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DOPSET:

A Computer Program to Calculate Doppler-Corrected Reference
Frequencies for Spectral Line and Pulsar Observations

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I. INTRODUCTION

Observations of spectral lines and pulsars require corrections for the motion of the telescope with respect to the source. Generally, we reference these velocities to the Local Standard of Rest for line observations and to the Solar System Barycentre for pulsar observations. This program, written in Fortran IV for an IBM 360 computer, computes the relevant velocities and frequencies using an input and output format convenient for most radio astronomical applications. It employs subroutines written by J. A. Ball (Lincoln Laboratory, Tech. Note 1969-42) to precess coordinates to the date of observation and to compute the velocity of the telescope with respect to the relevant rest frame.

For spectral line observations, up to four local oscillator settings for different rest frequencies and/or velocity offsets may be calculated at one time. For pulsars, the apparent pulsar period and a related timing frequency--used when synchronizing equipment to the pulsar--are calculated, along with as many as two LO settings for associated spectral line observations such as observations of hydrogen line absorption against pulsars. The program permits uniform variation of the pulsar rest period with time.

The following sections describe the input and output formats of the program and discuss the accuracy of the calculated velocities. An abridged set of instructions is printed on the first page of output each time the program is run (see page 10).

II. INPUT

Data input is organized as data sets, one data set being required for each source. In general, data which does not change from one source

to the next, such as telescope coordinates, need not be re-entered with each data set. However, if part of the data on a given card is to be changed, all of the data on that card must be re-entered. Many parameters are preset within the program. For instance, site coordinates are preset for the NRAO 140-foot telescope, and local time calculated is the U.S. Eastern Standard Time. These preset quantities may be readily changed to suit other observatories.

Each data set must start with a Source card containing the source name, coordinates and epoch of the coordinates. Subsequent input cards are identified by a letter in the first column:

S	:	Site card
L	:	Spectral line card
P	:	Pulsar card
D	:	Day card
Y	:	Year card
E	:	End card

The first data set must contain at least a D card and either an L card or a P card. Up to four L cards may be entered in a data set, unless a P card is entered when up to two L cards may be entered. Every data set must end with an E card. Cards between the source card and the E card may be in any order.

Input format for the first card is 5A4, 3F20.0, and for all subsequent cards A1, 1X, F18.0, 3F20.0. Note that all input numbers are assumed to be floating point, and decimal points must be entered unless the numbers are right justified. Input format for coordinates is HHMMSS.SS... or -DDDDMMSS.SS... for hours, minutes and seconds and degrees, minutes and seconds, respectively, with no spaces. Leading zeros may be omitted.

Detailed descriptions of the input data for each card are now given.

Source Card

Input data: Source name

Right ascension (hours, minutes, seconds)

Declination (degrees, minutes, seconds)

Epoch for coordinates (years)

The source name may have up to twenty characters. If the epoch is an integer number (e.g., 1960.0) the coordinates are assumed to refer to the mean place at the epoch given. If the epoch is not an integer (e.g., 1969.8, 1960.000001) the coordinates are assumed to refer to the apparent place at the epoch given. If the epoch is omitted (i.e., left blank) 1950.0 is assumed.

Site Card

Input data: Geodetic longitude (degrees, minutes, seconds)

Geodetic latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds)

Geodetic elevation above M.S.L. (m)

If a site card is not entered the coordinates of the NRAO 140-foot telescope are taken. To preset the program for a different telescope, the coordinates on card 502 and the elevation on card 194 should be altered.

Spectral Line Card

Input data: Rest frequency

Velocity offset from LSR, v_{off} (km/s)

Intermediate frequency

LO multiplier

The local oscillator reference frequency (LORF) is calculated assuming the Doppler-shifted line frequency f seen at the telescope is

$$f \equiv f_o (1 - \frac{v}{c}) = M \cdot \text{LORF} + f_{\text{IF}}$$

or

$$\text{LORF} = [f_o (1 - \frac{v}{c}) - f_{\text{IF}}]/M$$

where

f_o = rest frequency

v = velocity of source with respect to the telescope

f_{IF} = intermediate frequency

M = LO multiplier

The rest frequency and intermediate frequency must be entered in the same units and be such that the output frequency has sufficient significant digits. For example, for rest frequencies of 1-2 GHz, the rest frequency and intermediate frequency are generally entered in kHz. The intermediate frequency is positive when the signal frequency is above the LO.

The source velocity offset, v_{off} , is with respect to the local standard of rest (velocity of sun with respect to LSR is 20 km/s toward $18^{\text{h}}, +30^{\circ}$ (1900.0)).

