we get

$$\overline{M_m} = M_0 - \sigma^2 \frac{d f_1(m)}{dm} \tag{4.36}$$

$$\sigma_m^2 = \sigma^2 \left(1 + \sigma^2 \frac{d^2 f_1(m)}{dm^2} \right) \tag{4.37}$$

To derive the commonly used correction of $\overline{M_m} = M_0 - 1.382\sigma^2$, we make the simple assumption that $a(m)$ is of the form

$$a(m) = C \cdot e^{\beta m}$$

we get that $\log(a(m)) = f_1(m) = \log(C) + \beta m$ and $\frac{d f_1(m)}{dm} = \beta$, and higher derivatives vanish, thus we have:

$$\overline{M_m} = M_0 - \beta \sigma^2 \tag{4.38}$$

$$\sigma_m^2 = \sigma^2 \tag{4.39}$$

and

$$A_3 = A_4 = \dots = 0 \tag{4.40}$$

Which gives us a distribution function of absolute magnitudes for a given m of

$$F_m(M) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(M-M_0+\beta\sigma^2)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \tag{4.41}$$

which is a gaussian. In the simplest case, one of constant star density $D(r) = c$ where c is a constant, we get from

$$a(m) = 2\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 D(r) \varphi\left(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)\right) dr \tag{4.42}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
a(m) &= C \cdot e^{\beta m} \\
\varphi\left(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)\right) &= F_m\left(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\left(\left(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(r)\right) - M_0 + \beta\sigma^2\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \\
D(r) &= c
\end{aligned}$$

which gives the solution:

$$\frac{2\pi e^{\frac{3}{2}b(\sigma^2(3b+2\beta)+2m-2M_0)}}{\sigma\sqrt{\frac{1}{b^2\sigma^2}}},$$

and if we assume $\sigma = 1$

$$C \cdot e^{\beta m} = 2\pi c \frac{e^{\frac{3}{2}b(3b+2(\beta+m-M_0))}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{b^2}}}$$

from which we find, by rearranging:

$$C \cdot e^{\beta m} = 2\pi c \frac{e^{\frac{3}{2}b(3b+2(\beta-M_0))}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{b^2}}} \cdot e^{3bm}.$$

And thus we get that

$$\beta = 3b = 3 \frac{\log(10)}{5} \approx 1.382$$

which gives

$$\overline{M_m} = M_0 - 1.382\sigma^2.$$

4.2. Lutz-Kelker bias

The Lutz-Kelker bias arises when measuring parallaxes. On average, due to measurement errors, the measured parallax will be larger than the true parallax. This can be intuitively seen when we want to measure how many stars are contained within a distance r to us. Due to measuring errors we will measure that some sources which in reality are outside radius r are within this radius, but inversely we will also measure that some sources are outside of the radius r which in reality are within this radius. You may expect that these errors will correct each other on average, but this is not the case, since there are more stars just outside radius r than within. Since this is true for arbitrary r we gather that on average we underestimate the distance to stars. It is important to correct for this bias, since distance measurements are directly correlated with absolute magnitude calculations. Some astrometric measuring devices need to be calibrated to correctly measure magnitude, and if we use wrong magnitude values for this calibration the device's measurements will be off by some systematic error. We will derive a common correction for the average absolute magnitude in the next section.

4.2.1. Deriving the correction

This derivation roughly follows the one posed by Lutz and Kelker in [5].

We make the assumption that the error of parallax measurements is normally distributed, such that for some fixed true parallax of p the measured parallax (p_0) will be distributed as:

$$g(p_0|p) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(p_0-p)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (4.43)$$

with σ the standard deviation. In a universe where stars are homogeneously distributed (which is an approximation for our own for stars with large parallaxes), we expect the number of stars between r and $r + dr$ to be equal to:

$$N(r)dr = 4\pi r^2 dr, \quad (4.44)$$

or, the expected number of stars between p and $p + dp$ is equal to:

$$N(p)dp = \frac{4\pi}{p^4} dp. \quad (4.45)$$

Now we can use this to find the distribution of true parallaxes based on a fixed measured parallax using Bayes' theorem. We get

$$g(p|p_0) \propto \frac{1}{p^4} e^{-\frac{(p_0-p)^2}{2\sigma^2}}. \quad (4.46)$$

