

Region A contains all the stars ($N_A = 249$) of the northern part of the sky and of the zodiac which are located on the side of the Milky Way containing the point of the spring equinox.

Region B is a similar region ($N_B = 262$) located on the other side of the Milky Way.

Region Zod A contains all the zodiacal stars ($N_{\text{Zod } A} = 124$) from region *A* and consists of six constellations: Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpius.

Region Zod B contains all the zodiacal stars ($N_{\text{Zod } B} = 168$) from region *B*.

Region C contains all the southern stars ($N_C = 116$) located on the same side of the Milky Way as region *A*.

Region D contains all the southern stars ($N_D = 143$) located on the same side of the Milky Way as region *B*.

Region M is the Milky Way ($N_M = 94$).

More details are found in Table 2.

Table 2

Region (G)	Baily's number of stars in a region before cleaning up the catalogue	Total number of stars in a region after cleaning up the catalogue
<i>A</i>	1-158, 424-569	249
<i>B</i>	286-423, 570-711	262
<i>C</i>	847-997	116
<i>D</i>	712-846, 998-1028	143
<i>M</i>	159-285	94
Zod <i>A</i>	424-569	124
Zod <i>B</i>	362-423, 570-711	168

Let us consider a "large" group of stars R and determine the parameters $\hat{\gamma}_R$ and $\hat{\varphi}_R$ using the above relation (4) where one should replace G by R .

THEOREM 1. *Let us suppose that for all stars $i \in R$, the parameters γ_i and φ_i are equal for all i (see (1) and (2)) and coincide with γ_R and φ_R , respectively. Then the values $\hat{\gamma}_R$ and $\hat{\varphi}_R$ have the following properties:*

(1) $\hat{\gamma}_R$ is a nonbiased estimate of the value γ_R having a normal distribution with a variation

$$\delta^2(\hat{\gamma}_R) = d[N_R(s_{20} \cos^2 \varphi_R + 2d_0 \cos \varphi_R \sin \varphi_R + c_{20} \sin^2 \varphi_R)]^{-1},$$