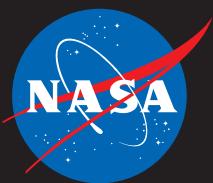




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Documentation Overview

Welcome, and thank you for using GMAT! This User Guide contains a wealth of material to introduce you to GMAT and how it works. It also provides an extensive Reference Guide that contains data on every Resource, Command, and major subcomponent in the system.

Using GMAT

The [Using GMAT](#) chapter contains high level and introductory information on the system. If you need information on how to install and run the system, would like a tour of the system, want know how to configure data files, or how GMAT is organized, start here.

The [Using GMAT](#) section provides general information on GMAT and how to use the software.

The [Welcome to GMAT](#) contains a brief project and software overview, including project status, licensing, and contributors.

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Note



We consider the [User Interfaces Overview](#) section to be essential reading, as it describes some fundamental aspects of how GMAT works.

Tutorials

The [Tutorials](#) section contains in-depth tutorials that show you how to use GMAT for end-to-end analysis. The tutorials are designed to teach you how to use GMAT in the context of performing real-world analysis and are intended to take between 30 minutes and several hours to complete. Each tutorial has a difficulty level and an approximate duration listed with any prerequisites in its introduction, and are arranged in a general order of difficulty.

Here is a summary of selected Tutorials. For a complete list of tutorials see the [Tutorials](#) chapter.

The [Simulating an Orbit](#) tutorial is the first tutorial you should take to learn how to use GMAT to solve mission design problems. You will learn how to specify an orbit and propagate to orbit periapsis.

The [Mars B-Plane Targeting](#) tutorial shows how to perform targeting by application to a Mars transfer trajectory where you will target desired B-plane conditions at Mars.

The [Target Finite Burn to Raise Apogee](#) tutorial shows how to use finite maneuvers with an application to orbit apogee raising.

The [Finding Eclipses and Station Contacts](#) tutorial shows how to use GMAT to locate eclipses and station contacts.

The [Electric Propulsion](#) tutorial shows how to configure GMAT to model electric propulsion systems.

The [Mars B-Plane Targeting Using GMAT Functions](#) tutorial shows how to use GMAT functions to extend your analysis.

Reference Guide

The [Reference Guide](#) contains individual topics that describe each of GMAT's resources and commands. When you need detailed information on syntax or application-specific examples for specific features, go here. It also includes system-level references that describe the script language syntax, parameter listings, external interfaces, and configuration files.

The [Resources](#) section provides general information on GMAT Resources such as **Spacecraft**, **Propagators**, **Coordinate Systems**, and **EphemerisFiles** to name just a few. Go here for details regarding syntax, options, variable ranges and data types, defaults, and expected behavior. Each section contains detailed, copy-and-paste ready examples.

The [Commands](#) section provides general information on GMAT Commands such as **Maneuver**, **Assignment**, **Optimize**, and **Propagate** to name just a few. Go here for details regarding syntax, options, variable ranges and data types, defaults, and expected behavior. Each section contains detailed, copy-and-paste ready examples.

The [System](#) section provides information on system configuration, external interfaces, the script language, and the command line interface.



Note

This document uses two typographical conventions throughout:

- Graphical user interface (GUI) elements and resource and command names are presented in **bold**.
- Filenames, script examples, and user input are presented in **monospace**.

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Welcome to GMAT

The General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT) is the world's only enterprise, multi-mission, open source software system for space mission design, optimization, and navigation. The system supports missions in flight regimes ranging from low Earth orbit to lunar, libration point, and deep space missions. GMAT is developed by a team of NASA, private industry, public, and private contributors and is used for real-world mission support, engineering studies, as a tool for education, and public engagement.

Features Overview

GMAT is a feature rich system containing high fidelity space system models, optimization and targeting, built in scripting and programming infrastructure, and customizable plots, reports and data products, to enable flexible analysis and solutions for custom and unique applications. GMAT can be driven from a fully featured, interactive GUI or from a custom script language. Here are some of GMAT's key features broken down by feature group.

Dynamics and Environment Modelling

- High fidelity dynamics models including harmonic gravity, drag, tides, and relativistic corrections
- High fidelity spacecraft modeling
- Formations and constellations
- Impulsive and finite maneuver modeling and optimization
- Propulsion system modeling including chemical and electric systems
- Solar System modeling including high fidelity ephemerides, custom celestial bodies, libration points, and barycenters
- Rich set of coordinate system including J2000, ICRF, fixed, rotating, topocentric, and many others
- SPICE kernel propagation
- Propagators that naturally synchronize epochs of multiple vehicles and avoid fixed step integration and interpolation

Plotting, Reporting and Product Generation

- Interactive 3-D graphics
- Customizable data plots and reports
- Post computation animation
- CCSDS, SPK, and Code-500 ephemeris generation
- Eclipse and station contact location

Optimization and Targeting

- Boundary value targeters
- Nonlinear, constrained optimization
- Custom, scriptable cost functions
- Custom, scriptable nonlinear equality and inequality constraint functions
- Custom targeter controls and constraints

Programming Infrastructure

- User defined variables, arrays, and strings

- User defined equations using MATLAB syntax. (i.e. overloaded array operation)
- Control flow such as If, For, and While loops for custom applications
- Matlab interface
- Python interface
- User-defined functions (sub-routines)
- Built in parameters and calculations in multiple coordinate systems

Interfaces

- Fully featured, interactive GUI that makes simple analysis quick and easy
- Custom scripting language that makes complex, custom analysis possible
- Matlab interface for custom external simulations and calculations
- Python interface for custom external simulations and calculations
- File interface for the TCOPS Vector Hold File format, for loading of initial spacecraft data
- Command line interface for batch analysis

Heritage

GMAT has enabled and enhanced missions in nearly every NASA flight regime including enabling new mission types, extending the life of existing missions, and enabling new science observations. GMAT has supported 8 NASA missions and 8 NASA proposal efforts. The system has experienced broad application and adoption around the world. To date, GMAT has been used by over 30 organizations, with 15 universities and 12 commercial firms publishing results in the open literature.

Licensing

GMAT is licensed under the Apache License 2.0.

Platform Support

GMAT has been rigorously tested on the Windows 7 platform and we perform nightly regression tests running almost 13,000 test cases for the system core and over 4000 test cases for the GUI interface.

For release R2015a, we have only addressed issues on Mac and Linux that also occur on the Windows 7 platform. We are currently addressing the few remaining critical issues on Mac and Linux and will release production quality console builds on those platforms soon after the Windows release of R2015a.

Contributors

The Navigation and Mission Design Branch at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center performs project management activities and is involved in most phases of the development process including requirements, algorithms, design, and testing. The Ground Software Systems Branch performs design, implementation, and integration testing. External participants contribute to design, implementation, testing and documentation. We use a collaborative development model that enables innovation and actively involves the public and private sector having seen contributions from 12 commercial firms. External participants for R2015a include:

- Thinking Systems, Inc. (system architecture and all aspects of development)
- Omitron, Inc (testing)
- Emergent Space Technologies, Inc.

- Korea Aerospace Research Institute
- Chonbuk National University, South Korea
- Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
- Yonsei University, South Korea

Past commercial and external contributors to GMAT include:

- Air Force Research Lab (all aspects of development)
- Boeing (algorithms and testing)
- The Schafer Corporation (all aspects of development)
- Honeywell Technology Solutions (testing)
- Computer Sciences Corporation (requirements)

The NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) has provided funding for integration of the SPICE toolkit into GMAT. Additionally, the European Space Agency's (ESA) Advanced Concepts team has developed optimizer plug-ins for the Non-Linear Programming (NLP) solvers SNOPT (Sparse Nonlinear OPTimizer) and IPOPT (Interior Point OPTimizer).

Getting Started

Installation

Installers and application bundles are available on the GMAT SourceForge project page, located at <https://sourceforge.net/projects/gmat>.

The following packages are available for the major platforms:

	Installer	Binary bundle	Source code
Windows (XP, Vista, 7)	✓	✓	✓
Mac OS X			✓
Linux			✓

Installer

To use the Windows installer, download the appropriate `gmat-winInstaller-*.exe` file from the SourceForge download page and run it. You'll be asked a series of questions, and GMAT will be installed to your local user account.

By default, GMAT installs to the `%LOCALAPPDATA%` folder in your user directory, and does not require elevated privileges to install. On Windows Vista and Windows 7, this generally corresponds to the `C:\Users\username\AppData\Local` folder. You are free to choose another install location during the installation process, but elevated privileges may be required to do so.

Binary Bundle

A binary bundle is available on Windows as a `.zip` archive. To use it, unzip it anywhere in your file system, making sure to keep the folder structure intact. To run GMAT, run the `GMAT\bin\GMAT.exe` executable in the extracted folder.

Source Code

GMAT is available as a platform-independent source code bundle. Note that all testing is performed on Windows, so on other platforms it is considered a beta release. See the [GMAT Wiki](#) for compiling instructions.

Rather than compiling from the source bundle, however, we generally recommend checking out a snapshot from the Subversion repository:

```
svn://svn.code.sf.net/p/gmat/code
```

There are tags available for each release.

Running GMAT

Starting GMAT

On Microsoft Windows platforms there are several ways to start a GMAT session. If you used the GMAT installer, you can click the **GMAT R2015a** item in the **Start** menu. If you installed GMAT

from a **.zip** file or by compiling the system, locate the GMAT **bin** directory double-click **GMAT.exe**.

To start GMAT from the command line, run **GMAT.exe**. Various command-line parameters are available; see [Command-Line Usage](#) for details.

Exiting GMAT

To end a GMAT session on Windows or Linux, in the menu bar, click **File**, then click **Exit**. On Mac OS X, in the menu bar, click **GMAT**, then click **Quit GMAT**, or type **Command+Q**.