This form is currently not normalised, but by substituting $\frac{1}{p}$ for $\frac{p_0}{p}$ we "normalise" it in the sense that $g(p|p_0) = 1$ when $p = p_0$. This form: $\frac{p}{p_0}$ is in a sense a dimensionless parallax, we define:

$$Z = \frac{p}{p_0}$$

We get

$$g(p|p_0) \propto G(Z) \equiv \frac{1}{Z^4} e^{-\frac{(Z-1)^2}{2(\sigma/p_0)^2}}. \quad (4.47)$$

We clearly see that the shape of this relation is only dependent on $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$, we can visualize this with a plot of $G(Z)$ for some different values of $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$, this is done in figure 4.5. As we can see in figure 4.5 for $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.15$ we see that near 0 $G(Z)$ diverges to infinity, this is also the case for $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.05$ and $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.25$, in fact this happens for all $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$, near 0 the $\frac{1}{Z^4}$ dependence takes over, clearly this is nonphysical and such errors would stand out as erroneous and not be included in any application of the data. We see that for small $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$ the distribution is almost normal, but shifted slight towards smaller Z . This shift becomes more pronounced as $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$ increases until there is no more distinction possible between the $\frac{1}{Z^4}$ dependence and the physical distribution, at which point no useful correction can be derived.

If parallax measurements are used for absolute magnitude calibration, one needs to consider the Lutz-Kelker bias. We wish to determine some true absolute magnitude M_{true} , from some calculated absolute magnitude M_{observed} , we define

$$\Delta M \equiv M_{\text{true}} - M_{\text{observed}} = 5 \log_{10}\left(\frac{p}{p_0}\right) = 5 \log_{10}(Z).$$

The expected value of this correction is given by:

$$\overline{\Delta M} = \frac{5 \int_0^\infty \log_{10}(Z) G(Z) dZ}{\int_0^\infty G(Z) dZ}$$

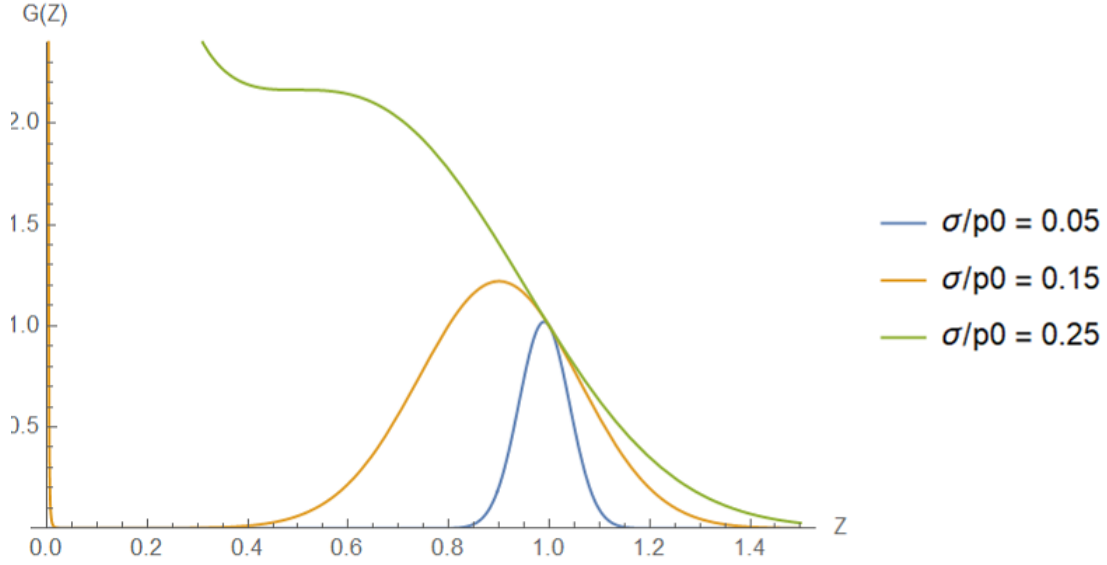


Figure 4.5.: Plot of $G(Z)$ for $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.05$, $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.15$ and $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.25$.

But as we observed earlier, this integral will diverge due to the divergence of $G(Z)$ near 0. To approximate the correction however, we may instead numerically calculate

$$\overline{\Delta M} \approx \frac{5 \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \log_{10}(Z) G(Z) dZ}{\int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} G(Z) dZ}.$$

To get useful information from this expression, we wish to find some ϵ_{σ/p_0} for some fixed $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$, such that we ignore most of the $\frac{1}{Z^4}$ dominated region and include most of the actual distribution. Clearly the higher $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$ the more we need to exclude, but at some point we will no longer be able to find a useful ϵ . For instance, if we look at the graph of $G(Z)$ for $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.25$ in figure 4.5, there is no clear location for ϵ , while for the $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.15$ case, any ϵ between 0.1 and 0.3 would yield reasonably accurate estimations. We can plot

$$\overline{\Delta M} \approx \frac{5 \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \log_{10}(Z) G(Z) dZ}{\int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} G(Z) dZ}.$$

