

Determining Semi-Major Axis Scalar for Ellipse passing through SN

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We first determine the relative position ($\Delta\vec{d}_{RD}$) of the center of the supernovae, \vec{S}_{RD} , in terms of the center of the galaxy, \vec{G}_{RD} , where ‘RD’ implies the right ascension, declination coordinates (in degrees).

$$\Delta\vec{d}_{RD} = \vec{S}_{RD} - \vec{G}_{RD} \quad (1)$$

We then convert this relative position vector in terms of pixel coordinates ‘XY’

$$\Delta\vec{d}_{XY} = \mathbf{T}_1 \cdot \Delta\vec{d}_{RD} \quad (2)$$

Where \mathbf{T}_1 is the scalar transformation, with P the arcsecond–pixel ratio;

$$\mathbf{T}_1 = \frac{1}{3600P} \cdot \mathbb{1} \quad (3)$$

We can then determine the supernovae’s position in terms of the semi-major and semi-minor axes through a rotation matrix;

$$\begin{pmatrix} b \\ a \end{pmatrix}_{SN} = \mathbf{T}_2 \cdot \Delta\vec{d}_{XY} \quad (4a)$$

$$\mathbf{T}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ R \sin \theta & R \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad (4b)$$

Where θ is the position angle and R is the axial ratio