Sample Missions

The GMAT distribution includes more than 30 sample missions. These samples show how to apply GMAT to problems ranging from the Hohmann transfer to libration point station-keeping to trajectory optimization. To locate and run a sample mission:

1. Open GMAT.
2. On the toolbar click **Open**.
3. Navigate to the **samples** folder located in the GMAT root directory.
4. Double-click a script file of your choice.
5. Click **Run** (▶).

To run optimization missions, you will need MATLAB and the MATLAB Optimization Toolbox or the internal **libVF13Optimizer** plugin. These are proprietary libraries and are not distributed with GMAT. MATLAB connectivity is not yet fully supported in the Mac and Linux, and therefore you cannot run optimization missions that use MATLAB's **fmincon** optimizer on those platforms. See [MATLAB Interface](#) for details on configuring the MATLAB optimizer.

Getting Help

This User Guide provides documentation and tutorials for all of GMAT's features. But if you have further questions, or want to provide feedback, here are some additional resources:

- Homepage: <http://gmat.gsfc.nasa.gov>
- Wiki: <http://gmatcentral.org>
- User forums: <http://forums.gmatcentral.org>
- Downloads and source code: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/gmat>
- Submit bug reports and feature requests: <http://bugs.gmatcentral.org>
- Official contact: <gmat@gfsc.nasa.gov>

Tour of GMAT

User Interfaces Overview

GMAT offers multiple ways to design and execute your mission. The two primary interfaces are the graphical user interface (GUI) and the script interface. These interfaces are interchangeable and each supports most of the functionality available in GMAT. When you work in the script interface, you are working in GMAT's custom script language. To avoid issues such as circular dependencies, there are some basic rules you must follow. Below, we discuss these interfaces and then discuss the basic rules and best practices for working in each interface.

GUI Overview

When you start a session, the GMAT desktop is displayed with a default mission already loaded. The GMAT desktop has a native look and feel on each platform and most desktop components are supported on all platforms.

Windows GUI

When you open GMAT on Windows and click **Run** in the Toolbar, GMAT executes the default mission as shown in the figure below. The tools listed below the figure are available in the GMAT desktop.

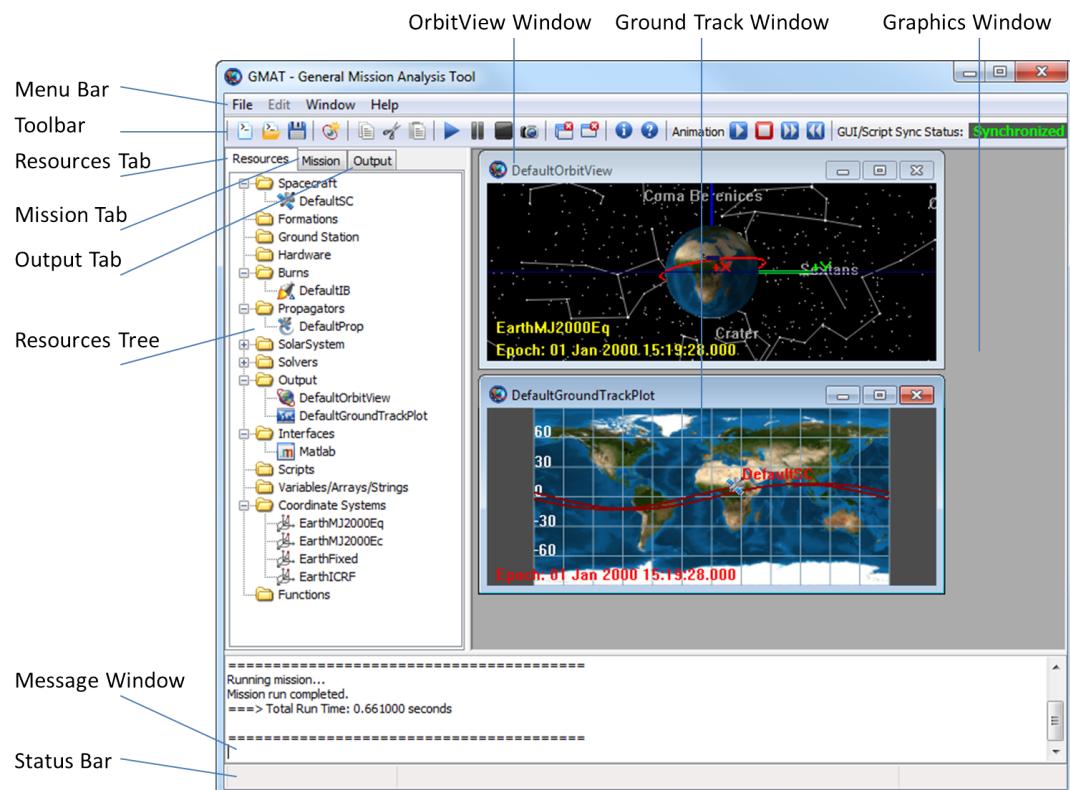


Figure 1. GMAT Desktop (Windows)

Menu Bar

The menu bar contains **File**, **Edit**, **Window** and **Help** functionality.

On Windows, the **File** menu contains standard **Open**, **Save**, **Save As**, and **Exit** functionality as well as **Open Recent**. The **Edit** menu con-

tains functionality for script editing when the script editor is active. The **Window** menu contains tools for organizing graphics windows and the script editor within the GMAT desktop. Examples include the ability to **Tile** windows, **Cascade** windows and **Close** windows. The Help menu contains links to **Online Help**, **Tutorials**, **Forums**, and the **Report An Issue** option links to GMAT's defect reporting system, the **Welcome Page**, and a **Provide Feedback** link.

Toolbar

The toolbar provides easy access to frequently used controls such as file controls, **Run**, **Pause**, and **Stop** for mission execution, and controls for graphics animation. On Windows and Linux, the toolbar is located at the top of the GMAT window; on the Mac, it is located on the left of the GMAT frame. Because the toolbar is vertical on the Mac, some toolbar options are abbreviated.

GMAT allows you to simultaneously edit the raw script file representation of your mission and the GUI representation of your mission. It is possible to make inconsistent changes in these mission representations. The **GUI/Script Sync Status** indicator located in the toolbar shows you the state of the two mission representations. See the [the section called “GUI/Script Interactions and Synchronization”](#) section for further discussion.

Resources Tab

The **Resources** tab brings the **Resources** tree to the foreground of the desktop.

Resources Tree

The **Resources** tree displays all configured GMAT resources and organizes them into logical groups. All objects created in a GMAT script using a **Create** command are found in the **Resources** tree in the GMAT desktop.

Mission Tab

The **Mission** tab brings the Mission Tree to the foreground of the desktop.

Mission Tree

The **Mission** tree displays GMAT commands that control the time-ordered sequence of events in a mission. The **Mission** tree contains all script lines that occur after the **BeginMissionSequence** command in a GMAT script. You can undock the **Mission** tree as shown in the figure below by right-clicking on the **Mission** tab and dragging it into the graphics window. You can also follow these steps:

1. Click on the **Mission** tab to bring the **Mission** Tree to the foreground.
2. Right-click on the **Mission Sequence** folder in the **Mission** tree and select **Undock Mission Tree** in the menu.

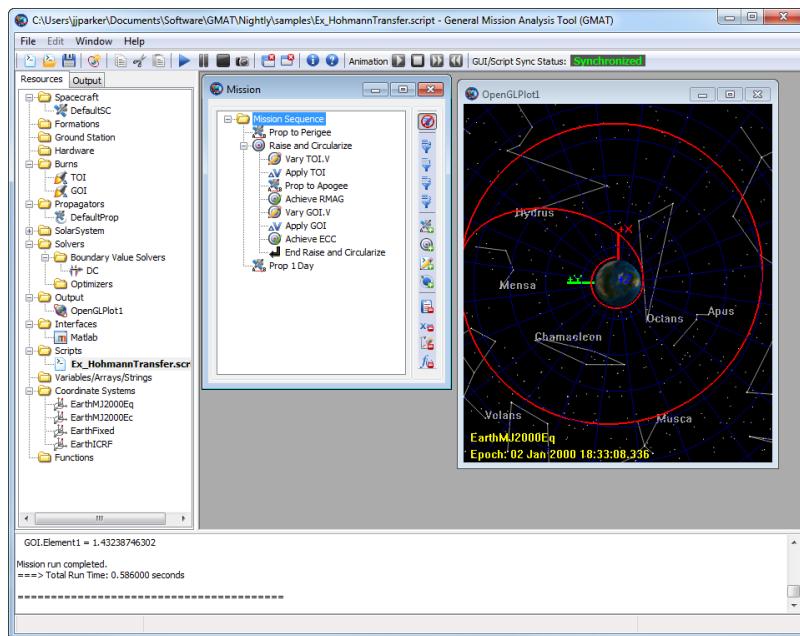


Figure 2. Undocked Mission Tree

Output Tab

The **Output** tab brings the Output Tree to the foreground of the desktop.

Output Tree

The **Output** tree contains GMAT output such as report files and graphical displays.

Message Window

When you run a mission in GMAT, information including warnings, errors, and progress are written to the message window. For example, if there is a syntax error in a script file, a detailed error message is written to the message window.

Status Bar

The status bar contains various informational messages about the state of the GUI. When a mission is running, a **Busy** indicator will appear in the left pane. The center pane displays the latitude and longitude of the mouse cursor as it moves over a ground track window.

Script Interface Overview

The GMAT script editor is a textual interface that lets you directly edit your mission in GMAT's built-in scripting language. In [Figure 3](#) below, the script editor is shown maximized in the GMAT desktop and the items relevant to script editing are labeled.

