
Summary of Changes

The changes fall into the following categories:

1. Implementation of the IAU 2012 definition of the astronomical unit (au). Not only has this constant been updated, but also
 - (a) all derived quantities are evaluated via the appropriate formulas, and
 - (b) all documentation now uses the appropriate symbols for the unit, for example, 1 au and 2.3 au/day.
2. Update to PVSTAR to make it consistent with the version of STARPV that was updated in the previous release.
3. Other minor typographical corrections to various routines.

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FORTRAN Library

1. iau_APCS The IAU 2012 value of the astronomical unit (au) is now implemented in these six routines.
 iau_LDN
 iau_PMPX
 iau_PVSTAR
 iau_STARPM
 iau_STARPV
2. iau_PVSTAR An expression $(\sqrt{1-x}-1)$, where x is usually tiny, has been replaced with $(-x/(\sqrt{1-x}+1))$ to improve numerical precision.
3. t_sofa_f Check values in this validation program updated due to the change in the astronomical unit.
4. sofa_ast_f The SOFA Astrometry Tools cookbook.
 - (a) In the table on page 22 there is a change of $+1 \times 10^{-7}$ seconds in RA for three results when compared to using the previous value for the au. These cases are repeated on the next 2 pages.
 - (b) The listing of the relativistic version of the routine iau_PMPX in the Appendix has been updated on page 77 with the required changes for the au.

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ANSI C Library

1. sofam.h The astronomical unit (au) has been updated in this include file and all constants that are derived from the au have been replaced by the appropriate formulas.
2. iauPvstar An expression $(\sqrt{1-x}-1)$, where x is usually tiny, has been replaced with $(-x/(\sqrt{1-x}+1))$ to improve numerical precision.
3. t_sofa_c Check values in this validation program updated due to the change in the astronomical unit.
4. sofa_ast_c The SOFA Astrometry Tools cookbook. In the table on page 20 there is a change of $+1 \times 10^{-7}$ seconds in RA for three results when compared to using the previous value for the au. These cases are repeated on the next three pages.

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End of Updates

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