

ALGOL - procedure potential.

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real procedure potential(GM,axis,n,C,theta,lambda,radius,dx,dy,dz);

comment References:

James, R.W. Geophys. J.R.Astr.Soc., (1969) 17,305.

Heiskanen, W.A. and H. Moritz, Physical Geodesy, 1967, Chp.1.

The procedure computes the value of a potential due to internal sources and its gradient in a point in space. The point has spherical coordinates theta (the complement to the geocentric latitude), lambda (the longitude) and radius (the distance from the origin).

The potential must be given in a form usually used in the geophysical sciences,  $V=GM \times (\sum(i), \sum(j) \text{ of } \text{axis}^i / \text{radius}^{i+1} \times P[i,j](\cos(\theta)) \times (a[i,j] \times \cos(j \times \lambda) + b[i,j] \times \sin(j \times \lambda)))$ , where GM is the product of the mass and the gravitation constant, axis is the equatorial axis,  $P[i,j](\cos(\theta))$  are the quasinormalized spherical harmonics and  $a[i,j]$ ,  $b[i,j]$  are the coefficients of the series. These must be stored on list form in the array C:  $C[0]=a[0,0]$  (= 1 due to the selected representation),  $C[1]=a[1,0]$ ,  $C[2]=a[1,1]$ ,  $C[3]=b[1,1]$  etc. C must be declared with the lower bound 0 and the upper bound  $n^2+2 \times n+4$ , where n is the highest degree of the spherical harmonics used. (Quasinormalized means fully normalised, multiplied by  $\sqrt{2 \times i+1}$ ).

The procedure might easily be modified so as to compute a potential due to external sources or higher derivatives. If only the potential is to be evaluated, James has given simpler formulas in earlier papers.

Remark, that logical constructions are avoided by means of declaring arrays a bit bigger than necessary and multiplying by zero;

value theta,lambda,radius,GM,axis,n; integer n;

real theta,lambda,radius,GM,axis,dx,dy,dz; array C;

begin

integer i,iplus1,j,jplus1,iplusj,iminj1,s,n2;

comment Variables containing i or j and s control the recursion algorithm;

real u,v,w,pot,pot0,dx0,dy0,dz0,  
alfa,alfa2,beta,gamma,ala0,alb0,bea2,beb2,  
a0,a1,a2,da0,da1,da2,b0,b1,b2,db0,db1,db2,aj,bj,  
factor,adivr,adivri,arfac,  
sq2,d,d0,d1,d2;

comment description of the variables.

line 1: u,v,w coordinates of a unit vector in the direction of the point of evaluation. pot,pot0 etc. holds the partial sums of potential,dx,dy and dz.

line 2: coefficients in the recursion formulas see R.W. James (4).

line 3: a0 - a2, b0 - b2 etc. hold the 3 actual variables in the recursion formulas.

line 4-5: working variables (axis divided by radius etc.);

real array A,B[0:n+2],F,G[0:2\*n+3];

comment A and B hold the (quasinormalized) spherical harmonics of degree i (multiplied by factorial) in the point of evaluation.

In F and G are stored the coefficients of the recursion formulas. If the procedure is to be evaluated several times, G and F should be declared and computed outside the procedure;

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n2 := n+2;
for i :=0 step 1 until n2 do A[i] := B[i] := 0; n2 := 2xn+3;
for i :=0 step 1 until n2 do
begin F[i] := sqrt(ix(i-1)); G[i] := sqrt(i);
end;

u := sin(theta); v := sin(lambda)xu;
u := cos(lambda)xu; w := cos(theta);
sq2 := sqrt(2); adivr := axis/radius;
pot := dx := dy := dz := 0;
A[0] := factor := adivri := 1;

for i :=0 step 1 until n do
begin
a1 := b1 := da1 := db1 := db2 := dx0 := dy0 := dz0 := pot0 := d := 0;
s := i^2; d2 := d1 := 1; d0 := sq2;
a2 := A[0]; da2 := C[s];
iplusj := i; iplus1 := i+1; iminj1 := i+2; s := s+1;
arfac := adivri/factor;

for j :=0 step 1 until iplus1 do
begin
iplusj := iplusj+1; iminj1 := iminj1-1; jplus1 := j+1;
alfa := F[iplusj]xd1; alfa2 := alfaxd2;
beta := F[iminj1]xd0; gamma := G[iminj1]xG[iplusj];

pot0 := pot0+a2xda2+b2xdb2;

a0 := a1; a1 := a2; a2 := A[jplus1];
b0 := b1; b1 := b2; b2 := B[jplus1];
ala0 := alfa2xa0; bea2 := betaxa2;
alb0 := alfaxb0; beb2 := betaxb2;
A[j] := aj := (ux(ala0-bea2)-vx(alb0+beb2))/2+gammaxa1xw;
B[j] := bj := (ux(alb0-beb2)+vx(ala0+bea2))/2+gammaxb1xw;

da0 := da1; da1 := da2; da2 := C[s];
db0 := db1; db1 := db2; db2 := C[s+1];
ala0 := alfa2xda0; bea2 := betaxda2;
alb0 := alfaxdb0; beb2 := betaxdb2;
dx0 := dx0+(ala0-bea2)xaj+(alb0-beb2)xbj;
dy0 := dy0+(ala0+bea2)xbj-(alb0+beb2)xaj;
dz0 := dz0+gammax(da1xaj+db1xbj);

s := s+2; d1 := 1/d0; d2 := 2-d; d0 := d := 1;
end j-loop;

comment the contributions from the degree i are accumulated. Other
summation strategies may be convenient, depending on the numerical
properties of the coefficients. Remark, that the gradient is positive
outward;

pot := pot+arfacxpot0;
factor := factorxiplus1; arfac := adivri/factor;
dx := dx-arfacxdx0; dy := dy-dy0xarfac; dz := dz-dz0xarfac;
adivri := adivrixadivri;
end i-loop;
potential := potxGM/r; a0 := GM/radius^2;
dx := dxxa0/2; dy := dyxa0/2; dz := dzxa0;
end potential;

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