The routines described here comprise the SOFA vector/matrix library. Their general appearance and coding style conforms to conventions agreed by the SOFA Board, and their functions, names and algorithms have been ratified by the Board. Procedures for soliciting and agreeing additions to the library are still evolving.

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

The SOFA routines are available in two programming languages at present: Fortran 77 and ANSI C.

There is a one-to-one relationship between the two language versions. The naming convention is such that a SOFA routine referred to generically as "EXAMPL" exists as a Fortran subprogram iau_EXAMPL and a C function iauExampl. The calls for the two versions are very similar, with the same arguments in the same order. In a few cases, the C equivalent of a Fortran SUBROUTINE subprogram uses a return value rather than an argument.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The library consists mostly of routines which operate on ordinary Cartesian vectors (x,y,z) and 3x3 rotation matrices. However, there is also support for vectors which represent velocity as well as position and vectors which represent rotation instead of position. The vectors which represent both position and velocity may be considered still to have dimensions (3), but to comprise elements each of which is two numbers, representing the value itself and the time derivative. Thus:

* "Position" or "p" vectors (or just plain 3-vectors) have dimension (3) in Fortran and [3] in C.

* "Position/velocity" or "pv" vectors have dimensions (3,2) in Fortran and [2][3] in C.

* "Rotation" or "r" matrices have dimensions (3,3) in Fortran and [3][3] in C. When used for rotation, they are "orthogonal"; the inverse of such a matrix is equal to the transpose. Most of the routines in this library do not assume that r-matrices are necessarily orthogonal and in fact work on any 3x3 matrix.

* "Rotation" or "r" vectors have dimensions (3) in Fortran and [3] in C. Such vectors are a combination of the Euler axis and angle and are convertible to and from r-matrices. The direction is the axis of rotation and the magnitude is the angle of rotation, in radians. Because the amount of rotation can be scaled up and down simply by multiplying the vector by a scalar, r-vectors are useful for representing spins about an axis which is fixed.

* The above rules mean that in terms of memory address, the three velocity components of a pv-vector follow the three position components. Application code is permitted to exploit this and all other knowledge of the internal layouts: that x, y and z appear in that order and are in a right-handed Cartesian coordinate system etc. For example, the cp function (copy a p-vector) can be used to copy the velocity component of a pv-vector (indeed, this is how the CPV routine is coded).

* The routines provided do not completely fill the range of operations that link all the various vector and matrix options, but are confined to functions that are required by other parts of the SOFA software or which are likely to prove useful.
In addition to the vector/matrix routines, the library contains some routines related to spherical angles, including conversions to and from sexagesimal format.


OPERATIONS INVOLVING P-VECTORS AND R-MATRICES

Initialize

ZP zero p-vector
ZR initialize r-matrix to null
IR initialize r-matrix to identity

Copy

CP copy p-vector
CR copy r-matrix

Build rotations

RX rotate r-matrix about x
RY rotate r-matrix about y
RZ rotate r-matrix about z

Spherical/Cartesian conversions

S2C spherical to unit vector
C2S unit vector to spherical
S2P spherical to p-vector
P2S p-vector to spherical

Operations on vectors

PPP p-vector plus p-vector
PMP p-vector minus p-vector
PPSP p-vector plus scaled p-vector
PDP inner (=scalar=dot) product of two p-vectors
PXP outer (=vector=cross) product of two p-vectors
PM modulus of p-vector
PN normalize p-vector returning modulus
SXP multiply p-vector by scalar

Operations on matrices

RXR r-matrix multiply
TR transpose r-matrix

Matrix-vector products

RXP product of r-matrix and p-vector
TRXP product of transpose of r-matrix and p-vector

Separation and position-angle

SEPP angular separation from p-vectors
SEPS angular separation from spherical coordinates
PAP position-angle from p-vectors
PAS position-angle from spherical coordinates

Rotation vectors

RV2M r-vector to r-matrix
RM2V r-matrix to r-vector

OPERATIONS INVOLVING PV-VECTORS
Initialize

ZPV  zero pv-vector

Copy/extend/extract

CPV  copy pv-vector
P2PV append zero velocity to p-vector
PV2P discard velocity component of pv-vector

Spherical/Cartesian conversions

S2PV spherical to pv-vector
PV2S pv-vector to spherical

Operations on pv-vectors

PVPPV pv-vector plus pv-vector
PVMPV pv-vector minus pv-vector
PVXPV inner (=scalar=dot) product of two pv-vectors
PVM modulus of pv-vector
SXPV multiply pv-vector by scalar
S2XPV multiply pv-vector by two scalars
PVU update pv-vector
PVUP update pv-vector discarding velocity

Matrix-vector products

RXPV product of r-matrix and pv-vector
TRXPV product of transpose of r-matrix and pv-vector

OPERATIONS ON ANGLES

Wrap

ANP normalize radians to range 0 to 2pi
ANPM normalize radians to range −pi to +pi

To sexagesimal

A2TF decompose radians into hours, minutes, seconds
A2AF decompose radians into degrees, arcminutes, arcseconds
D2TF decompose days into hours, minutes, seconds

From sexagesimal

AF2A degrees, arcminutes, arcseconds to radians
TF2A hours, minutes, seconds to radians
TF2D hours, minutes, seconds to days

CALLS: FORTRAN VERSION

CALL iau_A2AF  ( NDP, ANGLE, SIGN, IDMSF )
CALL iau_A2TF  ( NDP, ANGLE, SIGN, IHMSF )
CALL iau_AF2A  ( S, IDEG, IAMIN, ASEC, RAD, J )
D = iau_ANP   ( A )
D = iau_ANPM  ( A )
CALL iau_C2S   ( P, THETA, PHI )
CALL iau_CP    ( P, C )
CALL iau_CPV   ( PV, C )
CALL iau_CR    ( R, C )
CALL iau_D2TF  ( NDP, DAYS, SIGN, IHMSF )
CALL iau_IR    ( R )
CALL iau_P2PV  ( P, PV )
CALL iau_P2S  ( P, THETA, PHI, R )
CALL iau_PAP   ( A, B, THETA )
CALL iau_PAS   ( AL, AP, BL, BP, THETA )
CALL iau_PDP   ( A, B, ADB )
CALL iau_PM    ( P, R )
CALL iau_PMP   ( A, B, AMB )
iauRv2m ( p, r );
iauRx ( phi, r );
iauRxp ( r, p, rp );
iauRxpv ( r, pv, rpv );
iauRxr ( a, b, atb );
iauRy ( theta, r );
iauRz ( psi, r );
iauS2c ( theta, phi, c );
iauS2p ( theta, phi, r, p );
iauS2pv ( theta, phi, r, td, pd, rd, pv );
iauS2xpv ( s1, s2, pv );
d = iauSepp ( a, b );
d = iauSeps ( al, ap, bl, bp );
iauSxp ( s, p, sp );
iauSxpv ( s, pv, spv );
i = iauTf2a ( s, ihour, imin, sec, &rad );
i = iauTf2d ( s, ihour, imin, sec, &days );
iauTr ( r, rt );
iauTrxp ( r, p, trp );
iauTrxpv ( r, pv, trpv );
iauZp ( p );
iauZpv ( pv );
iauZr ( r );