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lunar-package	<i>The lunar Package</i>
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Description

Lunar Phase & Distance, Seasons and Other Environmental Factors.

Provides functions to calculate the phase of the moon, its distance from the earth, the season and possibly other environmental factors, based on date and location.

Details

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Provides functions to calculate lunar and other environmental covariates.

This package is used by the author to calculate covariates for studies of lunar effect on health and healthcare.

References forthcoming.

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lunar.4phases	<i>Lunar Phase Categories (4)</i>
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Description

Return 4 category labels for lunar phases.

Usage

lunar.4phases

Format

```
chr [1:4] "New" "Waxing" "Full" "Waning"
```

Details

These are category names corresponding to phases of the moon. Moon phase category names may be returned in the output of the [lunar.phase](#) function if its name option is set to TRUE.

See Also

[lunar.phase](#)

Examples

```
print(lunar.4phases)
```

lunar.8phases	<i>Lunar Phase Categories (8)</i>
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Description

Return 8 category labels for lunar phases.

Usage

```
lunar.8phases
```

Format

```
chr [1:8] "New" "Waxing crescent" "First quarter" "Waxing gibbous" "Full" "Waning gibbous" ...
```

Details

These are category names corresponding to phases of the moon. Moon phase category names may be returned in the output of the [lunar.phase](#) function if its name option is set to TRUE.

See Also

[lunar.phase](#)

Examples

```
print(lunar.8phases)
```

lunar.distance	<i>Lunar Distance</i>
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Description

Returns the distance of the moon from the earth on specified dates.

Usage

```
lunar.distance(x, shift = 0, ..., name = FALSE, strict = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A vector of Date values.
shift	The number of hours by which to shift the distance calculation. By default distance is calculated at 12 noon UT.
name	Optional parameter indicating whether the return is a factor variable consisting of a lunar distance label, or the lunar distance in earth radii. By default lunar phase is returned in earth radii.
strict	Optional parameter indicating whether the return should employ strict definitions for distance labels, that is, with apogee and perigee within 5 definition breaks the distance categories evenly into 20 The 'average' category is the same in both definitions.
...	Other optional arguments are ignored.

Details

Distance to the moon is returned in units of earth radii, or as a 5-level factor variable referring to the moon's perigee (at about 56 earth radii) and apogee (at about 63.8 earth radii).

Adapted from Stephen R. Schmitt: Lunar Phase Computation: http://mysite.verizon.net/res148h4j/zenosamples/zs_lunarphasecalc.html. Last accessed: 1 September 2014.

See Also

[lunar.distances](#)

Examples

```
lunar.distance(as.Date("2004-03-24"))
```

lunar.distance.mean *Average Lunar Distance*

Description

Returns the average lunar distance around specified dates.

Usage

```
lunar.distance.mean(x, towards = -6, ..., by = c("date", "hours", "day",
"night"))
```

Arguments

x	A vector of Date values.
towards	The directed window size from x in days. By default the window looks back 7 days including x.
by	The exposure interval and integration basis. The default is to represent a day's distance by the distance at 12 noon UT. The other options integrate midrange distances over hours.
...	Other optional arguments are ignored.

See Also

[lunar.distance](#)

Examples

```
lunar.distance.mean(as.Date("2004-03-24"))
```

lunar.distances *Lunar Distance Categories*

Description

Return category labels for lunar distances.

Usage

```
lunar.distances
```

Format

```
chr [1:5] "Apogee" "Far" "Average" "Near" "Perigee"
```

Details

These are category names corresponding to distances from the center of the Earth to the center of its moon. Distance category names are used in the output of the `lunar.distance` function if its `name` option is set to `TRUE`.

The perigee occurs at roughly 56 Earth radii, and the apogee at about 62.8 Earth radii. These categories are not determined according to any common standard. They may have different precise definitions for their bounds in different analyses.

See Also

[lunar.distance](#)

Examples

```
print(lunar.distances)
```

<code>lunar.illumination</code>	<i>Lunar Illumination</i>
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Description

Returns the proportion of lunar illumination on specified dates.

Usage

```
lunar.illumination(x, shift = 0)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A vector of Date values.
<code>shift</code>	The number of hours by which to shift the calculation of lunar phase. By default lunar phase is calculated at 12 noon UT.

Details

Adapted from function `moon.illumination` in from the R4MFCL project (not an R package), which was developed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). The R4MFCL project was led by Simon Hoyle, and also includes code by Shelton Harley, Nick Davies, and Adam Langley of the SPC, and Pierre Kleiber of the US National Marine Fisheries Service. Pierre Kleiber is the author of the `moon.illumination` function.

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Here is a link to the R4MFCL project:

<https://code.google.com/p/r4mfcl/>

See Also

[lunar.illumination.mean](#)

Examples

```
lunar.illumination(as.Date("2004-03-24"))
```

```
lunar.illumination.mean
```

Average Lunar Illumination

Description

Returns the average lunar illumination around specified dates.