In figure 4.6 $\overline{\Delta M}$ is plotted for different values of ϵ and $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$, here we see that those lines which appear reasonably horizontal at some point yield accurate estimations. The best estimation for $\overline{\Delta M}$ is equal to the value at these horizontal regions. We see that the maximum $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$ for which we can reasonably estimate the $\overline{\Delta M}$ is around $\frac{\sigma}{p_0} = 0.175$.

Figure 4.7 shows the best estimations for $\overline{\Delta M}$ for different values of $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$.

Now correcting for the Lutz-Kelker bias is done by simply adding the value of $\overline{\Delta M}$ to the calculated average absolute magnitude of the sample based on the right $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$.

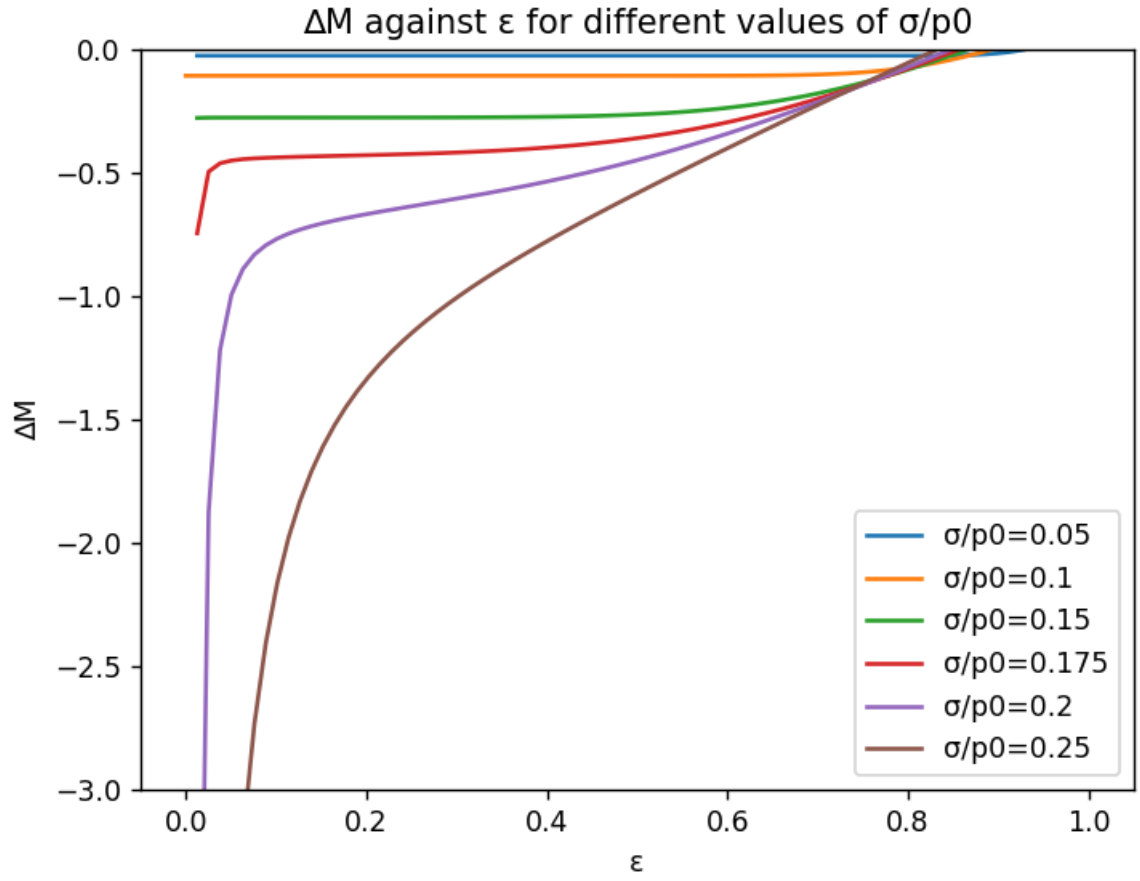


Figure 4.6.: Estimations for $\overline{\Delta M}$ for different values of ϵ , plotted for various values of $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$.