If none of the L cards entered for a given source are changed for the next source, they need not be re-entered. However, if any changes are required then all L cards must be re-entered.

Pulsar Card

Input data: Period (sec)

First derivative of period (sec/sec 10^{-15})

Julian day to which period is referenced

Timing factor

The period should be referred to the solar system barycentre; however for most applications the heliocentric period is adequate. The program computes the velocity of the telescope with respect to the heliocentre--planetary effects are not included. This is discussed further in the section on accuracy.

If no rate of change of period has been measured, enter zero for the first derivative and a reasonable value (say 2,440,000.0) for the Julian date.

The output timing frequency is calculated using

$$f_{\text{timing}} = \frac{F}{P_{\text{apparent}}}$$

where

F = timing factor

P_{apparent} = pulsar apparent period at the telescope.

To calculate P_{apparent}, the rest period of the pulsar at the time of observation is first calculated and then modified by the Doppler factor.

If a pulsar source precedes a spectral line source in the input deck, then at least one L card must be entered with the line source, otherwise it will be assumed to be a pulsar.

Day Card

Input data: Start day (EST)

End day (EST)

Minute step (min)

Hour angle range (hr)

A day card must be entered with the first source. The start and end days delimit the range for which calculations are made and are given

as day numbers (e.g., 193.5, 368.0) in Eastern Standard time. The time zone (5 hr W) is set on card 184 and may be changed if necessary. Day numbers entered may be negative or greater than 365 (366) to allow for calculations extending through New Year.

The minute step is the interval between times at which frequencies are calculated. If it is not entered (i.e., the field left blank) the preset value of 30.0 minutes is assumed. This preset value may be altered on card 752.

The hour angle range gives the interval on either side of transit for which frequencies are calculated. If it is not entered, frequencies are calculated when the source is above the horizon and when the hour angle is less than seven hours (as for the NRAO 140-foot telescope). The hour angle limit can be changed on card 182. If a zenith angle limit other than 90° is required it can be changed on card 178. If the hour angle range is entered on the D card the hour angle and zenith angle limits are over-ridden and negative elevation angles can be obtained.

Year Card

Data Input: Year, e.g., 1971.0

The year is preset on card 192 to 1970. If the preset year is required, no year card need be entered.

End Card

Data Input: No data

Each data set (i.e., source) must end with an E card.

III. OUTPUT

The output is grouped according to source and has one page of output per transit. Asterisks are printed on the page fold to mark each new source. A header page for each source lists all input or preset data, the LSR offset in frequency units and the precessed coordinates. For each transit the source name, precessed coordinates, rest frequencies, LSR and heliocentric velocity offsets, Eastern Standard day, date and UT day number for the first line of calculations are printed at the head of the page. For pulsars, the heliocentric period at transit and the corresponding Julian day are also listed.

Each line of printout gives the local sidereal time, Eastern Standard time, Universal time, hour angle (east and west), local oscillator reference frequencies for rest frequencies 1-4, telescope azimuth and elevation and velocity of the LSR with respect to the telescope. For pulsars, local oscillator columns 3 and 4 are replaced by the timing frequency and apparent pulsar period respectively. Unused columns are filled with asterisks.

Calculations are performed at rounded Universal times. When the Eastern Standard day changes, a new day and date line is printed, and if more than one page of printout is obtained per transit a space is left at the page fold.

IV. ACCURACY

The basic subroutine used in this program--DOP, written by J. A. Ball--computes the velocity of the telescope with respect to the helio-centre and the sun's motion with respect to the LSR, both projected on the source direction. This subroutine requires no change from year to year.

Its accuracy has been checked by comparing results with those calculated from a solar system ephemeris tape generated by Lincoln Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (kindly provided by Dr. I. I. Shapiro) Velocities given on the ephemeris tape are normally used for planetary radar observations and are much more accurate than those calculated by the subroutine. Comparison of velocities calculated for a source near the ecliptic for a wide range of days in 1970, 1971 and 1974 showed that the heliocentric velocity calculated by DOP has a maximum error of about 0.005 km/s.

Strictly, both spectral line and pulsar Doppler shift calculations should be referred to the solar system barycentre rather than the heliocentre. (Most spectral line velocities are additionally corrected to the LSR.) Data from the ephemeris tape for the same years as above showed that the maximum difference between velocities referred to the heliocentre and those referred to the barycentre was about 0.010 km/s. This therefore is the major error in the program. It is however only varying on a time scale of the order of years.

V. AVAILABILITY

The program is written in Fortran VI language for an IBM 360/50 computer. Copies of the listing, source deck or compiled deck may be obtained from either author. The compiled program is stored on disk at NRAO. See the NRAO standard write-up for details.

