Updates for SOFA Release 12: 2016 May

Changes/updates fall into the following categories:

- 1. The addition of four routines to the Precession/Nutation/Polar Motion section, which deliver long-term $(+/-200,000~{\rm years})$ precession using the model of Vondrak, Capitaine and Wallace (2011, 2012).
- 2. Introduction of a new section entitled Ecliptic Coordinates. This section consists of six routines dealing with the transformation between equatorial and ecliptic coordinates using either the IAU 2006 precession model or the long-term precession model of Vondrak et al.
- 3. Separate Earth Attitude Cookbooks for Fortran and C users, replacing the existing Fortran-only edition.
- 4. Some documentation corrections.

FORTRAN Routines

New routines that implement a long-term precession model:

iau_LTPB Precession+bias matrix, J2000.0 to date using the Vondrak et al. long-term model.

iau_LTPECL Precession (Vondrak et al. long-term) of the ecliptic. A
unit vector representing the direction of the ecliptic
pole with respect to the J2000.0 mean equator and equinox.

iau_LTPEQU Precession (Vondrak et al. long-term) of the equator. A
unit vector representing the direction of the pole of the
equator with respect to the J2000.0 mean equator and
equinox.

Routines comprising a new section on ecliptic coordinates:

iau_LTECM ICRS (equatorial) to ecliptic rotation matrix using the Vondrak et al. long-term precession.

Updated:

t_sofa_f.for Test program, incorporating the ten new routines.

Revisions:

iau_ATC013 List of called routines corrected.

iau_ATIO13 List of called routines corrected.

ANSI C Routines

New functions that implement a long-term precession model:

iauLtp Precession matrix, J2000.0 to date using the Vondrak et al. long-term model. A new routine.

iauLtpb Precession+bias matrix, J2000.0 to date using the Vondrak et al. long-term model. A new routine.

iauLtpecl Precession (Vondrak et al. long-term) of the ecliptic. A
unit vector representing the direction of the ecliptic
pole with respect to the J2000.0 mean equator and equinox.
A new routine.

iauLtpequ Precession (Vondrak et al. long-term) of the equator. A
unit vector representing the direction of the pole of the
equator with respect to the J2000.0 mean equator and
equinox. A new routine.

Functions comprising a new section on ecliptic coordinates:

iauEcm06 ICRS (equatorial) to ecliptic rotation matrix using IAU 2006 precession.

iauLteceq Ecliptic coords to equatorial: transformation of ecliptic longitude and latitude (mean equinox and ecliptic of date) to mean J2000.0 right ascension and declination, using the Vondrak et al. long-term precession.

iauLtecm ICRS (equatorial) to ecliptic rotation matrix using the Vondrak et al. long-term precession.

Updated:

sofa.h Addition of prototypes for the ten new functions listed above.

t_sofa_c Updated test program incorporating the ten new routines, plus a handful of constants extended to more decimal places.

Revisions:

iauAtcol3 List of called functions corrected.

iauAtio13 List of called functions corrected.

Documentation:

board.lis Inclusion of the new board members.

title.lis Release number and date updated.

intro.lis Updated to reflect the updates and additions of this 12th release.

sofa_lib.lis New routines added.

Updates for SOFA Release 12a : 2016 July

Summary of Changes

Changes/updates for this minor release (12a) fall into the following categories:

- A leap second at the end of December 2016, requires updates to the iau_DAT (dat.for) and iauDat (Dat.c) routines. The test-bed programs t_sofa_f.for and t_sofa_c.c are also updated to test this change.
- 2. The routines iau_LDSUN and iauLdsun, that calculate the deflection of starlight by the Sun, have changed, though without affecting the results for normal use. As a defensive measure, an internal threshold value tapers off the returned value for cases close to the center of the solar disk so that it becomes zero rather than infinity at the center. By making the formerly fixed threshold value depend on observer location, it has been possible to make the onset of the defensive measure less abrupt, which has greatly improved round-trip closure even for impossible (i.e. occulted) cases. For a terrestrial observer, the new threshold corresponds to a distance of about 5 arcminutes (formerly 9 arcseconds) from the center of the disk.
- 3. Documentation updates and corrections.

FORTRAN Routines

iau_DAT a leap second is now required in UTC for 2016 December 31.

iau_LDSUN internal threshold value changed from 1D-9 to DLIM, where DLIM = 1D-6 / MAX(EM*EM,1D0) and EM is the dstance in au from the Sun to the observer.

t_sofa_f this test program has been modified to test the updated leap second routine. Documentation Astrometry cookbook has been modified to take account of sofa_ast_f the updated LDSUN routine. sofa_ts_f Version number of this cookbook corrected. ANSI C: iauDat a leap second is now required in UTC for 2016 December 31. internal threshold value changed from 1e-9 to dlim, where iauLdsun dlim = 1e-6 / (em*em > 1.0 ? em*em : 1.0) and em is the dstance in au from the Sun to the observer. In the list of "Returned:" arguments listed in the Crdocumentation the one argument was listed as "char[]" rather than just "c". this test program has been modified to test the updated t_sofa_c leap second routine. Documentation sofa_ast_c Astrometry cookbook has been modified to take account of the updated Ldsun routine. sofa_ts_c Version number of this cookbook corrected. End of Updates 2016 July 18