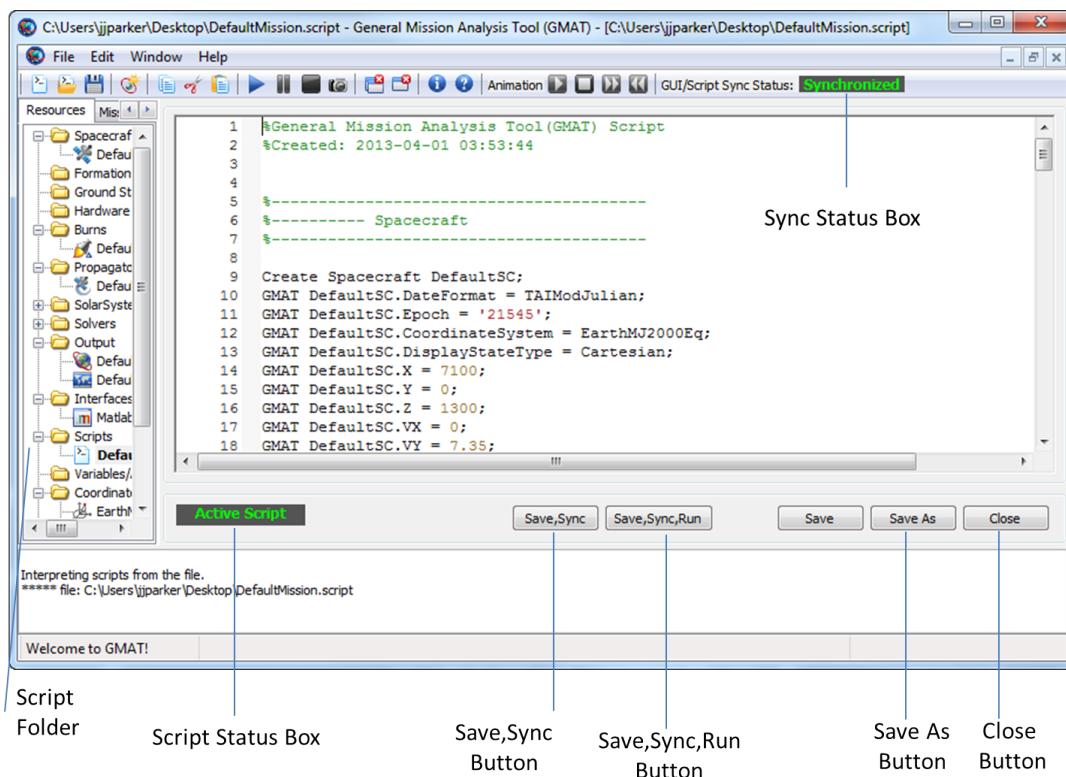


Figure 3. GMAT Script Editor

Scripts Folder

The GMAT desktop allows you to have multiple script files open simultaneously. Open script files are displayed in the **Scripts** folder in the **Resources** tree. Double click on a script in the **Scripts** folder to open it in the script editor. The GMAT desktop displays each script in a separate script editor. GMAT indicates the script currently represented in the GUI with a boldface name. Only one script can be loaded into the GUI at a time.

Script Status Box

The **Script Status** box indicates whether or not the script being edited is loaded in the GUI. The box says **Active Script** for the script currently represented in the GUI and **Inactive Script** for all others.

Save,Sync Button

The **Save,Sync** button saves any script file changes to disk, makes the script active, and synchronizes the GUI with the script.

Save,Sync,Run Button

The **Save,Sync,Run** button saves any script file changes to disk, makes the script active, synchronizes the GUI with the script, and executes the script.

Save As Button

When you click **Save As**, GMAT displays the **Choose A File** dialog box and allows you to save the script using a new file name. After saving, GMAT loads the script into the GUI, making the new file the active script.

Close

The **Close** button closes the script editor.

GUI/Script Interface Interactions and Rules

The GMAT desktop supports both a script interface and a GUI interface and these interfaces are designed to be consistent with each other. You can think of the script and GUI as different

"views" of the same data: the resources and the mission command sequence. GMAT allows you to switch between views (script and GUI) and have the same view open in an editable state simultaneously. Below we describe the behavior, interactions, and rules of the script and GUI interfaces so you can avoid confusion and potential loss of data.

GUI/Script Interactions and Synchronization

GMAT allows you to simultaneously edit both the script file representation and the GUI representation of your mission. It is possible to make inconsistent changes in these representations. The **GUI/Script Sync Status** window located in the toolbar indicates the state of the two representations. On the Mac, the status is indicated in abbreviated form in the left-hand toolbar. **Synchronized** (green) indicates that the script and GUI contain the same information. **GUI Modified** (yellow) indicates that there are changes in the GUI that have not been saved to the script. **Script Modified** (yellow) indicates that there are changes in the script that have not been loaded into the GUI. **Unsynchronized** (red) indicates that there are changes in both the script and the GUI.

Caution



GMAT will not attempt to merge or resolve simultaneous changes in the Script and GUI and you must choose which representation to save if you have made changes in both interfaces.

The **Save** button in the toolbar saves the GUI representation over the script. The **Save,Sync** button on the script editor saves the script representation and loads it into the GUI.

How the GUI Maps to a Script

Clicking the **Save** button in the toolbar saves the GUI representation to the script file; this is the same file you edit when working in the script editor. GUI items that appear in the **Resources** tree appear before the **BeginMissionSequence** command in a script file and are written in a predefined order. GUI items that appear in the Mission Tree appear after the **BeginMissionSequence** command in a script file in the same order as they appear in the GUI.

Caution



If you have a script file that has custom formatting such as spacing and data organization, you should work exclusively in the script. If you load your script into the GUI, then click **Save** in the toolbar, you will lose the formatting of your script. (You will not, however, lose the data.)

How the Script Maps to the GUI

Clicking the **Save,Sync** button on the script editor saves the script representation and loads it into the GUI. When you work in a GMAT script, you work in the raw file that GMAT reads and writes. Each script file must contain a command called **BeginMissionSequence**. Script lines that appear before the **BeginMissionSequence** command create and configure models and this data will appear in the **Resources** tree in the GUI. Script lines that appear after the **BeginMissionSequence** command define your mission sequence and appear in the **Mission** tree in the GUI. Here is a brief script example to illustrate:

```
Create Spacecraft Sat
```

```
Sat.X = 3000  
BeginMissionSequence  
Sat.X = 1000
```

The line **Sat.X = 3000** sets the x-component of the Cartesian state to 3000; this value will appear on the **Orbit** tab of the **Spacecraft** dialog box. However, because the line **Sat.X = 1000** appears after the **BeginMissionSequence** command, the line **Sat.X = 1000** will appear as an assignment command in the **Mission** tree in the GUI.

Basic Script Syntax Rules

- Each script file must contain one and only one **BeginMissionSequence** command.
- GMAT commands are not allowed before the **BeginMissionSequence** command.
- You cannot use inline math statements (equations) before the **BeginMissionSequence** command in a script file. (GMAT considers in-line math statements to be an assignment command. You cannot use equations in the **Resources** tree, so you also cannot use equations before the **BeginMissionSequence** command.)
- In the GUI, you can only use in-line math statements in an assignment command. So, you cannot type **3000 + 4000** or **Sat.Y - 8** in the text box for setting a spacecraft's dry mass.
- GMAT's script language is case-sensitive.

For a more complete discussion of GMAT's script language, see the [Script Language](#) documentation.

Resources Tree

The Resources tree displays GMAT resources and organizes them into logical groups and represents any objects that might be used or called in the Mission tree. This tree allows a user to add, edit, rename, or delete most available resources. The Resources tree can be edited either in the GMAT GUI or by loading or syncing a script file. All objects created in a GMAT script using a **Create** command are found in the Resources tree in the GMAT desktop. The default Resource tree is displayed below ([Figure 4](#)).

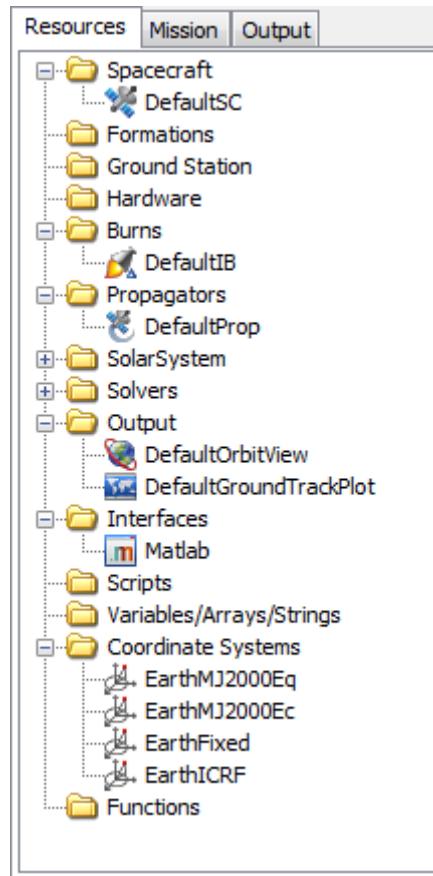


Figure 4. Default Resources tree

Organization

The Resources tree displays created resources organized into folders by object category. The **SolarSystem** and **Solvers** folders contain more specific folders which can be found by clicking the expand (+) icon. Conversely, folders can be collapsed by clicking the minimize (-) icon.

