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Subject: To get the Fraction of diffuse light from Skyl\_lut.dat table  
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I have been thinking about calculating Actual albedo (Aa) with white sky albedo (Albedo\_ws) and black sky albedo (Albedo\_bs) retrieved from MODIS43 image for several days.

As many of you may know, MODIS43 images have only Albedo\_ws and Albedo\_bs info, and we need additional value, fraction of diffuse light (Fdl), to calculate Aa. If these values are ready we can calculate Aa this way.

$$Aa = Albedo_{ws} * Fdl + Albedo_{bs} * (1-Fdl)$$

Fdl values are provided through the skyl\_lut.dat table and the contents are as follows.

2 aerosol types

10 bands (7 MODIS bands + 3 broad bands (VIS, NIR, SW)

90 degrees (0-89 degrees with 1 degree step

50 optical depth ( 0-1 with 0.02 step)

The table shown below is a part of skyl\_lut.dat. I made this just for testing.

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; Skyl_lut.dat00.dat
Aerosol_type: Continental
MODIS_Band_1: (0.620,0.670)
S&O 0.00 0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08 0.10
0 0.029 0.042 0.055 0.067 0.079 0.091
1 0.029 0.042 0.055 0.067 0.079 0.091
2 0.029 0.042 0.055 0.067 0.079 0.091
3 0.029 0.042 0.055 0.067 0.079 0.091
4 0.029 0.042 0.055 0.067 0.079 0.092
MODIS_Band_2: (0.841,0.876)
S&O 0.00 0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08 0.10
0 0.016 0.027 0.037 0.047 0.057 0.067
1 0.016 0.027 0.037 0.047 0.057 0.067
2 0.016 0.027 0.037 0.047 0.057 0.067
3 0.016 0.027 0.037 0.047 0.057 0.067
4 0.016 0.027 0.037 0.047 0.057 0.067
Aerosol_type: Maritime
MODIS_Band_1: (0.620,0.670)
S&O 0.00 0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08 0.10
0 0.029 0.046 0.063 0.080 0.096 0.112
1 0.029 0.046 0.063 0.080 0.096 0.112
2 0.029 0.046 0.063 0.080 0.096 0.112
3 0.029 0.046 0.063 0.080 0.096 0.113
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4 0.029 0.047 0.064 0.080 0.097 0.113
MODIS_Band_2: (0.841, 0.876)
S&O 0.00 0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08 0.10
0 0.016 0.035 0.054 0.072 0.089 0.106
1 0.016 0.035 0.054 0.072 0.089 0.106
2 0.016 0.035 0.054 0.072 0.089 0.106
3 0.016 0.035 0.054 0.072 0.089 0.106
4 0.016 0.035 0.054 0.072 0.089 0.107
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I found a C code tell.skyl.c and I posted it several days ago. (No one replied (T.T)... Maybe the questions was too broad... I think. anyway) After I compiled it, I got tell\_sky.exe and tested it with spawn statements like this.

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pro test_spawn

dir='C:\Documents and Settings\Yi\harry'
cmd='tell_skyl.exe'
option=' -od 0.2 -szn 30.0'

cd, dir
print, cmd+option
spawn, cmd+option, result
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However, my knowledge on C is limited. I believe that trying with IDL is less time-consuming and simpler for me.

Now... I am reading this table with structure in IDL, because this table has different format of data and I have a feeling that structure is the one of the best solutions to read this table.

Therefore, I began this way  
S1 = {Fdl, solza, nb, AOT2, amt}

; where  
; Fdl = Fraction of diffuse light

0.10)  
; amt = aerosol model type: 2 (continental/ maritime)

what I want to do now is to read the Fdl values from Skyl\_lut00.dat. If input variables are as follows, how can I get the Fdl values from Skyl\_lut00?

Fdlinput.txt

; solza, nb, AOT2, amt  
30 10 0.04 continental  
40 9 0.5 continental  
55 5 0.4 continental  
39 8 0.3 maritime  
77 7 0.2 maritime

Sorry everyone if I bothered you.

Harry

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