
Subject: IDL procedure for satellite orbits
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OK, I'm starting to sweat bullets and willing to beg. I'm looking for an IDL procedure that calculates the position and velocity vectors for an Earth satellite - the reason I want IDL is so I can use its mapping and image-warping features to generate a prediction of the accessible sky to plan observations with a hitch-hiker payload. I have implemented one routine, based on Manfred Bester's approach in the sattrack C code, but I'm unsatisfied with its accuracy.

I'll be grateful for any help. The device is sitting on the pad...

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