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README - Star Catalogue Pre-Processing

Guidance, Navigation and Controls Subsystem

ca_preprocessing.m

Code Type: MATLAB - Script

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Description:

This script converts the SKY2000 Catalogue, into the Master-Star Catalogue, and the SSP-Star Catalogue.

The following data fields of the SKY2000 Catalogue are used:

1. SKY2000 - Identifier based on J2000 position
2. RAJ2000 - Right ascension (J2000) hours - ("h:m:s")
3. DEJ2000 - Declination degrees (J2000) - ("d:m:s")
4. pmRA - Proper motion in RA (J2000) - second per year
5. pmDE - Proper motion in Dec (J2000) - second of arc per year
6. Vmag - Photometric magnitude - (Optical V band between 500 and 600 nm)

The catalogues, which are classified as follows, is created by this script.

1. **SKY2000.csv** : Comprises of all the aforementioned data fields (unaltered), downloaded from Vizier.
2. **Master_Star_Catalogue.csv** : Same as *SKY2000.csv* except for the following changes:
 - (a) **RAJ2000** is split into **RA_h**, **RA_m**, and **RA_s**
 - (b) **DEJ2000** is split into **DE_d**, **DE_m** and **DE_s**
3. **SSP_Star_Catalogue.csv** : Same as *Master_Star_Catalogue.csv*, which has been sorted based on 'Vmag' field, in addition to the following changes:
 - (a) **RA_h**, **RA_m**, and **RA_s** is merged to create **RA** field - degrees
 - (b) **DE_d**, **DE_m**, and **DE_s** is merged to create **DE** field - degrees

- (c) **SSP_ID** - Fictitious identifier created for stars, which is essentially the position of the stars after being sorted according to '*Vmag*'

Formula & References:

References:

1. SKY2000 Catalogue - <http://tdc-www.harvard.edu/software/catalogs/sky2k.html>
2. SKY2000.csv, obtained from - <http://vizier.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/VizieR-3?-source=V/145>
3. Detailed README of SKY200 - <http://data.bao.ac.cn/ftp/cats/5/109/sky2kv4.pdf>

Input parameters:

1. **skip** : (Integer) Skips the first n rows of SKY2000 Catalogue, to avoid header rows.

Output:

Writes Master_Star_Catalogue.csv, and SSP_Star_Catalogue.csv in [./Catalogue/SKY2000/Catalogues](#) directory

ca_DMS2degrees.m

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Description:

This function converts the angle from D:M:S to degrees format

Formula & References:

Conversion Formula - <https://in.mathworks.com/help/map/ref/dms2degrees.html>

Formula: For input $[DMS]$, output is:

$$deg = SGN \times |D| + \frac{|M|}{60} + \frac{|S|}{3600} ,$$

where SGN is 1 if $D \geq 0$, and -1 if $D < 0$

Input parameters:

1. **D** : (Double) - Degree component
2. **M** : (Double) - Minute component
3. **S** : (Double) - Second component

Output:

1. **deg** : (Double) - Angle in degrees

ca_HMS2degrees.m

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Description:

This function converts the angle from H:M:S to degrees format

Formula & References:

Formula: For input $[HMS]$, output is:

$$T = H \times 3600 + M \times 60 + S$$

$$360^\circ = 24hr = 24 \times 3600s$$

$$deg = \frac{T \times 360^\circ}{24 \times 3600s}$$

Input parameters:

1. **H** : (Double) - Hour component
2. **M** : (Double) - Minute component
3. **S** : (Double) - Second component

Output:

1. **deg** : (Double) - Angle in degrees

ca_RA_DE_2_CartVect.m

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Description:

This function converts a given Right-Ascension and Declination coordinate to a unit vector in a rectilinear coordinate system - (X, Y, Z) . The (X, Y, Z) coordinate system definition corresponds to the projection of the Earth' 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:

Formula: For input $[RA, DE]$, output is:

$$X = \cos(RA) \cos(DE)$$

$$Y = \sin(RA) \cos(DE)$$

$$Z = \sin(DE)$$

Reference:

1. Refer 4.1.1 - Computer Science Corporation, "*SKYMAP Requirements, Functional, and Mathematical Specifications, Volume 3, Revision 3*". (1999).

Input parameters:

1. **RA** : (Double) - Right-Ascension component - in degrees
2. **DE** : (Double) - Declination component - in degrees

Output:

1. **X** : (Double) - X-component of the unit vector
2. **Y** : (Double) - Y-component of the unit vector
3. **Z** : (Double) - Z-component of the unit vector