Folder Menus

Resources can be added by right clicking the folder of the resource and clicking the resource type from the available menu. Most folders have only one available resource type; for example if the **Spacecraft** folder is right-clicked, the user can only click “**Add Spacecraft**” (Figure 5). Other folders have multiple objects that can be added and the user must first select the “**Add**” menu before selecting the object; for example to add a **ChemicalTank**, right click the “**Hardware**” folder, select “**Add**”, then the list of available resource types is displayed and the user can click “**Fuel Tank**” (Figure 6). User-defined solar system resources are added by right-clicking either **Sun** or a default **CelestialBody** resource. By right-clicking **Sun** the user can add a **Planet**, **Comet**, or **Asteroid** to the solar system. By right-clicking a **Planet** the user can add a **Moon** to that **Planet**.

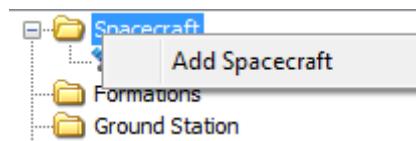


Figure 5. Folder menu for Spacecraft

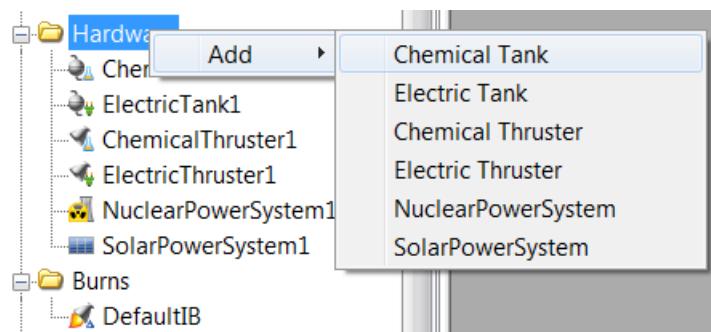


Figure 6. Folder menu for Hardware

Resource Menus

Resources can be edited by right-clicking on the resources and selecting one of the options from the menu (Figure 7).

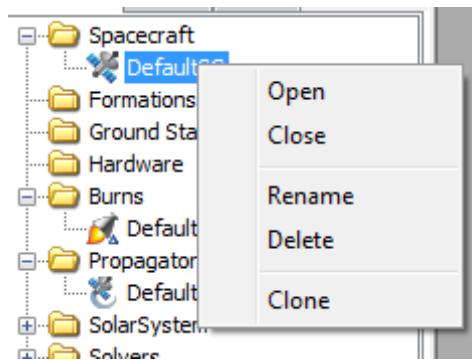


Figure 7. Resource menu

Open/Close

To open a resource, you can either right-click the resource and select “**Open**”, or you can double click the resource. Conversely, the resource can be closed either by options in the resource properties window or selecting “**Close**” from the resource menu. When a resource is opened and the name is right-clicked in the Resource tree, the only options in the object menu are “**Open**” and “**Close**”.

Rename

Once a resource has been created, the user can rename it to any valid name. Valid names must begin with a letter and may be followed by any combination of letters digits and underscores. Invalid names include:

- Folder names (eg, **Spacecraft**)
- Command names (eg, **Propagate**)
- Names already in use (eg, naming two variables “**var**”)
- Keywords (eg, “**GMAT**” or “**function**”)
- Names with spaces

Delete

Resources can be deleted by right clicking the object and selecting “**Delete**”. Resources cannot be deleted if they are used by another resource or command and an error will be

thrown. For example, a **Spacecraft** resource cannot be deleted if one of its properties (eg. **DefaultSC.A1ModJulian**) is being used by the **Report** command. Some default objects cannot be deleted. In such cases, the **Delete** menu item will not be shown. They include:

- Default coordinate systems
 - **EarthMJ2000Eq**
 - **EarthMJ2000Ec**
 - **EarthFixed**
 - **EarthICRF**
- Default planetary bodies
 - **Sun**
 - **Mercury**
 - **Venus**
 - **Earth**
 - **Luna**
 - **Mars**
 - **Jupiter**
 - **Saturn**
 - **Uranus**
 - **Neptune**
 - **Pluto**

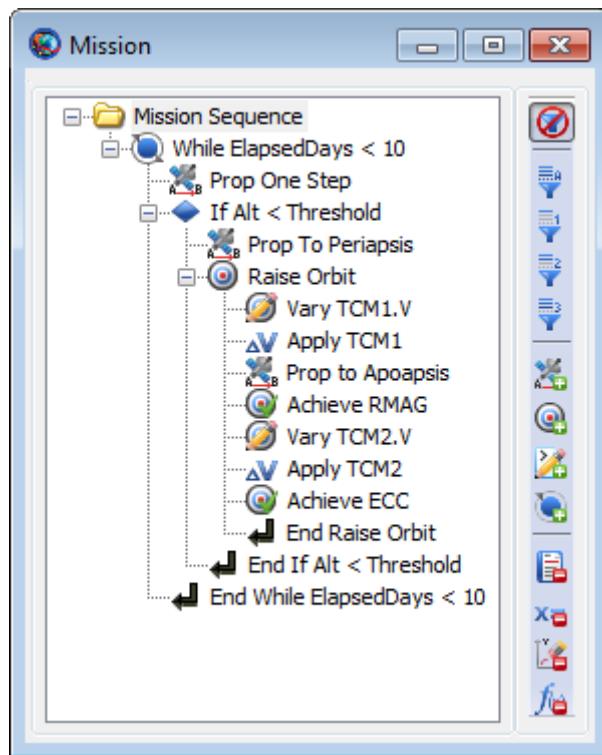
Clone

Objects can be cloned by selecting the “**Clone**” option in the menu. A cloned object will be an exact copy of the original object with a different name. Some objects cannot be cloned. In such cases, the **Clone** menu item will not be available. The only objects that cannot be cloned are:

- Default coordinate systems (listed above)
- Default planetary bodies (listed above)
- **Propagator** resource objects

Mission Tree

The Mission Tree is an ordered, hierarchical, display of your GMAT script command mission sequence (everything after the **BeginMissionSequence** in your script). It represents the ordered list of commands to be executed to model your mission. The hierarchical grouping in the mission tree represent commands that are executed inside a control logic command, e.g., **If**, **For**, **While**, etc. The mission tree allows you to add, edit, delete and rename commands. It allows you to configure or filter the display of the commands in the Mission Tree to make the command execution easier to understand or modify. An example Mission Tree screenshot is below. The Mission Tree window is made up of 2 elements: the Mission Sequence on the left and the view filters toolbar on the right.



Warning

Edits to the Mission Tree will be reflected in your script after it is synchronized and vice-versa. If you edit the Mission Tree, you need to synchronize with the script to see it in the script editor. If you edit the script, you need to synchronize with the GUI to see your changes reflected in the Mission Tree.

Mission Tree Display

The Mission Tree Display shows your hierarchical, ordered list of commands. Normally, the Mission Tree displays only the command name in the tree for each command node (more information such as command type, construction information, etc can be displayed using the **Show Detail** menu option). Commands are executed in the order they appear, e.g., GMAT executes commands from the top of the Mission Tree to the bottom. For control logic (**If**, **For**, and **While**) and the **Optimize** and **Target** commands, you can define a block of commands that execute as children of the parent command. These child commands of the control logic or the **Optimize** and **Target** commands appear indented. Use the plus (+) symbol to the left of the control logic command to show all the grouped commands and the minus (-) symbol to hide all the grouped commands. Commands that are grouped under control logic commands (e.g. **If**, **For**, and **While**) only execute if that control logic command is successfully executed (e.g., if the local expression evaluates to true for **If** command, or the loop condition evaluates to true for **For** and **While** commands).

In general, commands are executed only once. However, child commands grouped under the loop commands (e.g. **For** and **While**) may execute multiple times. These commands will execute for each time the loop command evaluates to true. Commands under the **If** commands are only executed if the **If** condition evaluates to true; otherwise, they are skipped. For the **If-Else** command, child commands grouped under the **If** portion of the command execute if the conditional statement evaluates to true; otherwise, the child commands grouped under the **Else** portion of the command execute.



Note

Note that all commands in the Mission Tree are grouped under a special **Mission Sequence** home item. This home item is always present as the first item in the Mission Tree and cannot be deleted.

View Filters Toolbar

The Mission Tree may display a subset of the commands of the full mission sequence based on your view filter options. There are 3 basic filtering options available within GMAT:

- Filter by branch level
- Filter by command types (inclusive)
- Filter by command types (exclusive)

The view filters activate by clicking one of the view filter buttons to the right of the Mission Tree. The pressed (pushed in) button indicates which filter is currently enabled. The four buttons on the top are the Filter by branch level buttons. The next four buttons in the middle are the inclusive filter-by-command-types buttons, and the four buttons on the bottom are the exclusive filter-by-command-types buttons. The button at the very bottom of the view filters toolbar allows you to define a custom filter. You cannot combine filter-by-branch-level filters with the filter-by-command-type filters nor combine inclusive and exclusive command type filters. However, multiple inclusive command type filters can be combined (e.g., filter both physics related and solver related commands) or multiple exclusive command type filters can be combined.



Note

Note that all parents of a viewable command are displayed, even if the parent command is not part of the viewable command set.

Also note that the Mission Tree automatically reconfigures to show all commands when the user Appends or Inserts a new command.

Filter by Branch Level

Filtering by branch level causes GMAT to not display commands in the mission tree that are below a certain level. To select the number of levels you wish to display, click the buttons on the top. The four buttons correspond to (from top to bottom):

- Show all branches
- Show one level of branching
- Show two levels of branching
- Show three levels of branching

Only one filter-by-branch-level button may be active at a time. The default GMAT behavior is to display all branches of a mission tree.