VI. SAMPLE INPUT AND OUTPUT

The following pages list two typical input data sets (1 line source and 1 pulsar), and some of the program output for those sets.

INPUT

G43.2+0.0 (W49 OH)	190751.8	090053.0
D 127.	137.	10.
L 1665401.	18.	150000.
L 1667358.	18.	150000.
L 1667358.	10.	150000.
E		
0329454	032911.08	542438.3
P 0.71451855076	2.061	2440105.2292
S 7950 ^{54.53}	382545.48	798.5
L 1665401.	20.	150000.
D 127.	137.	20.
E		

OUTPUT

INPUT CARD FORMATS FOR DCPSET ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SOURCE,RA,DEC,EPOCR	(5A4,3F20.0)
S,LONG,LAT,ELEV	(A1,IX,F18.0,3F20.0)
L,RESTFQ,VELOFF,FREQIF,FREQMF	(A1,IX,F18.0,3F20.0)
P,PERIOD,PDRV,ORIGIN,FULMF	(A1,IX,F18.0,3F20.0)
D,STRTOY,ENDDY,MINSTP,DELHA	(A1,IX,F18.0,3F20.0)
Y,NYR	(A1,IX,F18.0,3F20.0)
E	(A1,IX,F18.0,3F20.0)

THE ABOVE DATA CARD SET MUST BEGIN WITH A SOURCE CARD AND END WITH AN E-CARD. EACH DATA SET MAY HAVE AS MANY AS 4 L-CARDS AND NO P-CARDS, OR 1 P-CARD AND AS MANY AS 2 L-CARDS. OUTPUT COLUMNS NOT REQUIRED WILL BE FILLED WITH ASTERISKS.*

INPUT PARAMETERS ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

SOURCE	SOURCE NAME
RA	RIGHT ASCENSION (HHMMSS.S....)
DEC	DECLINATION (DDMMSS.S....)
EPOCH	EPOCH OF ABOVE (XXXX.X...)
S	CODE FOR SITE CARD
LONG	SITE WEST LONGITUDE (DDMMSS.S...)
LAT	SITE LATITUDE (DDMMSS.S...)
ELEV	SITE ELEVATION IN METERS
L	CODE FOR LINE CARD
RESTFQ	LINE REST FREQUENCY
VELOFF	COPPLER SHIFT FROM LSR(KM/S)
FREQIF	IF FREQUENCY AFTER MIXING (+ WHEN LO IS LESS THAN SIGNAL FREQUENCY)
FREQMF	LC FREQ=FREQMF*LORF
P	LCRF= LOCAL OSCILLATOR REFERENCE FREQUENCY
PERIOD	FULMF PERIOD IN SECONDS
PDRV	FIRST DERIVATIVE OF PERIOD (IN UNITS OF 10**-15 SEC/SEC)
ORIGIN	PERIOD EPOCH (JULIAN DAYS)
FULMF	MUL1. FACTOR FOR TIMING PULSE
D	CODE FOR DATE CARD
STRTOY	FIRST OBSERVING DAY, EST
ENDDY	LAST OBSERVING DAY, EST
MINSTP	INTERVAL(MINUTES) BETWEEN CALC.
DELHA	HOUR ANGLE RANGE IN HOURS
Y	CODE FOR YEAR CARD
NYR	CURRENT YEAR FOR CALCULATIONS
E	CODE FOR END OF DATA SET

THE PROGRAM COMPUTES LORF ACCORDING TO THE FORMULA:

$$LCRF = (RESTFQ * (1. - VELFFF/C) - FRFQIF) / FREQMF$$

THE PULSAR CALCULATIONS RELATE THE TIMING FREQUENCY TO THE PULSAR MULTIPLYING FACTOR AND DOPPLER SHIFTED PERIOD EY:

$$FULFQ = FULMF / DOPPRC$$

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LINE SOURCE G43.240.0 (W49 OH)

	COORDINATES	RIGHT ASCENSION	DECLINATION	EPOCH
	H	M	S	D M S
GIVEN	19	7	51.800	9 0 53.000
PRECESSION	19	8	51.336	9 2 36.746
				1970.36

LINE	REST FREQUENCY	LSR VELOCITY OFFSET KM/S	LSR FREQUENCY OFFSET	MULTIPLIER	IF
1	1665401.0000	18.000	-99.9931	6.00	150000.00
2	1667358.0000	18.000	-100.1106	6.00	150000.00
3	1667358.0000	10.000	-55.6170	6.00	150000.00

