
Subject: Re: Range of "Spherical Coordinates" in SPHER_HARM

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Thanks for your comments!

My confusion was caused by the contradictory statements about theta and phi. In my opinion/definition theta is the azimuthal angle (and `_not_` 'colatitudinal' as stated in the help document) and phi is the polar angle (and `_not_` 'longitudinal'). Thus I was not sure, if SPHER_HARM uses a different definition of the spherical coordinate system, because theta cannot have a range of 2π when phi has (or the other way round) - regardless of any symmetry.

> And, as is usually the case with IDL, the easiest
> approach is to try it and see if you get what you want.

I should remind this slogan more often.

Greets

Karlo
