

Module Interface Specification for Sun Catcher

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See SRS Documentation at <https://github.com/sharyuwu/optimum-tilt-of-solar-panels/blob/master/docs/SRS/SRS.pdf>

[Also add any additional symbols, abbreviations or acronyms —SS]

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3 Introduction

The following document details the Module Interface Specifications for Sun Catcher[Fill in your project name and description —SS]

Complementary documents include the System Requirement Specifications and Module Guide. The full documentation and implementation can be found at <https://github.com/sharyuwu/optimum-tilt-of-solar-panels>. [provide the url for your repo —SS]

4 Notation

[You should describe your notation. You can use what is below as a starting point. —SS]

The structure of the MIS for modules comes from Hoffman and Strooper (1995), with the addition that template modules have been adapted from Ghezzi et al. (2003). The mathematical notation comes from Chapter 3 of Hoffman and Strooper (1995). For instance, the symbol $:=$ is used for a multiple assignment statement and conditional rules follow the form $(c_1 \Rightarrow r_1 | c_2 \Rightarrow r_2 | \dots | c_n \Rightarrow r_n)$.

The following table summarizes the primitive data types used by Sun Catcher.

Data Type	Notation	Description
character	char	a single symbol or digit
integer	\mathbb{Z}	a number without a fractional component in $(-\infty, \infty)$
natural number	\mathbb{N}	a number without a fractional component in $[1, \infty)$
real	\mathbb{R}	any number in $(-\infty, \infty)$
bool	\mathbb{B}	a statement of True or False

The specification of Sun Catcher uses some derived data types: sequences, strings, and tuples. Sequences are lists filled with elements of the same data type. Strings are sequences of characters. Tuples contain a list of values, potentially of different types. In addition, Sun Catcher uses functions, which are defined by the data types of their inputs and outputs. Local functions are described by giving their type signature followed by their specification.

5 Module Decomposition

The following table is taken directly from the Module Guide document for this project.

Level 1	Level 2
Hardware-Hiding Module	
Behaviour-Hiding Module	Control Module Input Parameters Module Input Verification Module Output Parameters Module Read File Module Solar Energy Absorption Module Optimum Tilt Angle Module Sun Intensity Equation Module Zenith Angle Equation Module
Software Decision Module	Day Duration ADT Module Table-layout Module Sun Catcher Type Module

Table 1: Module Hierarchy

6 MIS of Control Module

6.1 Module

Control

6.2 Uses

InputPara⁹ [Please leave space between the name and the reference. You should also identify what type of reference it is, like you would for a Figure or a Table. That is, you should say (Section 9). —SS]

InputVer¹⁰

OutputPara¹¹

TiltAng¹³

Energy¹⁴

SunInten¹⁵

ZenithAng¹⁶

ReadFile¹⁷

6.3 Syntax

6.3.1 Exported Constants

6.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
mian [main? —SS]	-	-	-

6.4 Semantics

6.4.1 State Variables

dayS: DayT [You use this type, but I don't think you import (use) the module that defines it —SS]

dayE: DayT

[Why are these two state variables here? I thought you were going to use the Input Parameters module? —SS] [Now that I think about it, given that you are planning on implementing with Haskell, you might want to avoid having modules with state information. —SS]

6.4.2 Environment Variables

6.4.3 Assumptions

6.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

main ():

- transition: Implement the InputPara and the environment variables for Output by following steps.

Get (Φ_P : DegreeT, P_{A_h} : real, P_{A_w} : real, $year_{Start}$: natural number, $month_{Start}$: natural number, day_{Start} : natural number, $year_{End}$: natural number, $month_{End}$: natural number, day_{End} : natural number) and (filename: string) from users' input.

dayS := $\langle day_{Start}, month_{Start}, year_{Start} \rangle$
dayE := $\langle day_{End}, month_{End}, year_{End} \rangle$

load_anale_data (filename)
InputPara.init ()

Verify the input values using Input Verification Module
verified ($\Phi_P, P_{A_h}, P_{A_w}, dayS, dayE$)

Get the zenith angle between dayS and dayE
 $\theta_{S_{date}} = \text{getzen} ()$

Get the optimum tilt angle using $\theta_{S_{date}}$
setilt ($\theta_{S_{date}}$)
 $\theta_T = \text{getilt} ()$

Get the estimated solar absorption using Optimum Tilt Angle Module
setenergy ($P_{A_w}, P_{A_h}, \text{getmaxInten} (), \theta_{S_{date}}$)
 $P_E = \text{getavenergy} ()$

Output P_E and θ_T to the Output paramaters Module
addresult (θ_T, P_E)