UT STARTDAY = 127.21

ENDAY = 137.21

MINUTE INTERVAL = 10

HOUR ANGLE RANGE = 6.48 HCURS

TELESCOPE LONGITUDE = 79 50 9.470
LATITUDE = 38 26 15.540
ELEVATION = 816.80 METERS

LINE SOURCE G43.2+0.0 (W49 OH)

RA 15 8 51.191 DEC 9 2 36.025 EPOCH 1970.35

REST FREQUENCY	LSR VELOCITY OFFSET	HELIOCENTRIC VELOCITY OFFSET
KM/S	KM/S	KM/S
1665401.CCCCC	18.000	C.C25
1667358.CCCCC	18.000	0.C29
1667358.CCCCC	10.CCC	-7.571

EASTERN STANDARD DAY WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 1970

LST H M S	EST H M S	UT H M S	HA H M S	LO FREQUENCY 1	LO FREQUENCY 2	LO FREQUENCY 3	LO FREQUENCY 4	AZIMUTH DEG	ELEVATION DEG	VELOCITY KM/S
12 38 49	22 0 0	2 0 0	E 6 19 59	252588.2434	252914.4353	252921.85C5	*****	78.27	-0.19	-41.1245
12 48 51	22 10 0	2 10 0	E 6 19 59	252588.2438	252914.4356	252921.8512	*****	79.82	1.74	-41.1249
12 58 53	22 20 0	2 20 0	E 6 19 57	252588.2435	252914.4353	252921.8505	*****	81.37	3.67	-41.1246
13 08 54	22 30 0	2 30 0	E 5 59 56	252588.2426	252914.4344	252921.8500	*****	82.90	5.62	-41.1236
13 18 56	22 40 0	2 40 0	E 5 49 54	252588.241C	252914.4329	252921.8485	*****	84.44	7.57	-41.1219
13 28 58	22 50 0	2 50 0	E 5 39 53	252588.2389	252914.4307	252921.8463	*****	85.97	9.53	-41.1196
13 38 59	23 0 0	4 0 0	E 5 29 51	252588.2360	252914.4279	252921.8435	*****	87.51	11.49	-41.1165
13 49 1	23 10 0	4 10 0	E 5 19 49	252588.2326	252914.4244	252921.8400	*****	89.05	13.45	-41.1128
13 59 3	23 20 0	4 20 0	E 5 9 48	252588.2285	252914.4203	252921.8355	*****	90.61	15.41	-41.1084
14 09 4	23 30 0	4 30 0	E 4 59 46	252588.2239	252914.412	252921.8312	*****	92.18	17.38	-41.1033
14 19 6	23 40 0	4 40 0	E 4 49 44	252588.2185	252914.4103	252921.8259	*****	93.78	19.34	-41.0976
14 29 8	23 50 0	4 50 0	E 4 39 43	252588.2126	252914.4044	252921.8200	*****	95.39	21.30	-41.0912

EASTERN STANDARD DAY THURSDAY 7 MAY 1970	UT DAY NUMBER 127	EASTERN STANDARD DAY THURSDAY 7 MAY 1970	UT DAY NUMBER 127							
14 39 9	0 0 0	E 4 29 41	252588.2061	252914.3979	252921.8135	*****	97.04	23.25	-41.0842	
14 49 11	0 10 0	E 4 19 39	252588.1990	252914.39C8	252921.8064	*****	98.72	25.19	-41.0765	
14 59 12	0 20 0	5 20 0	E 4 9 38	252588.1913	252914.3821	252921.7987	*****	100.44	27.13	-41.0682
15 09 14	0 30 0	5 30 0	E 3 59 36	252588.1831	252914.3748	252921.7904	*****	102.20	29.05	-41.0593
15 19 16	0 40 0	5 40 0	E 2 49 34	252588.1743	252914.3660	252921.7816	*****	104.02	30.97	-41.0499
15 29 17	0 50 0	5 50 0	E 3 39 32	252588.165C	252914.3567	252921.7723	*****	105.89	32.86	-41.0398
15 39 19	1 0 0	6 0 0	E 3 29 31	252588.1551	252914.3469	252921.7625	*****	107.89	34.74	-41.0292
15 49 21	1 10 0	6 10 0	E 2 19 30	252588.1448	252914.3365	252921.7521	*****	109.85	36.60	-41.0180
15 59 22	1 20 0	6 20 0	E 2 9 28	252588.1340	252914.3257	252921.7413	*****	111.54	38.44	-41.0063
16 09 24	1 30 0	6 30 0	E 2 59 26	252588.1227	252914.3144	252921.7300	*****	114.13	40.24	-40.9941
16 19 26	1 40 0	6 40 0	E 2 49 25	252588.11C9	252914.3026	252921.7182	*****	116.42	42.02	-40.9814
16 29 27	1 50 0	6 50 0	E 2 39 23	252588.C988	252914.2904	252921.7060	*****	118.82	43.76	-40.9683
16 39 29	2 0 0	7 0 0	E 2 29 21	252588.C862	252914.2778	252921.6934	*****	121.35	45.46	-40.9547
16 49 31	2 10 0	7 10 0	E 2 19 20	252588.C732	252914.2648	252921.6804	*****	124.C2	47.11	-40.9407
16 59 32	2 20 0	7 20 0	E 2 9 18	252588.0599	252914.2515	252921.6671	*****	126.84	48.71	-40.9263
17 09 34	2 30 0	7 30 0	E 1 59 16	252588.0462	252914.2378	252921.6534	*****	129.82	50.25	-40.9115
17 19 35	2 40 0	7 40 0	E 1 49 15	252588.C322	252914.2238	252921.6394	*****	132.99	51.72	-40.8964
17 29 37	2 50 0	7 50 0	E 1 39 13	252588.C180	252914.2095	252921.6251	*****	136.34	53.12	-40.8810
17 39 39	3 0 0	8 0 0	E 1 29 11	252588.C034	252914.1950	252921.6106	*****	139.89	54.43	-40.8653
17 49 40	3 10 0	8 10 0	E 1 19 10	252587.9886	252914.18C2	252921.5958	*****	143.66	55.65	-40.8493

