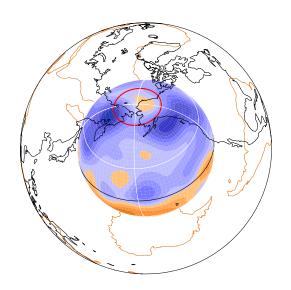
LEOPACK



shc_sphere_plot

Spherical harmonic coefficient Sphere Plot

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1 shc_sphere_plot

Source code is in

LEOPACK_DIR/GPROGRAMS/shc_sphere_plot.f

although subprograms from LEOPACK_DIR/GSUBS, LEOPACK_DIR/SUBS and LEOPACK_DIR/LINALG are also required.

shc_sphere_plot plots a function of latitude and longitude, described by spherical harmonic coefficients, on a spherical surface in a satellite projection. The function, $f(\theta, \phi)$, must be defined by the expansion

$$f(\theta,\phi) = \sum_{l=1}^{LH} \sum_{m=0}^{l} \left(f_l^{mc} \cos m\phi + f_l^{ms} \sin m\phi \right) P_l^m(\cos \theta) \tag{1}$$

where the associated Legendre function, $P_l^m(\cos \theta)$, satisfies Schmidt quasinormalisation such that

$$\int_0^{\pi} \left[P_l^m(\cos \theta) \right]^2 \sin \theta d\theta = \frac{2(2 - \delta_{m0})}{2l + 1}.$$
 (2)

The coefficients must be stored in a file of the following format:

- First line must be blank
- Second line contains a single integer, the maximum spherical harmonic degree, l, used: LH.
- After this, there follow LH*(LH+2) numbers in the format (5d16.7). They are stored in the order such that g_l^{mc} is stored as element number IND = INDSHC(L, M, 1) and g_l^{ms} is stored as element number IND = INDSHC(L, M, 2). (indshc.f is an integer function in the \$LEOPACK_DIR/SUBS directory.) Conversely, the coefficient stored in element number IND has l and m given by a call to the subroutine LMFIND using

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CALL LMFIND( IND, L, M, ICS )
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If ICS = 1, the coefficient is g_l^{mc} . If ICS = 2, the coefficient is g_l^{ms} .

The files are written by the subroutine SHSFWT and read by the subroutine SHSFRD. A typical input file for shc_sphere_plot is

Any line in the input file beginning with an asterisk, *, is ignored by the program and can thus be used to enter comments and notes.

The inputs in the above file are as follows

- alpha. Euler angle. See [AW95] or subprogram earcmc.f. In degrees.
- beta. Euler angle. See [AW95] or subprogram earcmc.f. In degrees.
- gamma. Euler angle. See [AW95] or subprogram earcmc.f. In degrees.
- Filename stem. First characters in output files to be generated by current run. Running shc_sphere_plot with the above input file will create either the file example_OUTPUT.ps or example_OUTPUT.gif: depending upon the value of the integer flag idev.
- SHC coefficient file. Name of file of the above format, describing the spherical function.
- huepos. Hue value for numbers greater than zero. Number between 0 and 360. See Appendix (2) and Figure (4) for details.
- hueneg. Hue value for numbers less than zero. Number between 0 and 360. See Appendix (2) and Figure (4) for details.
- csat. Saturation value. Number between 0.0 and 1.0 csat = 1.0 implies full colour. csat = 0.0 means monochrome and, in this case, the values huepos and hueneg become irrelevant and a grey-shade plot results with the most negative value as white and the most positive value as black. See Appendix (2) for details.
- scal. A very crude means of lightening a dark plot. Normal value is scal = 1, but reducing this (e.g. scal = 0.7) may give a better picture.
- nlev. The number of contour levels required. There is a special value nlev = -1 which applies a 16 contour level Red/Green/Blue coefficient set provided by Andy Jackson.
- idev. Device number. Can take the following values:
 - idev = $1 \rightarrow \text{landscape gif file.}$
 - idev = $2 \rightarrow \text{portrait gif file.}$
 - idev = $5 \rightarrow \text{landscape colour postscript file.}$
 - $idev = 6 \rightarrow portrait colour postscript file.$
- papwidth. Width of the output in inches. (Since we are always plotting full spheres, we set the height equal to the width!)

- ias. Axisymmetric only flag.
 ias = 0 → full 3D solution is used.
 ias = 1 → only the axisymmetric part is used.
- NTHE. Number of grid points in latitude.
- NPHI. Number of grid points in longitude. (Remember of course that many of these longitude points will be hidden, so make sure that there are sufficient ...)

1.1 Run-time limitations

Several parameters are set at the outset which limit the physical size of the problem.

```
INTEGER NRADMX, NTHMAX, NPHMAX, NLEVM, LHMAX, NHMAX
PARAMETER ( NRADMX = 1, NTHMAX = 250, NPHMAX = 250,

NLEVM = 20, LHMAX = 160,
NHMAX = LHMAX*(LHMAX+2) )
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If the values are insufficient, then change them and recompile.

- NRADMX. Irrelevant to this code. Simply required for subroutine compatibility.
- NTHMAX is the maximum permitted number of grid nodes in latitude.
- NPHMAX is the maximum permitted number of grid nodes in longitude.
- NLEVM is the maximum permitted number of contour levels.
- LHMAX is the highest permitted spherical harmonic degree, l.

1.2 Sample runs of shc_sphere_plot

The directory

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$LEOPACK_DIR/SAMPLERUNS/SHC_SPHERE_PLOT
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contains example input files only. Do not under any circumstances edit these files. They refer to other (solution vector) files which are elsewhere in the distribution and provide a relative path to avoid unnecessary duplication of files. The outputs from the different files are displayed here rather than left in the directory.

1.2.1 Example a

