The PMA Catalogue as a realization of the extragalactic reference system in optical and near infrared wavelengths

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Abstract. We combined the data from the Gaia DR1 and Two-Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) catalogues in order to derive the absolute proper motions more than 420 million stars distributed all over the sky in the stellar magnitude range 8 mag < G < 21 mag (Gaia magnitude). To eliminate the systematic zonal errors in position of 2MASS catalogue objects, the 2-dimensional median filter was used. The PMA system of proper motion has been obtained by direct link to 1.6 millions extragalactic sources. The short analysis of the absolute proper motion of the PMA stars Catalogue is presented in this work. From a comparison of this data with same stars from the TGAS, UCAC4 and PPMXL catalogues, the equatorial components of the mutual rotation vector of these coordinate systems are determined.

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1. Introduction

The Hipparcos Celestial Reference Frame (HCRF), according to IAU Resolution B1.2 of the XXIVth IAU GA, has been the optical realization of the International Celestial Reference System (ICRS, (Arias et al. 1995)). The Tycho-2 catalogue (Høg et al. 2000) that contains positions and proper motions of about 2.5 million stars, is the HCRF extension towards the large stellar magnitudes domain, approximately up to V=11.5 mag. The PPMXL (Roeser et al. 2010), UCAC4 (Zacharias et al. 2013), SPM4 (Girard et al. 2011), 2MASS (Skrutskie et al. 2006) and others catalogues which extend the HCRF system towards the faint of the stellar magnitudes range, use the Hipparcos (Kovalevsky et al. 1997), (van Leeuwen, 2007) and Tycho-2 stars as the reference ones. In this work, we investigate the problem of mutual rotation of the Hipparcos/Tycho-2 system with respect to absolute proper motion of the PMA stars.

2. Comparison of the PMA with other catalogues data

In September 2016 the first Gaia data were released based on the first 14 months of regular in-orbit operations (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2016a). Gaia Data Release 1 (DR1) contains astrometric results for more than one billion stars brighter than magnitude 20.7. The PMA Catalogue (Akhmetov et al. 2017) has been derived from a combination of two catalogues - 2MASS and Gaia DR1 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2016b). The difference of epochs of observations for these catalogues is approximately 15 years. In order to eliminate the distortions we used a two-dimensional median filter that provided corrections by eliminating systematic errors in the 2MASS positions and, reducing them to the Gaia DR1 system. The absolute calibration procedure (zero-pointing of the proper motions) was fulfilled with the use of about 1.6 million positions of extragalactic sources. To creation the sample of extragalactic sources, we intersected the sample of SSA galaxies

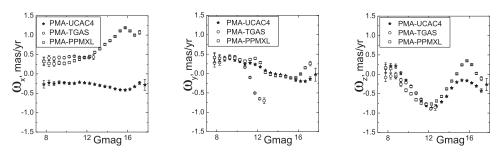


Figure 1. Components w_x , w_y and w_z of the mutual rotation vector of the Hipparcos/Tycho-2 system with respect to absolute proper motion of the PMA stars catalogue.

(Hambly et al. 2001a, Paper I), (Fedorov et al. 2014) with the WISE Catalogue (Wright et al. 2010). The colour diagram (B-I) versus (j_m-W1) has been used to separation stars and extragalactic sources. The mean formal error of the absolute calibration is less than 0.35 mas/yr.

To determine the value of the solid-body rotation of the Hipparcos/Tycho-2 system with respect to absolute proper motion of the PMA stars we use the well-known equations (Lindegren & Kovalevsky, 1995). The PMA-UCAC4, PMA-TGAS(Michalik et al. 2015) and PMA-PPMXL stellar proper motion difference have been used for solved by the least-squares method. The obtained components of the mutual rotation vector (Fig. 1) were made with the aim only of demonstrating their existence in the stellar proper motion these catalogues. For analysis and interpretation of the results of the comparison are need a separate and comprehensive investigation.

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