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1 from astropy import units as u
2 from skyfield.api import Topos, load
3 from skyfield.api import EarthSatellite
4 from datetime import datetime, timedelta
5 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
6 from matplotlib.collections import LineCollection
7 from matplotlib.dates import date2num
8 from matplotlib.patches import Patch
9 from pprint import pprint
10 from numpy import sign
11 from pathlib import Path
12 from dateutil import parser, tz
13 from functools import reduce
14 import json
15
16 # Load earth and time
17 planets = load("de421.bsp")
18 earth = planets["earth"]
19 ts = load.timescale()
20
21 def load_input():
22     try:
23         with open("./input.json") as f:
24             data = json.load(f)
25             now = datetime.now(tz.tzlocal())
26             tomorrow = now + timedelta(days=1)
27             t0 = ts.from_datetime(parser.parse(data["startTime"], default=now))
28             t1 = ts.from_datetime(parser.parse(data["endTime"], default=tomorrow))
29             antenna_position = Topos(data["antennaPosition"]["lat"],
data["antennaPosition"]["lon"], elevation_m=data["antennaPosition"]["elevation"])
30             return (t0, t1, data["satellite"], antenna_position, data["beamwidth"],
data["azimuthTurnRate"], data["elevationTurnRate"], data["sampleRate"],
data["bothAxis"], data["outputFile"])
31     except FileNotFoundError:
32         print("File \"input.json\" not found")
33     except Exception as e:
34         print(e)
35         print("Error while parsing \"input.json\"")
36
37 (t0, t1, satellite_name, antenna_position, beamwidth, azimuth_turn_rate,
elevation_turn_rate, sample_rate, both_axis, output_file) = load_input()
38
39 # granularity for turning of the antenna
40 azimuth_turn_granularity = 1
41 elevation_turn_granularity = 1
42
43 # loading TLE files from celestrak
44 stations_url = "https://www.celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/active.txt"
45 satellites = load.tle_file(stations_url, reload=False)
46 print("Loaded", len(satellites), "satellites")
47
48 by_name = {sat.name: sat for sat in satellites}
49 satellite = by_name[satellite_name]
50
51 if not satellite:
52     print(f"Could not find satellite {satellite_name} in the celestrak TLE file")
53     exit()
54
55 print(f"Selected satellite: {satellite.name}")
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57 # Finding rising and setting times
58 t, events = satellite.find_events(antenna_position, t0, t1, altitude_degrees=0.0)
59 ranges = []
60 start = None
61 for ti, event in zip(t, events):
62     if event == 0:
63         start = ti
64     elif event == 2:
65         ranges.append((start, ti))
66
67     name = ("rise above horizon", "culminate", "set below horizon")[event]
68
69 def calculate_rotation_diff(sourceAngle, targetAngle):
70     diff = sourceAngle - targetAngle
71     if (abs(diff) > 180):
72         diff = sourceAngle - (targetAngle + sign(diff) * 360)
73     return diff
74
75 def round_to_multiple(n, x):
76     return x * round(n / x)
77
78 class Antenna:
79     def __init__(self, position, beamwidth, azimuth_turn_rate, elevation_turn_rate,
80 azimuth_turn_granularity, elevation_turn_granularity, both_axis):
81         self.position = position
82         self.beamwidth = beamwidth
83         self.azimuth_turn_rate = azimuth_turn_rate
84         self.elevation_turn_rate = elevation_turn_rate
85         self.azimuth_turn_granularity = azimuth_turn_granularity
86         self.elevation_turn_granularity = elevation_turn_granularity
87         self.azimuth = 0.0
88         self.elevation = 0.0
89         self.both_axis = both_axis
90
91     def turn(self, azimuth, elevation):
92         azimuth_step = round_to_multiple(min(abs(azimuth), self.azimuth_turn_rate),
93 self.azimuth_turn_granularity)
94         elevation_step = round_to_multiple(min(abs(elevation),
95 self.elevation_turn_rate), self.elevation_turn_granularity)
96
97         if both_axis or abs(azimuth) >= abs(elevation) and abs(azimuth) >=
98 self.azimuth_turn_granularity / 2:
99             self.azimuth += sign(azimuth) * azimuth_step
100             self.azimuth %= 360
101
102         if both_axis or abs(elevation) > abs(azimuth) and abs(elevation) >=
103 self.elevation_turn_granularity / 2:
104             self.elevation += sign(elevation) * elevation_step
105             self.elevation %= 360
106
107 antenna = Antenna(antenna_position, beamwidth, azimuth_turn_rate,
108 elevation_turn_rate, azimuth_turn_granularity, elevation_turn_granularity,
109 both_axis)
110 entries = []
111
112 # Simulating antenna tracking
113 for start, end in ranges:
114     tx = start
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109     print("from", start.utc_datetime().strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"), "to",
end.utc_datetime().strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"))
110
111     difference = satellite - antenna_position
112     topocentric = difference.at(start)
113     elevation_diff, azimuth_diff, distance = topocentric.altaz()
114
115     # reset antenna azimuth and elevation
116     antenna.azimuth = round_to_multiple(azimuth_diff.degrees,
