

# Package ‘wmm’

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**Description** Calculate magnetic field at a given location and time according to the World Magnetic Model (WMM). Both the main field and secular variation components are returned. This functionality is useful for physicists and geophysicists who need orthogonal components from WMM. Currently, this package supports annualized time inputs between 2000 and 2020. If desired, users can specify which WMM version to use, e.g., the original WMM2015 release or the recent out-of-cycle WMM2015 release. Methods used to implement WMM, including the Gauss coefficients for each release, are described in the following publications: Chulliat et al (2019) <doi:10.25921/xhr3-0t19>, Chulliat et al (2015) <doi:10.7289/V5TB14V7>, Maus et al (2010) <[https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/WMM/data/WMMReports/WMM2010\\_Report.pdf](https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/WMM/data/WMMReports/WMM2010_Report.pdf)>, McLean et al (2004) <[https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/WMM/data/WMMReports/TRWMM\\_2005.pdf](https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/WMM/data/WMMReports/TRWMM_2005.pdf)>, and Macmillan et al (2000) <<https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/WMM/data/WMMReports/wmm2000.pdf>>.

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`.CalculateGaussCoef`    *Lookup Table for Gauss coefficients  $g$  &  $h$*

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**Description**

Find Gauss coefficient  $g_{n,m}(t)$  consistent with the World Magnetic Model.

**Usage**

```
.CalculateGaussCoef(t, t0, wmmVersion = "derived")
```

**Arguments**

<code>t</code>	Annualized date time. E.g., 2015-02-01 = (2015 + 32/365) = 2015.088
<code>t0</code>	Annualized reference time associated with <code>t</code>
<code>wmmVersion</code>	String representing WMM version to use. Must be consistent with <code>time</code> and one of the following: 'derived', 'WMM2000', 'WMM2005', 'WMM2010', 'WMM2015', 'WMM2015v2'. Default 'derived' value will infer the latest WMM version consistent with <code>time</code> .

**Value**

vector of Gauss coefficients,  $g_{n,m}(t)$  and  $h_{n,m}(t)$

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.CalculateGeocentricFieldSum  
*Calculate sum of geocentric field components*

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### Description

Calculate sum of geocentric field components

### Usage

```
.CalculateGeocentricFieldSum(legendreTable, gaussCoef, radius, lon, latGC,  
deltaLatitude)
```

### Arguments

legendreTable	data.table modified by .CalculateSchmidtLegendreDerivative
gaussCoef	Gauss coefficients as calculated by .CalculateGaussCoef
radius	Radius of curvature of prime vertical at given geodetic latitude
lon	GPS longitude
latGC	GPS latitude, geocentric
deltaLatitude	(Geocentric Latitude - Geodetic Latitude) in decimal degrees

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.CalculateMagneticField  
*Calculate Expected Magnetic Field from WMM2015*

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### Description

Calculate the magnetic field for a given location and time using the fitted spherical harmonic model from the 2015 World Magnetic Model.

### Usage

```
.CalculateMagneticField(lon, latGD, latGC, radius, time,  
wmmVersion = "derived")
```

### Arguments

lon	GPS longitude
latGD	GPS latitude, geodetic
latGC	GPS latitude, geocentric
radius	Radius of curvature of prime vertical at given geodetic latitude
time	Annualized date time. E.g., 2015-02-01 = (2015 + 32/365) = 2015.088

wmmVersion      String representing WMM version to use. Must be consistent with time and one of the following: 'derived', 'WMM2000', 'WMM2005', 'WMM2010', 'WMM2015', 'WMM2015v2'. Default 'derived' value will infer the latest WMM version consistent with time.

**Value**

Expected magnetic field from WMM2015 expressed as a vector,  $m_{\lambda_t, \varphi_t, h_t, t}^{WMM}$

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*.CalculateRadiusCurvature*

*Radius of curvature of prime vertical*

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**Description**

Calculate radius of curvature of prime vertical at given geodetic latitude.

**Usage**

*.CalculateRadiusCurvature(latitudeGD)*

**Arguments**

latitudeGD      Geodetic latitude in decimal degrees

**Value**

Radius of curvature of prime vertical at given geodetic latitude

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*.CalculateRecursiveLegendre*

*Run recursion to compute associated Legendre functions*

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**Description**

Use recursion relations to compute the associated Legendre function,  $P_{n,m}(\mu)$ . User supplies degree  $n$  and order  $m$  as well as associated Legendre functions with smaller degree and order indices for recursion. When  $n \leq 2$ ,  $P_{n,m}(\mu)$  is directly calculated with known functions (i.e., no recursion). When  $n > 2$ , the following recursion relations are used based on the order  $m$ :

$$P_{n>2,m \leq 1}(\mu) = \frac{(2n-1) \cdot \mu \cdot P_{n-1,m}(\mu) - (n-1+m) \cdot P_{n-2,m}(\mu)}{(n-m)}$$

$$P_{n>2,m > 1}(\mu) = \frac{2\mu(m-1) \cdot P_{n,m-1}(\mu)}{\sqrt{1-\mu^2}} - (n+m-1) \cdot (n-m+2) \cdot P_{n,m-2}(\mu)$$