Filter by Command Types

GMAT allows you to filter what commands are displayed by their command type. You may select to only display commands that are in a filter command type set (inclusive) or only display

commands that are not in a filter command type set (exclusive). GMAT provides both pre-configured command type sets (e.g., physics related or output related) and custom command type sets that you define

The four middle buttons in the View Options toolbar are pre-configured inclusive command filters, e.g., only display commands that are in the desired command set. The four inclusive filter buttons correspond to (from top to bottom):

- Physics Related (**Propagate**, **Maneuver**, **BeginFiniteBurn**, and **EndFiniteBurn**)
- Solver Related (**Target**, **Optimize**, **Vary**, **Achieve**, **NonlinearConstraint**, **Minimize**, **End-Target**, **EndOptimize**)
- **ScriptEvent** commands
- Control Flow (**If**, **If-Else**, **For**, and **While**)

Multiple inclusive command type filters can be active at once. For example, to filter both physics related and solver related commands, click both the physics-related and solver-related filter buttons so that they appear pressed down. This option will show all physics related and solver related commands and hide all other commands (except Parents of the viewable commands)).

The four buttons at the bottom in the View Options toolbar are pre-configured exclusive command filters, e.g., only display commands that are not in the command set. The four exclusive filter buttons correspond to (from top to bottom):

- **Report**
- **Equation**
- Output-related (**Report**, **Toggle**, **PenUp**, **PenDown**, **MarkPoint**, and **ClearPlot**)
- Function calls (**CallMatlabFunction**)

Multiple exclusive command type filters can be active at once. For example, to show everything but **Report** and output-related commands, click both the **Report** and output-related filter buttons so that they appear pressed down.

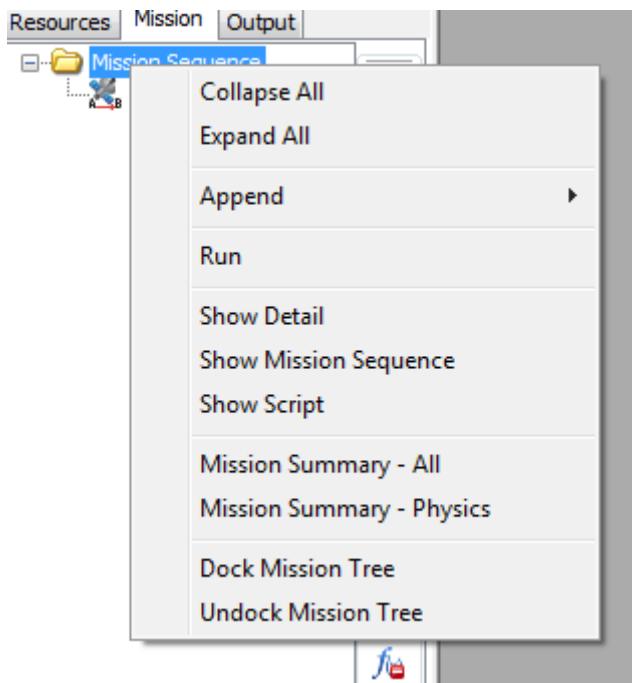


Note

Note that the Mission Tree shows an ellipsis (...) after a command name if the command is followed by items not graphically displayed in the tree because of filter options.

Mission Sequence Menu

The Mission Tree has two context-sensitive popup menus, depending on whether you right-click the **Mission Sequence** home item or a command in the Mission Tree. The **Mission Sequence** popup menu primarily allows you to manipulate the Mission Tree window and the entire command sequence. It also enables appending (adding to the end) commands to the mission tree.



Mission Sequence menu options are always available and active in the menu list.

Mission Sequence Menu Options:

Collapse All

This menu option collapses all the branches in the Mission Tree so that you only see the top-level commands. To show branches, click the plus (+) button next to a command or select **Expand All** from the **Mission Sequence** popup menu.

Expand All

This menu option expands all the branches and sub-branches in the Mission Tree so that you see every command in the mission sequence. To hide branches, click the minus (-) button next to a command or select **Collapse All** from the **Mission Sequence** popup menu.

Append

The **Append** menu option displays the submenu of commands that can be appended to the mission sequence. This menu is not available when the Mission Tree view is filtered.

Run

The **Run** menu option executes the mission command sequence. This menu option is always available.

Show Detail

The **Show Detail** menu option toggles an option to display the mission tree with short or verbose text. When the show detail menu option is checked, each command is displayed with the script line for the command (e.g. what appears in “**Show Script**” for the command). When the show detail menu option is unchecked, the mission tree shows only the label for the command which will be your custom label if you have provided one and a system provided label if you have not labelled the command. This menu option is always available.

Show Mission Sequence

The **Show Mission Sequence** menu option displays a streamlined text view of the mission sequence in text window. This view shows a hierarchical view of every command (similar to a script view) in the mission sequence. Unlike the script editor, this view only includes the command names and labels. This menu option is always available.

Show Script

The **Show Script** menu option displays the script associated with the GUI version of the current mission script. This is the complete script that would be saved to a file if you clicked the GUI save button. Note that when the GUI is unsynchronized with the script editor (please see [Script Editor](#) for more details), this mission script is different than the script displayed in the script editor. This menu option is always available

Mission Summary - All

The **Mission Summary - All** menu option displays a mission simulation summary for the all commands in the mission sequence. This summary information includes spacecraft state information, spacecraft physical properties, time information, planetodetic properties, and other orbit data for each command. This information is only available after a mission simulation is run and the data shows state information after the execution of the command. Showing Mission Summary data for a **ScriptEvent** command is equivalent to showing summary data for the last command in that **ScriptEvent**. If commands are nested in control flow or solver branches, the summary data that is displayed is for the last pass through the sequence. This menu option is always available.

Mission Summary - Physics

The **Mission Summary - Physics** menu option displays a mission simulation summary for physics related commands in the mission sequence. This summary information includes spacecraft state information, spacecraft physical properties, time information, planetodetic properties, and other orbit data for each command. This information is only available after a mission simulation is run and the data shows state information after the execution of the command. Note that if you have physics-based commands such as **Propagate** or **Maneuver** inside a **ScriptEvent** command, then summary information for those commands, are not displayed. Showing Mission Summary data for a **ScriptEvent** is equivalent to showing summary data for the last command in that **ScriptEvent**. If commands are nested in control flow or solver branches, the summary data that is displayed is for the last pass through the sequence. This menu option is always available.

Dock Mission Tree

The **Dock Mission Tree** menu option docks the Mission Tree window in the notebook containing the Resources tree and Output tree. This option is only selectable if the Mission Tree is currently floating or undocked. Please see the Docking/Undocking/Placement section for more information.

Undock Mission Tree

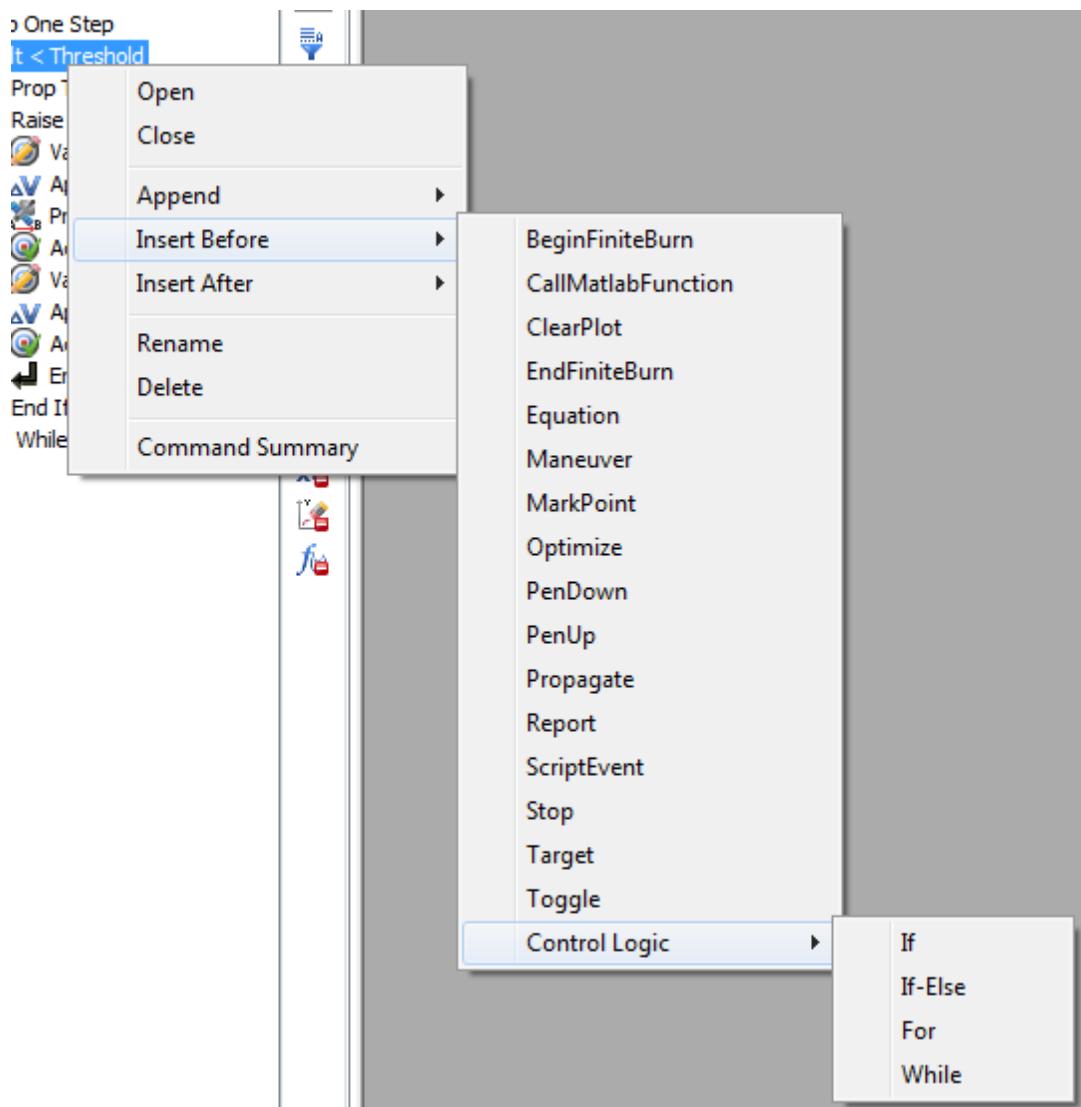
The **Undock Mission Tree** menu option undocks, or makes floating, the Mission Tree window from the Resources tree and Output tree. The undocked Mission Tree window may be resized, moved, maximized, minimized, and restored. This option is only selectable if the Mission Tree is currently docked. Please see the [the section called “Docking/Undocking/Placement”](#) section for more information.