antenna.azimuth_turn_granularity)
117     antenna.elevation = 0.0
118
119     event_entry = []
120
121     while tx.utc_datetime() < end.utc_datetime():
122         # Calculate target azimuth and elevation
123         difference = satellite - antenna_position
124         topocentric = difference.at(tx)
125         elevation, azimuth, distance = topocentric.altaz()
126
127         # Calculate error and update antenna position
128         azimuth_diff = calculate_rotation_diff(azimuth.degrees, antenna.azimuth)
129         elevation_diff = calculate_rotation_diff(elevation.degrees,
antenna.elevation)
130
131         azimuth_in_beamwidth = bool(abs(azimuth_diff) < beamwidth / 2)
132         elevation_in_beamwidth = bool(abs(elevation_diff) < beamwidth / 2)
133
134         event_entry.append((tx.utc_datetime(), antenna.azimuth, antenna.elevation,
azimuth.degrees, elevation.degrees, azimuth_diff, elevation_diff,
azimuth_in_beamwidth, elevation_in_beamwidth))
135
136         antenna.turn(azimuth_diff, elevation_diff)
137
138         # next sample
139         tx += timedelta(seconds = sample_rate)
140
141     entries.append(event_entry)
142
143 def map_entry(entry):
144     return {
145         "time": entry[0].strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"),
146         "antennaAzimuth": entry[1],
147         "antennaElevation": entry[2],
148         "realAzimuth": entry[3],
149         "realElevation": entry[4],
150         "azimuthError": entry[5],
151         "elevationError": entry[6],
152         "azimuthInBeamwidth": entry[7],
153         "elevationInBeamwidth": entry[8],
154     }
155
156 if output_file:
157     serializable_entries = [list(map(map_entry, entry)) for entry in entries]
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159     # dump data in json
160     json_data = json.dumps(serializable_entries)
161     with open('data.json', 'w') as f:
162         f.write(json_data)
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164 # create directory for plots if not exists
165 path = Path("./plots")
166 path.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)
167
168 # plot the results
169 for index, entry in enumerate(entries):
170     time, antenna_azimuth, antenna_elevation, real_azimuth, real_elevation,
    azimuth_diff, elevation_diff, azimuth_in_beamwidth, elevation_in_beamwidth =
    zip(*entry)
171     time_outside_beamwidth = reduce(lambda acc, entry: acc + (sample_rate if not
    entry[7] or not entry[8] else 0), entry, 0)
172
173     fig, (azimuth_ax1, azimuth_ax2) = plt.subplots(2, 1, sharex=True, dpi=400,
    figsize=(20, 10))
174     plt.tight_layout(pad=4.0)
175
176     azimuth_ax1.title.set_text("Azimuth")
177     azimuth_ax1.plot(time, real_azimuth, label="ideal")
178     azimuth_ax1.plot(time, antenna_azimuth, label="simulation")
179     azimuth_ax1.legend()
180     azimuth_ax1.set_ylabel("deg")
181
182     azimuth_ax2.title.set_text(f"Azimuth Error (outside beamwidth:
    {time_outside_beamwidth}s)")
183     colors = ["b" if visible else "r" for visible in azimuth_in_beamwidth]
184     lines = [((date2num(x0), y0), (date2num(x1), y1)) for x0, y0, x1, y1 in
    zip(time[:-1], azimuth_diff[:-1], time[1:], azimuth_diff[1:])]
185     line_collection = LineCollection(lines, colors = colors)
186     azimuth_ax2.add_collection(line_collection)
187     azimuth_ax2.autoscale_view()
188     azimuth_ax2.legend(handles=[Patch(color='b', label='in beamwidth'),
    Patch(color='r', label='not in beamwidth')])
189     azimuth_ax2.set_ylabel("deg")
190
191     plt.setp(azimuth_ax2.get_xticklabels(), rotation=30,
    horizontalalignment='right')
192     plt.savefig(f"./plots/azimuth-{index}.pdf")
193     plt.close(fig)
194
195     fig, (elevation_ax1, elevation_ax2) = plt.subplots(2, 1, sharex=True, dpi=400,
    figsize=(20, 10))
196     plt.tight_layout(pad=4.0)
197
198     elevation_ax1.title.set_text("Elevation")
199     elevation_ax1.plot(time, real_elevation, label="ideal")
200     elevation_ax1.plot(time, antenna_elevation, label="simulation")
201     elevation_ax1.legend()
202     elevation_ax1.set_ylabel("deg")
203
204     elevation_ax2.title.set_text(f"Elevation Error (outside beamwidth:
    {time_outside_beamwidth}s)")
205     colors = ["b" if visible else "r" for visible in elevation_in_beamwidth]
206     lines = [((date2num(x0), y0), (date2num(x1), y1)) for x0, y0, x1, y1 in
    zip(time[:-1], elevation_diff[:-1], time[1:], elevation_diff[1:])]
207     line_collection = LineCollection(lines, colors = colors)
208     elevation_ax2.add_collection(line_collection)
209     elevation_ax2.autoscale_view()
210     elevation_ax2.legend(handles=[Patch(color='b', label='in beamwidth'),
    Patch(color='r', label='not in beamwidth')])
211     elevation_ax2.set_ylabel("deg")
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212     elevation_ax2.set_xlabel("time")
213
214     plt.setp(azimuth_ax2.get_xticklabels(), rotation=30,
horizontalalignment='right')
215     plt.setp(elevation_ax2.get_xticklabels(), rotation=30,
horizontalalignment='right')
216     plt.savefig(f"./plots/elevation-{index}.pdf")
217     plt.close(fig)
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