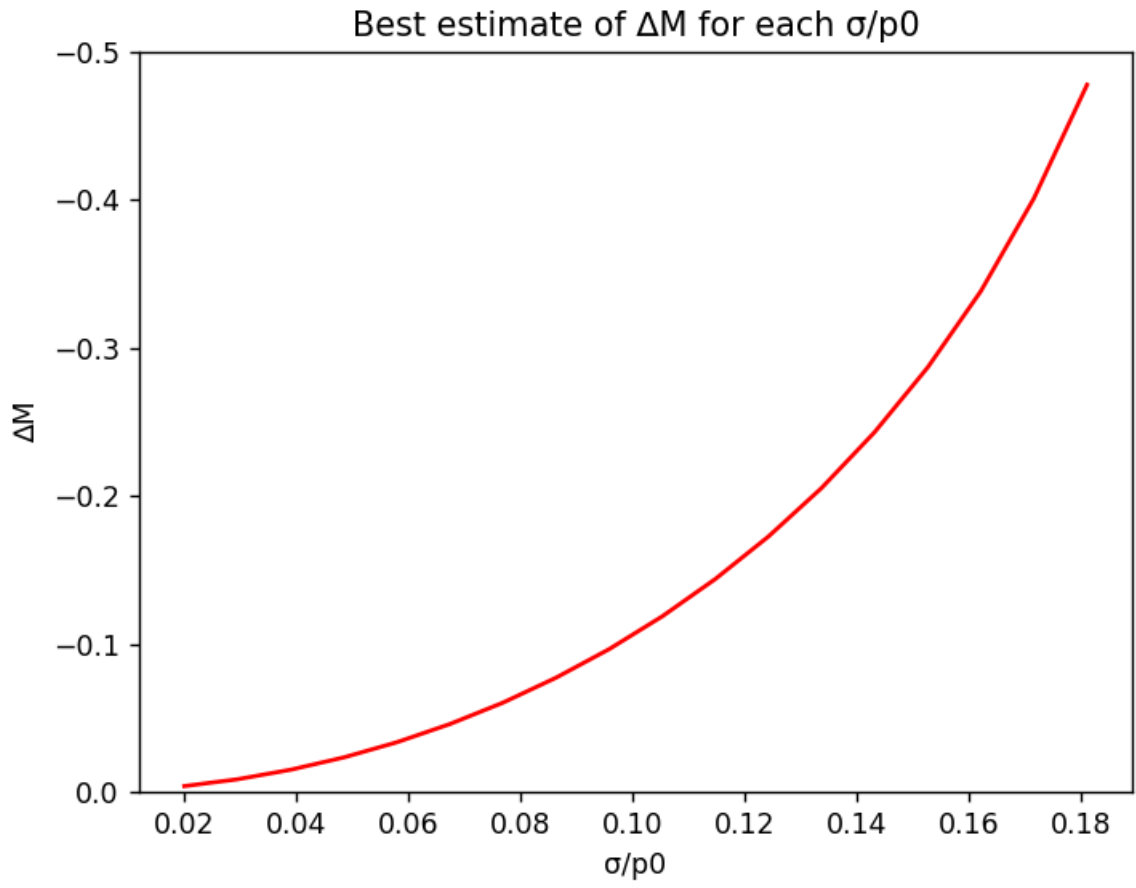


Figure 4.7.: The best estimations of $\overline{\Delta M}$ for different values of $\frac{\sigma}{p_0}$.

5. Conclusion

We have explored some concepts of astronomy, and shown how these concepts are represented in GAIA data. We learned about different reference frames to describe the position and motion of objects in our galaxy. We looked at how stars are distributed around us found that O-stars are more concentrated in the galactic plane. We found that the Malmquist bias has great effects on star distributions at greater distances and we learned how to correct for this by sampling to a known distribution. We have also derived a correction for the average luminosity of a sample affected by the Malmquist bias, even though we had to make some big assumptions. We learned about the differential galactic rotation and derived expressions for expected tangential and radial velocities. We saw that O-stars do not follow these expected velocities and instead show that they are spatially clustered with similar velocities. Finally we derived that when measuring parallaxes we underestimate the distance to measured sources on average and how to correct for this.