```
* input file for shc_sphere_plot
80.0 20.0 -50.0
                                   : alpha beta gamma
example_aOUTPUT
                                   : Filename stem
y22.shc
                                   : SHC coefficient file
        0.0 1.0
120.0
                   1.00
                                   : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal
   1
        6.0
                0
                                   : nlev idev papwidth ias
80 120
                                   : NTHE NPHI
```

Figure (1) shows a gif file produced by the above input file. The coefficient file y22.shc has every number zero apart from the seventh which, according to the rules of the series outlined above, corresponds to the coefficient f_2^{2c} . We have imposed the special RGB colour scheme by use of nlev = -1.

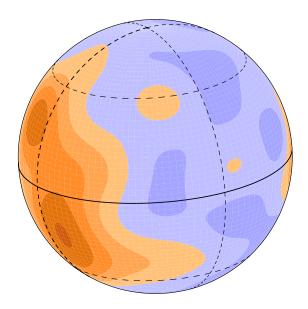


Figure 1: Output from shc_sphere_plot with example_a.input (Section 1.2.1).

1.2.2 Example b

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* input file for shc_sphere_plot
20.0 45.0 -135.0
                                           : alpha beta gamma
example_bOUTPUT
                                          : Filename stem
../../EXAMPLES/SHEARWAVE/output_coeffs
                                          : SHC coefficient file
305.0 50.0 1.0 1.00
                                          : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal
 15
    6
         6.0
                                          : nlev idev papwidth ias
                                          : NTHE NPHI
80
   120
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Figure (2) shows a postscript file produced by the above input file. The example chosen here is the coefficients describing seismic shear-wave velocity at the bottom of the mantle, courtesy of Guy Masters.

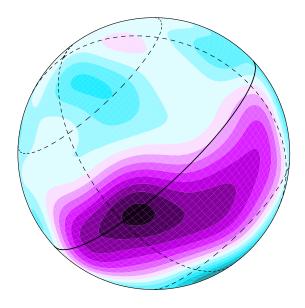


Figure 2: Output from shc_sphere_plot with example_b.input (Section 1.2.2).

1.2.3 Example c

```
* input file for shc_sphere_plot

80.0 20.0 -135.0 : alpha beta gamma
example_cOUTPUT : Filename stem

./../EXAMPLES/JUPITER/jupiter_shc
305.0 50.0 0.0 1.00 : huepos, hueneg, csat, scal
15 6 6.0 0 : nlev idev papwidth ias
160 120 : NTHE NPHI
```

Figure (3) shows a postscript file produced by the above input file. The example chosen here is zonal wind speed on the surface of Jupiter as derived from Voyager 2 data by Limaye ([Lim86]). Dark bands are fast eastward flow and light bands are fast westward flow.

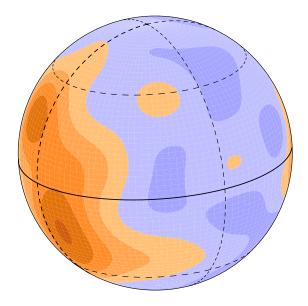


Figure 3: Output from shc_sphere_plot with example_c.input (Section 1.2.3).

2 The HLS colour scheme

When plotting using the PGPLOT software, a colour is specified by either one of the two calls

```
CALL PGSHLS( IND, CH, CL, CS )
   or
CALL PGSCR( IND, CR, CG, CB )
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The integer IND is the index of the colour being applied. CR, CG and CB are respectively the red, green and blue values in the ranges [0, 1].

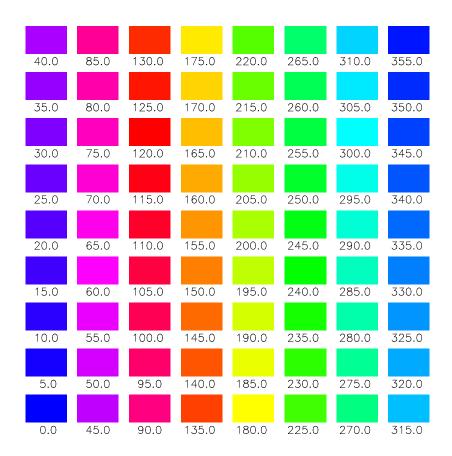


Figure 4: Colours as described by the integer HUE in the HLS (Hue, Light and Saturation) colour scheme.

The alternative HLS (Hue, Light and Saturation) system takes three real values

- CH. Hue. This is an angle between zero and 360 degrees which specifies the colour. Red is 120, Green is 240 and Blue is 0 (or 360). The full spectrum, in intervals of 5 degrees, is displayed in Figure (4).
- CL. Light. Ranges from 0.0 to 1.0 with black at lightness 0.0 and white at lightness 1.0.
- CS. Saturation. Ranges from 0.0 (grey) to 1.0 (pure colour). Hue is irrelevant when saturation is 0.0

I opted for the HLS system for the general graphics system - not because I thought the results were better - but because it is simply much easier to apply. I generally set one hue value for positive values and one for negative values and then vary the lightness as a function of the numbers being plotted.

Other users may find this colour scheme unappealing and so are welcome to devise a better way of assigning colours to contour levels! I did a job for Andy Jackson last year, for which he gave me a set of 16 red, green and blue (RGB) coefficients. This scheme is very nice and so I have implemented it in the majority of the codes as a special value of NLEV (the number of contour levels). Setting NLEV = -1 should implement this colour scheme, resulting in 16 contour levels. I never got round to implementing any more general RGB scheme.

References

- [AW95] G. B. Arfken and H. J. Weber. *Mathematical Methods for Physicists*. Academic Press, 1995.
- [Lim86] S. S. Limaye. Jupiter: New estimates of the mean zonal flow at the cloud level. *Icarus*, 65:335–352, 1986.