Command Menu

The Command popup menu allows you to add, edit, or delete the commands in the Mission Tree by using the right mouse button. This displays a context sensitive menu for adding and modifying commands as well as viewing your command sequence and command summary. To add commands to the Mission Tree, right click a command and select **Append**, **Insert Before**, or **Insert After**. To edit commands, double click the command name or right click and select **Open**.

Most commands in GMAT can appear anywhere in the mission sequence. However, there are some exceptions and the Command popup menu is context sensitive, meaning the options available under the menu change based on what command is selected and where in the tree the command occurs. Here is a complete list of context sensitivities:

- **Insert** and **Append** are not available unless the mission tree filter is set to show all levels.
- **Achieve** commands can only appear inside of a **Target** sequence.
- **Vary** commands can only appear in a **Target** or **Optimize** sequence,
- **NonlinearConstraint** and **Minimize** commands can only appear in an **Optimize** sequence.



Command Menu Options

Open

This menu option opens the command editor window for the selected command. The **Open** menu option is always active in the menu list. If the window is already open, the **Open** option brings the window to the front and makes it the active window.

Close

This menu options closes the command editor window for the selected command. The **Close** menu option is always active in the menu list.

Append

The **Append** menu option displays the submenu of commands that can be appended as the last sub-item of the selected command in the Mission Tree. As such, the **Append** menu option only appears when the selected tree item can contain sub-items, e.g., the **Mission Sequence** home item, control logic commands, and **Optimize** and **Target** commands. Note that the **Append** submenu is context-sensitive and will only show commands that may be appended to the selected command. Finally, this menu is not available when the Mission Tree view is filtered.

Insert After

The **Insert After** menu option displays the submenu of commands that can be inserted after the selected command (and any child commands, if any) in the Mission Tree. Nominally, the new command is inserted at the same level as the selected command. However, if the selected command is the “End” command of a control logic or **Optimize** or **Target** command (e.g., **End For**, **End If**, **End Optimize**, etc), the new command is inserted after the **End** command and on the same level (e.g., the next level up) as the parent command. The **Insert After** menu option is always active in the menu list except when the **Mission Sequence** home item is selected. Note that the **Insert After** submenu is context-sensitive and will only show commands that may be added after the selected command. Finally, this menu is not available when the Mission Tree view is filtered.

Insert Before

The **Insert Before** menu option displays the submenu of commands that can be inserted before the selected command (and any child commands, if any) in the Mission Tree. The new command is always inserted at the same level as the selected command. The **Insert Before** menu option is always active in the menu list except when the **Mission Sequence** Home item is selected. Note that the **Insert Before** submenu is context-sensitive and will only show commands that may be added before the selected command. Finally, this menu is not available when the Mission Tree view is filtered.

Rename

The **Rename** menu option displays a dialog box where you can rename the selected command. A command name may contain any characters except the single quote. Note that, unlike resources, command names do not have to be unique. The **Rename** menu option is always active in the menu list except when the **Mission Sequence** home item is selected.

Delete

The **Delete** menu option deletes the selected command. GMAT does not confirm the option before deletion occurs. The **Delete** menu option is always active in the menu list except when the **Mission Sequence** home item is selected.

Command Summary

The **Command Summary** menu option displays a mission simulation summary for the selected command, including spacecraft state information, time information, planetodetic properties, and other orbit data. This information is only available after a mission simulation run. This menu option is always available. However, command summary data is not available for **Propagate** command in single step mode. The button is available but no data is displayed.

Docking/Undocking/Placement

The Mission Tree window may be used as a floating window or docked with the Resource tree. GMAT remembers the placement and docking status of the Mission Tree even after you quit. The undocked Mission Tree window may be resized, moved, or minimized. When the Mission Tree is undocked, and the user opens a dialog box for a GUI component, the dialog box does not cover the Mission Tree.

To undock the Mission Tree Display, either:

- Right click and drag the **Mission** tab out of the Resource Tree window.
- Right click the **Mission Sequence** home item and select **Undock Mission Tree**.

To dock the Mission Tree display, either:

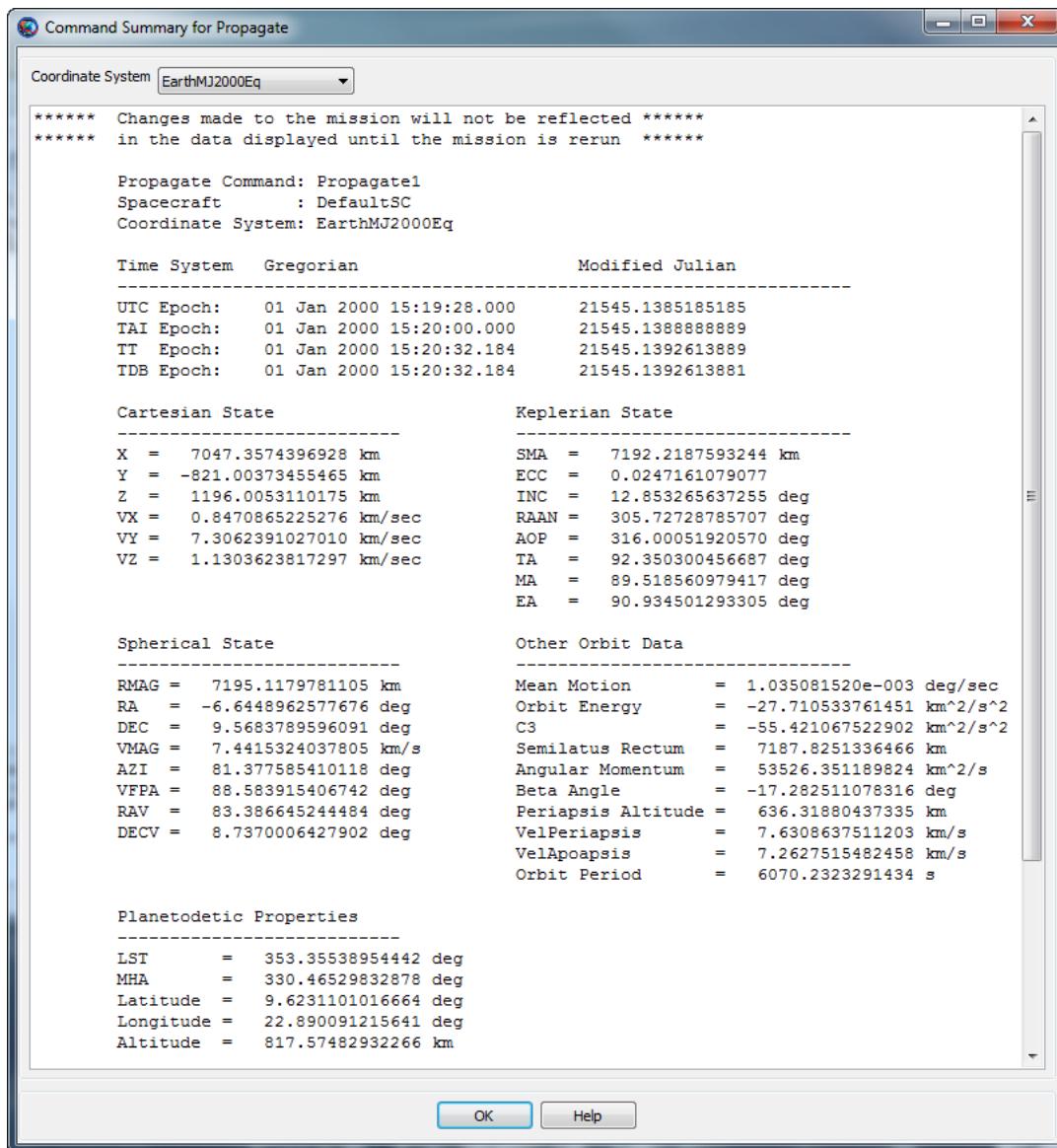
- Left click the close button (x) of the undocked Mission Tree window.
- Right click the **Mission Sequence** home item and select **Dock Mission Tree**.

Command Summary

The **Command Summary** is a summary of orbit and spacecraft state information after execution of a command. For example, if the command is a **Propagate** command, the **Command Summary** contains state data after propagation is performed.

To view the **Command Summary**, right-click on the desired command, and select **Command Summary**. Or alternatively, double-click on the desired command, and click the **Command Summary** icon located near the lower left corner of the panel. You must run the mission before viewing **Command Summary** data.

Snapshot of a sample **Command Summary** is shown in the following figure.



Data Availability

To view a **Command Summary**, you must first run the mission. If the mission has not been run during the current session, the **Command Summary** will be empty. If changes are made to your configuration, you must rerun the mission for those changes to take effect in the **Command Summary**.

Data Contents

The **Command Summary** contains several types of data. Orbit state representations include Cartesian, spherical, and Keplerian. For hyperbolic orbits, B-Plane coordinates, DLA and RLA are provided. Planetodetic information includes Longitude and Latitude among others. For a **Maneuver** command, the **Maneuver** properties are displayed in the **CoordinateSystem** specified on the **ImpulsiveBurn** resource. See the **Coordinate Systems** subsection below for more information on the command summary contents when some data is undefined.