Display the output values on the screen using the Table-layout Module
setable (getresult ())
display ()

[It is nice to have a newpage between modules. —SS]

7 Sun Catcher Type Module

7.1 Module

SunCatTy

7.2 Uses

N/A

7.3 Exported Types

DegreeT = \mathbb{R}

DayT = a tuple of (d: \mathbb{N} , m: \mathbb{N} , y: \mathbb{N})

AnalemmaT = a tuple of (x: \mathbb{R} ,y: \mathbb{R} , z: \mathbb{R})

7.4 Syntax

7.4.1 Exported Constants

N/A

7.4.2 Exported Access Programs

N/A

7.5 Semantics

N/A

7.5.1 State Variables

N/A

7.5.2 Environment Variables

N/A

7.5.3 Assumptions

For DayT the day will always lie between 1 and 31, the month will always lie between 1 and 12, and year will always be greater than 1.

8 Day Duration ADT Module

8.1 Template Module

DayDurTy

8.2 Uses

SunCatTy⁷

8.3 Exported Types

DayDurT = ? [It seems confusing to me that you have a DayT, that is not an ADT, and a DayDurT that is an ADT. Couldn't you just have an ADT for DayT? —SS]

8.4 Syntax

8.4.1 Exported Constants

8.4.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
new DayDurT	a tuple of (DayT, DayT)	DayDurT	invalid_argument
getdurlist	-	a sequence of integer	-

[The input to the DayDurT could just be DayT, DayT; you don't really need to make the input a tuple. —SS]

8.5 Semantics

8.5.1 State Variables

dayS : DayT [You have these same state variables in another module —SS]

dayE : DayT

daduraL: a sequence of integer

dateL: a sequence of DayT

8.5.2 Environment Variables

N/A

8.5.3 Assumptions

In `getdiff (day1, day2)`, assume that day 2 is always greater than day 1. [It would be neat if you defined a comparison access program to your ADT so that you have greater than implemented. As it is, saying greater than is ambiguous. —SS]

8.5.4 Access Routine Semantics

`new DayDurT (s,e):`

- transition: `dayS, dayE, periheD.d, periheD.m := s, e, 21, 12;`

`dateL := || (s = e \Rightarrow $\langle e \rangle$ | otherwise \Rightarrow $\langle s, \text{setlist}(\text{getnext}()) \rangle$)` [You don't actually say otherwise using our notation. You could just say `True`. You also don't have a dummy variable. I don't really know how to read this expression. —SS]

- output: `out := self`
- exception: `exc := (s > e \Rightarrow invalid_argument)`

`getdurlist ():`

- transition: `daduraL := || (d: DayT | d \in dateL • [Countdiff (perihelion (d), d)]`
- output: `out := daduraL`
- exception:

[You shouldn't have a transition and an output. I don't actually see why you need the `daduraL` state variable. I would think you could calculate the duration as needed and simply output it? —SS]

8.5.5 Local Functions

`setlist : DayT \rightarrow a sequence of DayT`

`setlist (day): = || (day = dayE \Rightarrow $\langle \text{dayE} \rangle$ | day < dayE \Rightarrow [day, setlist (getnext (day, dayE))])`

`getnext : DayT \times DayT \rightarrow DayT`

`getnext (d1, d2) := (d1 < d2 \Rightarrow The next day of d1 according to the calendar | otherwise \Rightarrow dateL [0])`

perihelion : DayT \rightarrow DayT
perihelion (day) := (day.m = 12 \wedge day.d \geq 21 \Rightarrow day.y | otherwise \Rightarrow day.y - 1)

Countdiff : DayT \times DayT \rightarrow integer
Countdiff (day1, day2) := + (day1 = day2 \Rightarrow 0 | otherwise \Rightarrow Countdiff (getnext (day1,day2), day2) + 1)

9 MIS of Input Parameters Module

9.1 Module

InputPara

9.2 Uses

HardH

9.3 Syntax

9.3.1 Exported Constants

9.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
init	-	-	Key_error
getla	-	DegreeT	-
getph	-	real	-
getpw	-	real	-
getds	-	DayT	-
getde	-	DayT	-

9.4 Semantics

9.4.1 State Variables

latitude: DegreeT
dayS: DayT [You have these state variables already in other modules. —SS]
dayE: DayT
panH: real
panW real

9.4.2 Environment Variables

key: Input variables from keyboard.

9.4.3 Assumptions

When users click the submit button from system interface, InputPara.init () implement.