Usage

```
lunar.illumination.mean(x, towards = -6, ..., by = c("date", "hours", "day",  
"night"))
```

Arguments

x	A vector of Date values.
towards	The directed window size from x in days. By default the window looks back 7 days including x.
by	The exposure interval and integration basis. The default is to represent a day's illumination by the illumination at 12 noon UT. The other options integrate midrange illuminations over hours. Options 'day' and 'night' are not currently implemented, but will be used to limit exposure intervals. The use of an unimplemented option in a function call will result in a NULL value being returned.
...	Other optional arguments are ignored.

See Also

[lunar.illumination](#)

Examples

```
lunar.illumination.mean(as.Date("2004-03-24"))
```

lunar.metric.mean	<i>Average Lunar Metrics</i>
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Description

Returns an average measurement around specified dates.

Usage

```
lunar.metric.mean(x, towards = -6, ..., by = c("date", "hours", "day",  
"night"), type = c("illumination", "distance"))
```

Arguments

x	A vector of Date values.
towards	The directed window size from x in days. By default the window looks back 7 days including x.
by	The exposure interval and integration basis. The default is to represent a day's illumination by the illumination at 12 noon UT. The other options integrate midrange illuminations over hours. Options 'day' and 'night' are not currently implemented, but will be used to limit exposure intervals. The use of an unimplemented option in a function call will result in a NULL value being returned.
type	Whether illumination or distance metrics are to be returned. The use of an unimplemented option in a function call will result in a NULL value being returned.
...	Other optional arguments are ignored.

Details

This is an internal support function that integrates a lunar measurement over time using step sizes of days or hours.

See Also

[lunar.illumination](#)

[lunar.distance](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
lunar.metric.mean(as.Date("2004-03-24"), type="illumination")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

lunar.phase	<i>Lunar Phase</i>
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Description

Returns the lunar phase on specified dates.

Usage

```
lunar.phase(x, shift = 0, ..., name = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A vector of Date values.
shift	The number of hours by which to shift the calculation of lunar phase. By default lunar phase is calculated at 12 noon UT.
name	Optional parameter indicating whether the return is a factor variable. By default lunar phase is returned in radians. If assigned the value 8, it returns a factor variable with 8 phase levels. If TRUE or any value other than 0 or 8, it returns a factor variable with 4 phase labels.
...	Other optional arguments are ignored.

Details

Adapted from function `moon.illumination` in from the R4MFCL project (not an R package), which was developed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). The R4MFCL project was led by Simon Hoyle, and also includes code by Shelton Harley, Nick Davies, and Adam Langley of the SPC, and Pierre Kleiber of the US National Marine Fisheries Service. Pierre Kleiber is the author of the `moon.illumination` function.

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The R4MFCL code was modified as follows:

- Changed function name from `moonphase` to `lunar.phase`.
- Changed input date to be in [Date](#) format (as opposed to [POSIXct](#)).
- Removed reliance on other R4MFCL functions.
- Changed name of primary input from `ptime` to `x`.
- Added optional `shift` term (in hours) relative to 12h UT.
- Added optional `name` term to control whether phase names as opposed to radians should be returned.
- Changed the documentation.

Where radians are returned:

- 0 refers to the new moon
- $\pi/2$ refers to the first quarter
- π refers to the full moon
- $3\pi/2$ refers to the last quarter

Adapted originally from Stephen R. Schmitt: Sky & Telescope, Astronomical Computing, April 1994 and http://mysite.verizon.net/res148h4j/zenosamples/zs_lunarphasecalc.html, which references Jean Meeus, Astronomical Algorithms. Willmann-Bell, Inc. (1991) 429p.

See Also

[lunar.4phases](#)

[lunar.8phases](#)

Examples

```
lunar.phase(as.Date("2013-05-06"))
```

terrestrial.season	<i>Terrestrial Season</i>
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Description

Returns the season on specified dates.

Usage

```
terrestrial.season(x)
```

Arguments

x A vector of [Date](#) values.

Details

The definitions for non-leap years are as follows (dates are inclusive):

Winter: 21 December through 21 March

Spring: 22 March through 21 June

Summer: 22 June through 20 September

Autumn: 21 September through 20 December

In leap years spring comes a day early!

See Also

[terrestrial.seasons](#)

Examples

```
terrestrial.season(as.Date("2004-03-24"))
```

`terrestrial.seasons` *Terrestrial Season Categories*

Description

Return category labels for the seasons on Earth.

Usage

```
terrestrial.seasons
```

Format

```
chr [1:4] "Winter" "Spring" "Summer" "Autumn"
```

Details

These are category names corresponding to the seasons of the planet Earth.

Examples

```
print(terrestrial.seasons)
```

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