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PULSTAR 0329+54

COORDINATES	RIGHT ASCENSION	DECLINATION	EPCCH
	H M S	D M S	
GIVEN	3 26 11.680	54 24 38.300	1650.00
PRECESEC	3 30 41.564	54 28 53.416	1970.36

PERIOD	FIRST DERIVATIVE	ORIGIN (JULIAN DAYS)	PULSE RATE FACTOR
S	(S/S).E+15		
0.71451E+5C76CCC	2.0E100	2440105.229200	818600.00
LINE	REST FREQUENCY	LSR VELOCITY OFFSET	MULTIPLIER
	KHz	km/s	IF
1	166541.0000	-111.1C34	1.00
			150000.00

UT STARTDAY = 127.21
ENDDAY = 127.21
MINUTE INTERVAL = 20
HOUR ANGLE RANGE = 2.00 HOURS

TELESCOPE LONGITUDE = 75 50 54.53C
LATITUDE = 38 25 45.48C
ELEVATION = 798.50 METERS

FULSAR 0329+54

64 3 3C 41-53C FEC 64 28 52012E EPCCF 157C-35

REST FREQUENCY	LSR VELOCITY	OFFSET	HELIOCENTRIC VELOCITY	OFFSET
	KM/S		KM/S	
166621.000000	20.000		15.791	

TRANSIT PERIOD IS 6-71451EE592C7 SEEDNES AT JULIAN DAY NUMBER 2440714-2442651

EASTERN STANDARD DAY THURSDAY 7 MAY 1970 LT DAY NUMBER 127

PULSAR C229+54

RA 2 3C 41.537 DEC 54 28 52.547 EPCCH 1970.35

REST FREQUENCY LSR VELOCITY OFFSET
 LINE 1 166541.00000 KM/S 2C.00000
 TRANSIT PERIOD IS C.714518659385 SECONDS AT JULIAN DAY NUMBER 2440715.239560

EASTERN STANDARD DAY FRIDAY 8 MAY 1970 UT DAY NUMBER 126

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Users of DOPSET
FROM: M. A. Gordon
SUBJECT: Correction of Errors

Don Backer (NRAO) has found two errors in DOPSET which should be corrected. Both errors have been corrected in the NRAO library program.

DOPSET has been relocated in the NRAO program library. (Simply remove the //JOBLIB card from the JCL cards of your old deck.)

Error 1:

In subroutine DOP, the radius from the earth's center to the observer has been calculated using geocentric latitude rather than the correct geodetic latitude.¹ To correct this error, move the block of cards DPST 1628, 1630, 1632, 1634, and 1636 to the position immediately following card DPST 1650. Be certain to renumber these cards sequentially after repositioning.

Error 2:

In REAL FUNCTION EUT, card DPST 1364 contains an incorrect formula to compute mean sidereal time. The correct formula should read

$DST=0.2783295623D0+(8640184.665D0*DT+0.0929D0*DT**2)/864.D2$

The magnitude of this error has been approximately -25 ms.

See American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac (1972) p. 517, 518.