9.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

init ():

- transition: Get the values from users' input.
latitude, panH, panW, dayS, dayE := HardH.la, HardH.pn, HardH.pw, (HardH.ds, HardH.ms, HardH.ys), (HardH.de, HardH.me, HardH.ye)
- output:
- exception: if the data type of captured values do not match with the parameters' data type \Rightarrow Key_error

getla ():

- transition:
- output: latitude
- exception:

getph ():

- transition:
- output: panH
- exception:

getpw ():

- transition:
- output: panW
- exception:

getds ():

- transition:
- output: dayS
- exception:

getde ():

- transition:
- output: dayE
- exception:

9.4.5 Local Functions

10 MIS of Input Verification Module

10.1 Module

InputVer

10.2 Uses

InputPara⁹

10.3 Syntax

10.3.1 Exported Constants

10.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
verified	DegreeT, real, real, DayT, DayT,	-	invaild_lan, invaild_pan, invaild_day

[Rather than simply rely on exceptions, you could have verify return a Boolean. —SS]

10.4 Semantics

10.4.1 State Variables

10.4.2 Environment Variables

10.4.3 Assumptions

The input values is input from InputPara

10.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

verified (lan, ph, pw, ds, de):

- transition:
- output:
- exception: $\text{exc} := (\text{lan} > 90 \wedge \text{lan} < -90 \Rightarrow \text{invaild_lan} \mid \text{ph} < 0 \wedge \text{pw} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{invaild_pan} \mid \text{if ds and de is a invalid date in Gregorian calendar} \Rightarrow \text{invaild_day})$

10.4.5 Local Functions

11 MIS of Output Parameters Module

11.1 Module

OutputPara

11.2 Uses

Table12

11.3 Syntax

11.3.1 Exported Constants

11.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
init	-	-	-
addresult	DegreeT, real	-	-
getresult	-	a sequence of a tuple of (DegreeT, real, integer)	-

11.4 Semantics

11.4.1 State Variables

resultL: a sequence of a tuple [\[spell check —SS\]](#) of (t: DegreeT, e: real, diff: integer)

11.4.2 Environment Variables

11.4.3 Assumptions

OutputPara.init () always implement before any export access programs in output parameters module. OutputPara.init () will only be called once.

11.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

init ():

- transition: resultL := { }
- output:

- exception:

addresult (angle, energy):

- transition: $\text{resultL} := \parallel (|\text{resultL}| = 0 \Rightarrow [\langle \text{angle}, \text{energy}, 100 \rangle] \mid \text{angle} \notin \text{resultL.t} \Rightarrow [\langle \text{angle}, \text{energy}, \text{getdiff}(\text{resultL.e}, \text{energy}) \rangle])$ [\[I don't know how to read this. —SS\]](#)

- output:

- exception:

getresult ():

- transition:

- output: $\text{out} := \text{resultL}$

- exception:

11.4.5 Local Functions

$\text{getdiff} : \text{real} \times \text{real} \rightarrow \text{interger}$

$\text{getdiff}(\text{e1}, \text{e2}) = \frac{\text{e2}}{\text{e1}} \times 100$

12 MIS of Table-layout Module

12.1 Module

Table

12.2 Uses

OutputPara¹¹

HardH

12.3 Syntax

12.3.1 Exported Constants

hRow1: "Tilt Angle" hRow2: "Energy Absorption" hRow3: "Energy Competition"

12.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
setable	a sequece of a tuple of (DegreeT, real, integer)	-	-
display	-	-	-

12.4 Semantics

12.4.1 State Variables

resultL: a sequence of a tuple of (t: DegreeT, e: real, diff: integer)

12.4.2 Environment Variables

Output variables will display on the screen. [\[You should define an environment variable for the screen. —SS\]](#)

12.4.3 Assumptions

12.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

setable (result):

- transition: resultL := result
- output:
- exception:

display ():

- transition:
- output: out := display a table that shows the result on the screen.

The text file has the following format, where the first row following heading: hRow1, denotes the result of optimal tilt angle; the second row following heading, hRow2, denotes the result of estimating energy absorption; and the third row following heading, hRow3, denotes the result of different energy absorption between resultL.e [0] and resultL.e [1.. | resultL|] followed by a symbol %

Tilt Angle	resultL.t [0]	...	resultL.t [resultL]
Energy Absorption	resultL.e [0]	...	resultL.e [resultL]
Energy Competition	resultL.diff [0] %	...	resultL.diff [resultL] %

- exception:

12.4.5 Local Functions

13 MIS of Optimum Tilt Angle Module

[Use labels for cross-referencing —SS]

13.1 Module

TitleAng [Short name for the module —SS]