In the event when the orbit is nearly singular conic section and/or any of the keplerian elements are undefined, an abbreviated **Command Summary** is displayed as shown in the **Coordinate Systems** subsection below.

Supported Commands

For performance reasons, propagation in step mode does not write out a command summary. Additionally, if a command is nested in control logic and that command does not execute as a result, no command summary data is available.

Coordinate Systems

The **Coordinate System** menu at the top of the **Command Summary** dialog allows you to select the desired coordinate system for the state data. When the **Coordinate System** has a celestial body at the origin, the **Command Summary** shows all supported data including Cartesian, Spherical, Keplerian, Other OrbitData, and Planetodetic properties as shown in the GUI screenshot above. When the **Coordinate System** does not have a celestial body at the origin, the **CommandSummary** contains an abbreviated command summary as shown below.

Note: GMAT currently requires that the selected **CoordinateSystem** cannot reference a space-craft.

Propagate Command: Propagate1	
Spacecraft : DefaultSC	
Coordinate System: EarthMJ2000Eq	
Time System	Gregorian
UTC Epoch:	01 Jan 2000 15:19:28.000
TAI Epoch:	01 Jan 2000 15:20:00.000
TT Epoch:	01 Jan 2000 15:20:32.184
TDB Epoch:	01 Jan 2000 15:20:32.184
Cartesian State	Spherical State
X = 7047.3574396928 km	RMAG = 7195.1179781105 km
Y = -821.00373455465 km	RA = -6.6448962577676 deg
Z = 1196.0053110175 km	DEC = 9.5683789596091 deg
VX = 0.8470865225276 km/sec	VMAG = 7.4415324037805 km/s
VY = 7.3062391027010 km/sec	AZI = 81.377585410118 deg
VZ = 1.1303623817297 km/sec	VFPA = 88.583915406742 deg
	RAV = 83.386645244484 deg
	DECV = 8.7370006427902 deg
Spacecraft Properties	
Cd	= 2.200000
Drag area	= 15.00000 m^2
Cr	= 1.800000
Reflective (SRP) area	= 1.000000 m^2
Dry mass	= 850.00000000000 kg
Total mass	= 850.00000000000 kg

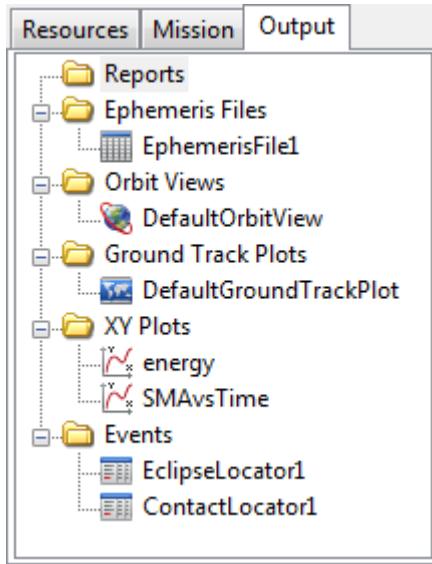
Output Tree

The Output tree contains data files and plots after a mission is executed. Files consist of output from **ReportFile** and **EphemerisFile** resources. Plots consist of graphical **OrbitView**, **GroundTrackPlot**, and **XYPlots** windows.

To display the contents of an output file, double-click the name in the Output tree. A simple text display window will appear with the contents of the file.

Graphical output is automatically displayed during the mission run, but double-clicking the name of the output window in the Output tree will bring that display to the front. If you close the display window, however, you must rerun the mission to display it again.

A populated Output tree is shown in the following figure.



Script Editor

A GMAT mission can be created in either the graphical user interface (GUI), or in a text script language. When a mission is loaded into the GUI from a script, or when it is saved from the GUI, there is a script file that can be accessed from the **Scripts** folder in the resources tree. When you open this script, it opens in a dedicated editor window called the **Script Editor**. While a GMAT script can be edited in any text editor, the GMAT script editor offers more features, such as:

- GUI/script synchronization
- Mission execution from the editor
- Syntax highlighting
- Comment/uncomment or indent blocks of text
- Standard features like copy/paste, line numbering, find-and-replace, etc.

The following figure shows a basic script editor session with the major features labeled.

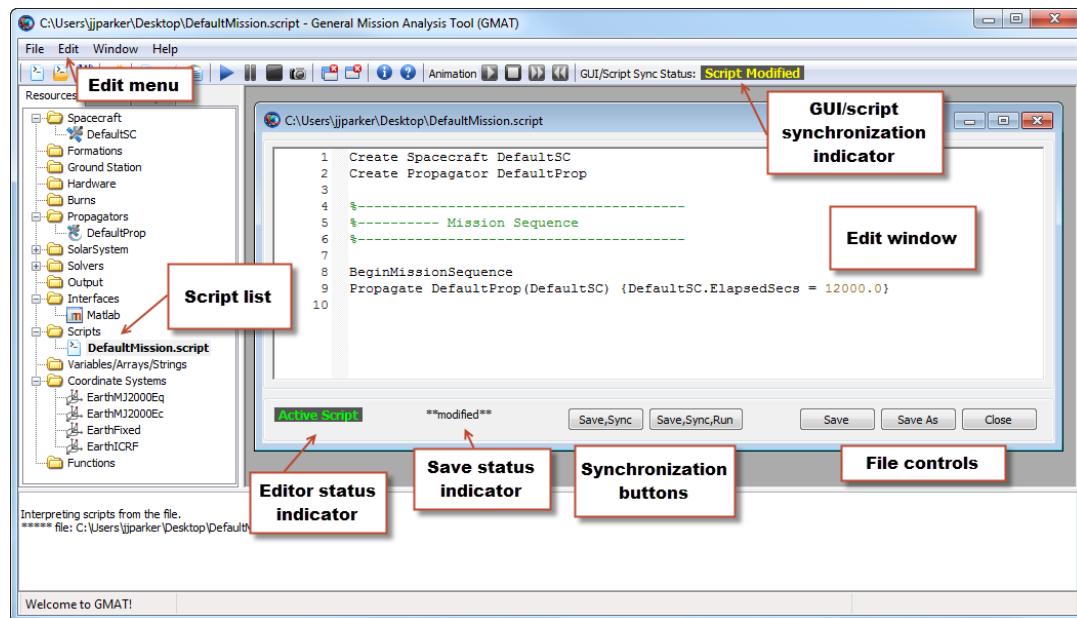


Figure 8. Parts of the script editor

Active Script

When you load a script into the GMAT GUI, it is added to the script list in the resources tree. GMAT can have many scripts loaded at any one time, but only one can be synchronized with the GUI. This script is called the active script, and is distinguished by a bolded name in the script list. The editor status indicator in the script editor for the active script shows “**Active Script**” as well. All other scripts are inactive, but can be viewed and edited in the script editor.

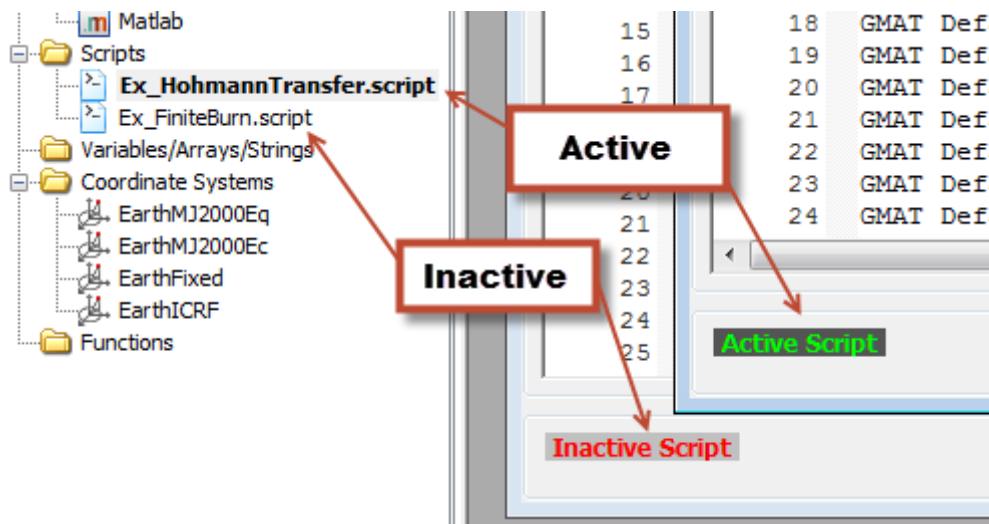


Figure 9. Active script indicators

To synchronize with the GUI, you must make an inactive script active by clicking either of the synchronization buttons (described in the next section). This will change the current script to active, synchronize the GUI, and change the previously active script to inactive. Alternately, you can right-click the script name in the resources tree and click Build.

GUI/Script Synchronization

GMAT provides two separate representations of a mission: a script file and the GUI resources and mission trees. As shown in [Figure 8](#), you can have both representations open and active at the same time, and can make changes in both places. The **GUI/Script Sync Status** indicator shows the current status of the two representations relative to each other. The following states are possible:

Synchronized	The GUI and script representations are synchronized (they contain the same data).
Script Modified	The mission has been modified in the script representation, but has not been synchronized to the GUI. Use the synchronization buttons in the script editor to perform this synchronization. To revert the modifications, close the script editor without saving your changes.
GUI Modified	The mission has been modified in the GUI, but has not been synchronized to the script. To perform this synchronization, click the Save button in the GMAT toolbar. To revert the modifications, use the synchronization buttons in the script editor, or restart GMAT itself.
Unsynchronized	The mission has been modified both in the GUI and in the script. The changes cannot be merged; you have a choice of whether to save the modifications in either representations, or whether to revert either of them. See the notes above for instructions for either case.
Script Error	There is an error in the script. This puts the GUI in a minimal safe state. The error must be corrected before continuing.



