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Abstract

Calculation of velocity and acceleration vectors is a necessary stage in Earth's gravity field recovery using GRACE observations. Different numerical differentiation methods have been proposed to compute the acceleration vector. In this paper, Newton, spline and Taylor methods have been implemented. The effect of outliers has also been investigated in different differentiation techniques. The numerical analysis of the recovered solutions shows that the Newton method yields the optimal solution. The comparison is performed based on the difference in the simulated and recovered gravity anomalies and the geoidal heights.

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