**Usage**

```
.CalculateRecursiveLegendre(n, m, mu, index, Pn_1 = NULL, Pn_2 = NULL,  
Pm_1 = NULL, Pm_2 = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

n	Degree of associated Legendre function to compute
m	Order of associated Legendre function to compute
mu	Argument of associated Legendre function to compute
index	Index from .kLegendreIndices associated with n and m
Pn_1	$P_{n-1,m}(\mu)$
Pn_2	$P_{n-2,m}(\mu)$
Pm_1	$P_{n,m-1}(\mu)$
Pm_2	$P_{n,m-2}(\mu)$

**Value**

$P_{n,m}(\mu)$ , scalar

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.CheckVersionWMM      *Check if given time is consistent with available WMM versions*

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**Description**

Check if given time is consistent with available WMM versions

**Usage**

```
.CheckVersionWMM(t, wmmVersion)
```

**Arguments**

t	Annualized date time. E.g., 2015-02-01 = (2015 + 32/365) = 2015.088
wmmVersion	String representing WMM version to use. Must be consistent with time and one of the following: 'derived', 'WMM2000', 'WMM2005', 'WMM2010', 'WMM2015', 'WMM2015v2'.

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`.ConvertGeocentricToGeodeticFieldComponents`  
*Geocentric Coordinates to Geodetic Coordinates*

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**Description**

Convert Geocentric Coordinates to Geodetic Coordinates.

**Usage**

`.ConvertGeocentricToGeodeticFieldComponents(xGeocentric, yGeocentric,  
zGeocentric, deltaLat)`

**Arguments**

<code>xGeocentric</code>	X-coordinate in geocentric system
<code>yGeocentric</code>	Y-coordinate in geocentric system
<code>zGeocentric</code>	Z-coordinate in geocentric system
<code>deltaLat</code>	(Geocentric Latitude - Geodetic Latitude) in decimal degrees

**Value**

Vector of length 3 representing geodetic coordinates consistent with given geocentric data

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`.ConvertGeodeticToGeocentricGPS`  
*Convert from Geodetic to Geocentric Coordinates*

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**Description**

Convert geodetic coordinates to geocentric coordinates

**Usage**

`.ConvertGeodeticToGeocentricGPS(latitudeGD, height)`

**Arguments**

<code>latitudeGD</code>	Geodetic latitude in decimal degrees
<code>height</code>	Height in meters above ellipsoid (not mean sea level)

**Value**

List with first element as geocentric latitude in decimal degrees and second element as geocentric radius

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.DeriveVersionInfo     *Derive WMM version based on given time*

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**Description**

Derive WMM version based on given time

**Usage**

.DeriveVersionInfo(t)

**Arguments**

t                      Annualized date time. E.g., 2015-02-01 = (2015 + 32/365) = 2015.088

**Value**

List of reference year and compatible WMM versions inferred from t ime.

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.RunLegendreProcedure     *Compute Associated Legendre Functions Given Sequence of (degree, order) Indices*

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**Description**

Procedure that computes the associated Legendre function,  $P_{n,m}(\mu)$ , given a sequence of (degree, order) indices and function argument  $\mu$ . This is computed via recursive relationships for Legendre functions.

**Usage**

.RunLegendreProcedure(mu)

**Arguments**

mu                      Function argument to  $P_{n,m}(\mu)$

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GetMagneticFieldWMM     *Calculate Expected Magnetic Field from WMM*

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### Description

Function that takes in geodetic GPS location and annualized time, and returns the expected magnetic field from WMM.

### Usage

```
GetMagneticFieldWMM(lon, lat, height, time, wmmVersion = "derived")
```

### Arguments

lon	GPS longitude
lat	GPS latitude, geodetic
height	GPS height in meters above ellipsoid
time	Annualized date time. E.g., 2015-02-01 = (2015 + 32/365) = 2015.088
wmmVersion	String representing WMM version to use. Must be consistent with time and one of the following: 'derived', 'WMM2000', 'WMM2005', 'WMM2010', 'WMM2015', 'WMM2015v2'. Default 'derived' value will infer the latest WMM version consistent with time.

### Value

list of calculated main field and secular variation vector components in nT and nT/yr, resp.: x, y, z, xDot, yDot, zDot

### Examples

```
GetMagneticFieldWMM(
  lon = 240,
  lat = -80,
  height = 1e5,
  time = 2017.5,
  wmmVersion = 'WMM2015'
)

## Expected output
# X = 5683.51754 95763 nT
# Y = 14808.84920 23104 nT
# Z = -50163.01336 54779 nT

## Calculated Output
# X = 5683.518 nT
# Y = 14808.85 nT
# Z = -50163.01 nT
```



**Description**

The wmm package calculates magnetic field at a given location and time according to the World Magnetic Model.

**WMM functions**

This package has 1 exported function, [GetMagneticFieldWMM](#), which returns a list of calculated main field and secular variation vector components in nT and nT/yr, resp.: x, y, z, xDot, yDot, zDot.

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