13.2 Uses

SunInten¹⁵

ZenithAng¹⁶

13.3 Syntax

13.3.1 Exported Constants

$I_S := 1.35$

13.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
setilt	a sequence of DegreeT	-	-
getilt	-	DegreeT	-
getmaxInten	-	real	out_empty
[accessProg —SS]	-	-	-

13.4 Semantics

13.4.1 State Variables

sunIn: real

zenithL: a sequence of DegreeT

maxsunIn: a tuple of (i: real, d: DegreeT)

[Do you really need state variables? I think you could use an input-output module here. The same comment applies elsewhere. —SS]

[Not all modules will have state variables. State variables give the module a memory. —SS]

13.4.2 Environment Variables

N/A [This section is not necessary for all modules. Its purpose is to capture when the module has external interaction with the environment, such as for a device driver, screen interface, keyboard, file, etc. —SS]

13.4.3 Assumptions

[Try to minimize assumptions and anticipate programmer errors via exceptions, but for practical purposes assumptions are sometimes appropriate. —SS]

13.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

[accessProg —SS] setilt(zen):

- transition: $\text{sunIn}, \text{zenithL}, \text{maxsunIn} := \text{SunInten.sum}(I_S, \text{zen}), \text{zen}, \langle 0, 0 \rangle$
- output:
- exception:

[accessProg —SS] getilt ():

- transition: $\text{maxsunIn} := (j: \text{integer} \mid j \in [0.. |\text{zenithL}|] \bullet j = 0 \Rightarrow \langle \text{SunInten.single}(\text{sunIn}, \text{zenithL}[0]), \text{zenithL}[0] \rangle \mid \text{ifMax}(\text{maxsunIn.i}, \text{SunInten.single}(\text{sunIn}, \text{zenithL}[j])) \neq \text{maxsunIn.i} \Rightarrow \langle \text{SunInten.single}(\text{sunIn}, \text{zenithL}[j]), \text{zenithL}[j] \rangle)$ [This is a complicated expression. I think you aren't quite following our notation. Also, for a complicated expression like this, it helps to add local functions. —SS]
- output: $\text{out} := \text{maxsunIn.d}$
- exception:

getmaxInten ():

- transition:
- output: $\text{SunInten.single}(\text{sunIn}, \text{maxsunIn.d})$
- exception: $\text{exp} := \text{maxsunIn.i} = 0 \wedge \text{maxsunIn.d} \Rightarrow \text{out.empty}$

[A module without environment variables or state variables is unlikely to have a state transition. In this case a state transition can only occur if the module is changing the state of another module. —SS]

[Modules rarely have both a transition and an output. In most cases you will have one or the other. —SS]

13.4.5 Local Functions

ifMax: $\text{real} \times \text{real} \rightarrow \text{real}$

ifMax(x, y) = $(x \geq y \Rightarrow x \mid \text{otherwise} \Rightarrow y)$

[As appropriate —SS] [These functions are for the purpose of specification. They are not necessarily something that is going to be implemented explicitly. Even if they are implemented, they are not exported; they only have local scope. —SS]

14 MIS of Solar Energy Absorption Module

14.1 Module

Energy

14.2 Uses

InputPara⁹

ZenithAng¹⁶

TiltAng¹³

14.3 Syntax

14.3.1 Exported Constants

14.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
setenergy	real, real, DegreeT, a sequence of DegreeT	-	-
getavenergy	-	real	-

14.4 Semantics

14.4.1 State Variables

energyL: a sequence of real

14.4.2 Environment Variables

N/A

14.4.3 Assumptions

ZenithAngle has been fully implement before implement Energy.init ().
Energy.init () is called first before any other exported access programs.

14.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

setenergy (pw, ph, maxinten, zen):

- transition: energyL := getenergy (getsunIn (zen, maxinten),pw, ph)
- output:
- exception:

getavenergy ():

- transition:
- output: out := + (i: integer | i ∈ [0.. |energyL|] • energyL[i]) / |energyL|
- exception:

14.4.5 Local Functions

getsunIn: a sequence of DegreeT → a sequence of real

getsunIn (z, maxinten) = || (i: integer | i ∈ [0.. |z|] • [SunInten.single(maxinten, z[i])])

getenergy: a sequence of real × real × real → a sequence of real

getenergy (e, pw, ph) = || (i: integer | i ∈ [0.. |e|] • [pw × ph × 18.7 × 0.75 × e [i]])

15 MIS of Sun Intensity Equation Module

[Use labels for cross-referencing —SS]

[You can reference SRS labels, such as R??. —SS]

[It is also possible to use L^AT_EX for hyperlinks to external documents. —SS]

