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function [num_launches, num_spacecraft, satellite_list] =
 loadConstellation(filename)
%DESCRIPTOIN: Ingests constellation description .json file and parses
%into a list of structs with full initial orbit elements (km, s, rad)
%satellite name.
%INPUTS:
% filename
                A string indicating the name of the .json file to be
parsed
%OUTPUTS:
% nl
                Number of total launches
% ns
                Total number of spacecraft between all launches
                Array of structs with 'name' and 'oe0' properties
% satlist
Temporary - just so the function runs the first time you use it.
%You'll need to change all of these!
num launches = 0;
num spacecraft = 0;
satellite_list.name = '';
satellite_list.oe0 = NaN(6,1);
%1) extract the constellation structure from the json file
fid = fopen(filename);
raw = fread(fid,inf);
str = char(raw');
fclose(fid);
val = jsondecode(str);
%2) read all of the launches and payloads to understand how many
launches
% and spacecraft are in the constellation; note, this will be useful
 in
% Part 2!
launches = val.launches;
num_launches = length(launches);
num_spacecraft = 0;
for i = 1:num_launches
    num_spacecraft = num_spacecraft + length(launches(i).payload);
end
%3) RECOMMENDED: Pre-allocate the satellite_list struct
satellite_list(num_spacecraft).name = '';
satellite_list(num_spacecraft).oe0 = NaN(6,1);
%4) Populate each entry in the satellite struct list with its name and
%initial orbit elements [a,e,i,Om,om,f] at time t0
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