5.1. Further research

5.1.1. Modifications Malmquist correction

In our calculation for the common correction for the Malmquist bias, we made some pretty rough assumptions about how stars are distributed. We have shown in this paper that the homogeneity assumption is incorrect. For our interstellar neighbourhood, we expect a rough homogeneity in the l coordinate but not in the z_{Gal} . We expect the stellar density to decrease exponentially away from the disk. The integral (4.42) we used to derive the correction can be modified to more accurately represent reality. The original integral assumes that the density $D(r)$ is equal everywhere ($D(r) = 1$), we can modify this to represent our expectations. For instance if we expect rotational symmetry in the galactic plane and exponential decrease perpendicular to it, we may modify this density function to $D(\rho, z) = be^{-a|z|}$. The integral now becomes, with the transformation to cylindrical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \rho D(\rho, z) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(\sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2})) dz d\rho d\theta &= 2\pi \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \rho D(\rho, z) \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(\sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2})) dz d\rho \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^\infty \rho b e^{-a|z|} \varphi(m - \frac{1}{b} \log(\sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2})) dz d\rho \end{aligned}$$

Where $z = z_{Gal}$ and ρ is the distance to the z_{Gal} axis.

It is interesting to try to solve this integral (numerically) to see how the correction is

modified. Other density functions, which take into account measurements of the galaxy we are in, will lead to even more accurate results, but are harder to calculate.

5.1.2. Increase O-star sample size

As a brief exploration, a neural network was trained on our O-star sample and an equal sized random sample to try and distinguish between these to possibly find more O-stars within the GAIA data. As we have shown with figure 4.3 the O-star sample is not complete up to 6kpc, but since at this distance the sample should not be affected by the Malmquist bias we do expect more O-stars to be present in the data but not identified as such. In our brief attempt, the absolute magnitude and color data was used. In training, the neural network showed promise in distinguishing between O-stars and the random sample. But once the neural network was ran on a big random data set the network identified a bunch of known B-stars as O-stars. The data used was not able to distinguish between O-stars and some B-stars, and since B-stars are much more abundant, no conclusions could be drawn. It would be interesting to see if a better neural network could be made by including more aspects of the GAIA data in training, for example the l and b coordinates, since most O-stars are closely located near the galactic plane. Also the network could be trained specifically against B-stars to increase it's discriminatory capabilities between these closely related classifications.

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Popular summary

The universe is a vast and magnificent place with many wonders and mysteries. Everyone has looked up at the sky during a clear night and wondered if we are special and why we are here. These great and complex questions have captivated humanity for thousands of years. To try to get a grip on these conundrums, the science of astronomy was developed. Many great minds have busied themselves with questions about our universe, it all started with just describing what we see when we look up, trying to predict motion of astral bodies and tying meaning to it all. Astronomy has made great leaps since then, but the fundamental questions are still the same, we are still trying to understand our spot in the universe and figure out if we are special. We have made marvellous machines to give us a better understanding of everything around us, but accomplishing this is no small feat. An example of how we are trying to understand the universe around us is a satellite launched into space in 2013, the GAIA satellite. The GAIA satellite hovers in space in the shadow of the earth and is constantly scanning the sky. With the satellite we are measuring the distance to many nearby stars. This way we can get a good picture of where we are and what is around us.

We still have some very fundamental questions about how the stars around us got to be where they are. Studying the youngest stars in our galaxy helps us to understand why and where stars are born and what they go through in the earliest stages of their lives. These young so called O-stars are rare and we know not many of them, but with help of GAIA satellite we can accurately study them and subsequently learn something about them. We see for instance that many O-stars are clustered together, possibly indicating locations of active star formation. And by looking at where they are going we get to understand what happens to them at an early age.

Studying and measuring these stars is no easy feat, there are many thing you have to account for. An example of this is something we call the Malmquist bias, named after the man that first described it. The Malmquist bias states that stars that are far away seem less bright than they actually are. If we are measuring these stars with a telescope that is not sensitive enough to pick out their dim light, then we will miss them, while brighter stars at the same distance will be found. This leads to a discrepancy with reality where it seems that the further away we look the less dim stars are present, which is of course not the case. Other such biasses exist, for instance difficulty arises when measuring how far away a star is. We are more likely to underestimate the distance to that star than to overestimate it. Overcoming these biasses can be done by mathematical analysis of the problem, even though we often have to make pretty bold assumptions to even get an answer as how to deal with them, leaving some inaccuracy in the final results.

A. O-stars

In this table we have included all 472 O-stars used for the data analysis, included are their GAIA EDR3 ID, name and the source of their radial velocity data if any.

Table A.1.: Table of the GAIA EDR3 ID's, names, and bibcodes of the sources of the radial velocity if any, for our O-star sample

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B. Code

GAIA ADQL code to retrieve the data on the O-stars:

Listing B.1: ADQL example

```
select ra,dec
from gaiaedr3.gaia_source
where source_id in
(...) and parallax is not null and parallax_over_error>10
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where "(...)" represents a list of GAIA EDR3 ID's.