15.1 Module

SunInten

15.2 Uses

ZenithAngle¹⁶

15.3 Syntax

15.3.1 Exported Constants

$I_S := 1.35$

15.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
sum	real, a sequence of DegreeT	real	sequence_empty
single	real, DegreeT	real	-

15.4 Semantics

15.4.1 State Variables

15.4.2 Environment Variables

N/A

15.4.3 Assumptions

15.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

sum (e, z):

- output: out := + (i: integer | i ∈ [0.. |z|] •

$$I_S \cdot \frac{1.00}{e}^{sec(z[i])})$$

- exception: exc := |z| = 0 ⇒ sequence_empty

single (e, z):

- output: out :=

$$I_S \cdot \frac{1.00}{e}^{sec(z)}$$

- exception:

15.4.5 Local Functions

16 MIS of Zenith Angle Equation Module

16.1 Module

ZenithAng

16.2 Uses

DayDurTy⁸

SunCatTy⁷

16.3 Syntax

16.3.1 Exported Constants

16.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
setzen	AnalemmaT, real, DayT, DayT	-	-
getzen	-	a sequence of DegreeT	sequence_empty

16.4 Semantics

16.4.1 State Variables

decS: a sequence of DegreeT

day: DayDurTy

latitude: real

analeL: a sequence of AnalemmaT

[As I mentioned earlier, I don't think you need state variables. An input-output relation should work fine. —SS]

16.4.2 Environment Variables

16.4.3 Assumptions

Read File Module will always be implemented before Zenith angle Module. [Do you mean “called” or “invoked” rather than “implemented”? —SS]

InputPara Module will always be implemented before Zenith angle Module.

ZenithAng.setzen is called before any other access program.

ZenithAng.setzen is called by the Read File Module.

16.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

setzen (a, lan, ds, de):

- transition: $\text{analeL} := \parallel (i: \text{integer} \mid i \in [0..|a|] \bullet [\langle a.x[i], a.y[i], a.z[i] \rangle])$
day := new DayDurT (ds, de)
latitude := lan
decS := getdec (day.getdurlist)
- output:

- exception:

getzen ():

- transition:
- output: $\text{out} := \parallel (i: \text{integer} \mid i \in [0.. |\text{decS}|]) \bullet \text{latitude} \times \text{decS} [i] \geq 0 \Rightarrow [\text{latitude} - \text{decS} [i]] \mid \text{otherwise} \Rightarrow [\text{latitude} + \text{decS} [i]]$
- exception: $|\text{decS}| = 0 \Rightarrow \text{sequence_empty}$

16.4.5 Local Functions

getdec : a sequence of integer \rightarrow a sequence of DegreeT

getdec (d) := $\parallel (i: \text{integer} \mid i \in [0.. |d|]) \bullet$

$$[\arcsin \frac{\text{analeL.z}[d[i]]}{\sqrt{\text{analeL.x}^2[d[i]] + \text{analeL.y}^2[\text{dayL}[i]] + \text{analeL.z}^2[d[i]]}})]$$

17 MIS of Read File Module

17.1 Module

ReadFile

17.2 Uses

ZenithAng¹⁶

17.3 Syntax

17.3.1 Exported Constants

None

17.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
load_anale_data	string	-	-

17.4 Semantics

17.4.1 State Variables

17.4.2 Environment Variables

anale_data: File listing Analemma data

17.4.3 Assumptions

The input file will match the given specification. ReadFile.load_anale_data(s) is called by the Input Parameters Module

17.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

load_anale_data (s):

- transition: read data from the file anale_data associated with the string s. Use this data to update the state of the ZenithAng module. load_anale_data (s) will first initialize ZenithAng (ZenithAng.setzen (anale, lan, ds, de)) before populating ZenithAng with analemma data that follows the types in SunCatTy.

The text file has the following format, where x_i, y_i, z_i denotes the vector that locates Earth relative to the Sun on the day i since perihelion.

All data values in a row are separated by commas. Rows are separated by a new line. The data shown below is for a total of 366 days.

x_0, y_0, z_0
x_1, y_1, z_1
x_2, y_2, z_2
.
.
.
x_365, y_365, z_365

- output:
- exception:

17.4.5 Local Functions

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[Your MIS seems more complicated than it has to be. The purpose of all the state variables is not clear. I suggest you review all of the modules to see if they are necessary and whether you really need the state variables. You also probably do not need so many modules. You could combine the modules that export calculations into a “Calculation” module. Also, you might want to explain what is going on in words, in case your math doesn’t say what you think it is saying. —SS]

18 Appendix

[Extra information if required —SS]