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1. Gravity Anomalies

Bouguer Anomalies. Free Air Anomalies.

Gravity is the force which pulls and holds objects on the earth's surface. It is a resultant force formed by the interaction of universal gravitation operating between an object and the whole earth, and the centrifugal force generated by terrestrial rotation.

Gravity varies from place to place on the earth due to the inequality of internal terrestrial structures, differences in latitude and altitude at each point measured, and also because the earth is not completely spherical. The difference between the corrected value obtained from the observed gravity value and the value of normal gravity derived by calculation is called a gravity anomaly. The internal structure of the earth can be estimated from gravity anomalies.

Considering the regional state of gravity anomalies, free air anomalies show that the belts of negative gravity anomaly appear noticeably on the side of ocean trenches and adjacent land, while positive gravity anomalies largely appear near high mountains corresponding to land contours. Bouguer Anomalies indicate that the belts of negative gravity anomaly appear most noticeably in the mountains of the Tyūbu area.

[Salient Points of the Legend and Map Compilation]

Free Air Anomalies: the difference between the value obtained after carrying out free air reduction on the actually measured value of gravitation, and the value for normal gravity. Free air reduction is carried out to determine the gravitation value on the sea's surface, assuming that no object lies between it and the point of measurement. It is known from calculations that gravity decreases 0.3086mgal per 1m of altitude. As the marine gravity measurement is taken on the surface of the sea, the difference between the actual value measured and normal gravity is the free air anomaly.

Measurements were taken between 1952–1969 in the case of land measurement, and 1962–1988 in the case of marine measurement.

Bouguer Anomalies: strictly speaking, this refers to the difference between normal gravity and the value resulting after free air reduction, Bouguer correction and topographic correction have been carried out on the actually measured value of gravity; on this map, however, topographic correction was omitted. Bouguer correction is carried out to remove the influence of objects existing between the measuring point and the sea surface. The calculation is carried out assuming the density of objects on the sea surface is 2.67g/cm³. It is considered that Bouguer Anomalies simply reflect the distribution of density inside the earth.

Measurements were carried out between 1952–1969.

All units are mgal (10⁻³cm/S²)

2. Geomagnetism

Total Intensity. Horizontal Intensity. Declination. Inclination.

If a magnetic needle is suspended so that it can rotate freely at a given point on the earth's surface, it will point in one direction. This means the magnetic field (geomagnetic field) is formed near the surface of the earth.

The force of the geomagnetic field is called total intensity; the horizontal

component is called horizontal intensity and the vertical component is called vertical intensity. The angle formed by the direction of the geomagnetic field and the horizontal plane is called inclination, and the angle formed by the direction of horizontal component and the meridian is called declination. In order to determine the geomagnetic field, which is a vectorial quantity, three independent components are necessary, generally, horizontal component declination and inclination.

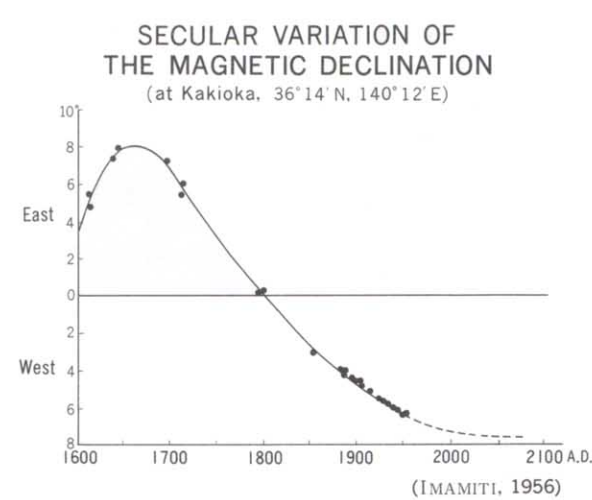
Declination shows the difference between north (magnetic north), indicated by the magnetic needle, and the true north. Those who survey or navigate at sea must know the value of declination before measuring the azimuth by compass. The compass used most commonly is made with the magnetic needle horizontal and inclination cannot be determined with it. Around Japan, the declination is westward and the inclination deviates northward.

As the geomagnetic field is continuously changing, it is necessary to conduct an epoch reduction of the values measured at different times for an analysis of the geographical distribution of factors of magnetism. This adjustment is carried out using records from the Magnetic Observatory, Japan Meteorological Agency, and the Kanōzan Geodetic Observatory, Geographical Survey Institute, where continuous observation is conducted.

Both regional anomalies whose wave length amounts to several thousand kilometers and local anomalies on a smaller scale are seen in the geomagnetic field. The local anomalies are caused by underground structure and the nature of rocks. The local anomalies are commonly seen in volcanic areas and around iron ore deposits. Magnetic prospecting is a method of prospecting which utilizes this characteristic.

[Salient Points of the Legend and Map Compilation]

The Geographical Survey Institute has been regularly conducting magnetic surveys, setting up approximately one hundred first order magnetic points and eight hundred second order magnetic points all over Japan. A variety of observations are conducted by the Japan Meteorological Agency, the Maritime Safety Agency and universities.



The black isopleth on this map was drawn based on all available data, including measurements from the first and second order magnetic points, excepting isolated points of magnetic anomalies.

As the magnetic anomalies seen in Izu-Hantō and Izu-Sititō are extremely large, a section or the whole isopleth was omitted.

The red isopleth was determined largely from calculations carried out on the survey results from the first order magnetic points and shows the average distribution of each component.

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