Warning

Saving modifications performed in the GUI will overwrite the associated script. The data will be saved as intended, but with full detail, including fields and settings that were not explicitly listed in the original script. A copy of the original script with the extension “**.bak**” will be saved alongside the new version.

The script editor provides two buttons that perform synchronization from the script to the GUI. Both the **Save,Sync** and the **Save,Sync,Run** buttons behave identically, except that the **Save,Sync,Run** button runs the mission after synchronization is complete. The following paragraphs describe the behavior of the **Save,Sync** button only, but the description applies to both buttons. If you right-click the name of a script in the resources tree, a context menu is displayed with the items **Save, Sync** and **Save, Sync, Run**. These are identical to the **Save,Sync** and **Save,Sync,Run** buttons in the script editor.

When pressed, the **Save,Sync** button performs the following steps:

1. Saves any modifications to the script
2. Closes all open windows (except the script editor itself)
3. Validates the script file
4. Refreshes the GUI by loading the saved script
5. Sets **GUI/Script Sync Status** to **Synchronized**.

If the GUI has existing modifications, a confirmation prompt will be displayed. If confirmed, the GUI modifications will be overwritten.

If the script is not active, a confirmation prompt will be displayed. If confirmed, the script will be made active before the steps above are performed.

If the script has errors, the GUI will revert to an empty base state until all errors are corrected and the script is synchronized successfully.

Scripts List

The scripts folder in the Resources tree contains items for each script that has been loaded into GMAT. Individual scripts can be added to the list by right-clicking the **Scripts** folder and clicking **Add Script**.

The right-click menu for an individual script contains several options:

- **Open:** opens the script in the edit window
- **Close:** closes any open edit windows for this script
- **Save, Sync:** opens the script and synchronizes it with the GUI, making it the active script. This is identical to the **Save,Sync** button in the script editor.
- **Save, Sync, Run:** builds the script (see above), and also runs it. This is identical to the **Save,Sync,Run** button on the script editor.
- **Reload:** reloads the script from the last-saved version and refreshes the script editor
- **Remove:** removes the script from the script list

Edit Window

The edit window displays the text of the loaded script and provides tools to edit it. The edit window provides the following features:

- Line numbering: Line numbers along the left side of the window
- Syntax highlighting: Certain elements of the GMAT script language are colored for immediate recognition.
- Folding: Script blocks (like **For** loops, **Target** sequences, etc.) can be collapsed by clicking the black downward-pointing triangle to the left of the command that begins the block.

If you right-click anywhere in the edit window, GMAT will display a context menu with the following options:

- **Undo/Redo:** Undo or redo any number of changes since the last time the script was saved
- **Cut/Copy/Paste:** Cut, copy, or paste over the current selection, or paste the current clipboard contents at the location of the cursor
- **Delete:** Delete the current selection
- **Select All:** Select the entire script contents

When the script editor is active in the GMAT GUI, the Edit menu is also available with the following options:

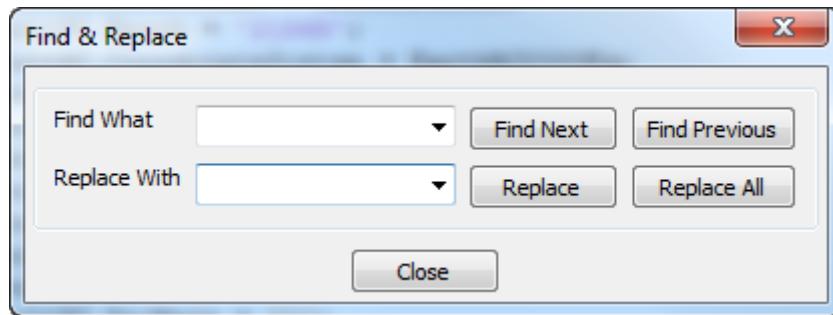
- **Undo/Redo:** Undo or redo any number of changes since the last time the script was saved
- **Cut/Copy/Paste:** Cut, copy, or paste over the current selection, or paste the current clipboard contents at the location of the cursor
- **Comment/Uncomment:** Add or remove a comment symbol (%) at the beginning of the current selection
- **Select All:** Select the entire script contents
- **Find/Replace:** Starts the **Find & Replace** utility (see below)
- **Show line numbers:** When selected (default), the editor window displays line numbering to the left of the script contents.

- **Goto:** Place the cursor on a specific line number
- **Indent more/less:** Adds or removes an indentation from the current line or selection. The default indentation is three space characters.

See the [Keyboard Shortcuts](#) reference page for the list of keyboard shortcuts that are available when working in the script editor:

Find and Replace

On the **Edit** menu, if you click **Find** or **Replace** (or press **Ctrl+F** or **Ctrl+H**), GMAT displays the **Find & Replace** utility, which can be used to find text in the active script and optionally replace it with different text. The utility looks like the following figure.



To find text within the active script, type the text you wish to find in the **Find What** box and click **Find Next** or **Find Previous**. **Find Next** (**F3**) will start searching forward (below) the current cursor position, while **Find Previous** will start searching backward (above). If a match is found, the match will be highlighted. You can continue clicking **Find Next** or **Find Previous** to continue searching. The search text (in the **Find What** box) can be literal text only; wildcards are not supported. To replace found instances with different text, type the replacement text in the **Replace With** box. Click **Replace** to replace the currently-highlighted match and highlight the next match, or click **Replace All** to replace all matches in the file at once. The **Find & Replace** utility saves a history of text previously entered in the **Find What** and **Replace With** boxes in the current session. Click the down arrow in each box to choose a previously-entered value.

File Controls

The **Save** button saves the current script without checking syntax or synchronizing with the GUI, and without switching the active script. The **Save As** button is identical, but allows you to save to a different file.

The **Close** button closes the script editor, and prompts you to save any unsaved changes.

Save Status Indicator

When the contents of the script have been modified, the script editor displays “****modified****” in the save status indicator. This is a visual indicator that there are unsaved changes in the script. Once the changes are saved or reverted, the indicator turns blank.

Configuring GMAT

Below we discuss the files and data that are distributed with GMAT and are required for GMAT execution. GMAT uses many types of data files, including planetary ephemeris files, Earth orientation data, leap second files, and gravity coefficient files. This section describes how these files are organized and the controls provided to customize them.

File Structure

The default directory structure for GMAT is broken into eight main subdirectories, as shown in [Figure 10](#). These directories organize the files and data used to run GMAT, including binary libraries, data files, texture maps, and 3D models. The only two files in the GMAT root directory are **license.txt**, which contains the text of the Apache License 2.0, and **README.txt**, which contains user information for the current GMAT release. A summary of the contents of each subdirectory is provided in the sections below.

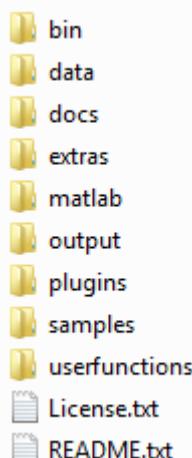


Figure 10. GMAT Root Directory Structure

bin

The **bin** directory contains all binary files required for the core functionality of GMAT. These libraries include the executable file (**GMAT.exe** on Windows, **GMAT.app** on the Mac, and **GMAT** on Linux) and platform-specific support libraries. The **bin** directory also contains two text files: **gmat_startup_file.txt** and **gmat.ini**. The startup file is discussed in detail in a separate section below. The **gmat.ini** file is used to configure some GUI panels, set paths to external web links, and define GUI tooltip messages.

data

The **data** directory contains all required data files to run GMAT and is organized according to data type, as shown in [Figure 11](#) and described below.

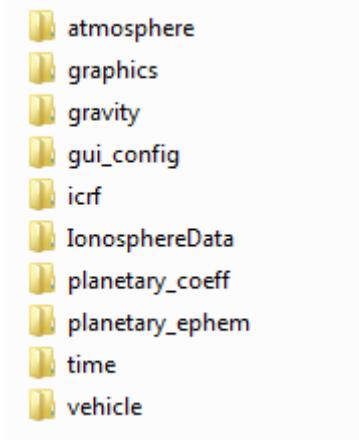


Figure 11. GMAT Data Directory Structure

The **graphics** directory contains data files for GMAT’s visualization utilities, as well as application icons and images. The **splash** directory contains the GMAT splash screen that is displayed briefly while GMAT is initializing. The **stars** directory contains a star catalogue used for displaying stars in 3D graphics. The texture folder contains texture maps used for the 2D and 3D graphics resources. The **icons** directory contains graphics files for icons and images loaded at run time, such as the GMAT logo and GUI icons.

The **gravity** directory contains gravity coefficient files for each body with a default non-spherical gravity model. Within each directory, the coefficient files are named according to the model they represent, and use the extension **.cof**.

The **gui_config** directory contains files for configuring some of the GUI dialog boxes for GMAT resources and commands. These files allow you to easily create a GUI panel for a user-provided plugin, and are also used by some of the built-in GUI panels.

The **planetary_coeff** directory contains the Earth orientation parameters (EOP) provided by the International Earth Rotation Service (IERS) and nutation coefficients for different nutation theories.

The **planetary_ephem** directory contains planetary ephemeris data in both DE and SPK formats. The **de** directory contains the binary digital ephemeris DE405 files for the 8 planets, the Moon, and Pluto developed and distributed by JPL. The **spk** directory contains the DE421 SPICE kernel and kernels for selected comets, asteroids and moons. All ephemeris files distributed with GMAT are in the little-endian format.

The **time** directory contains the JPL leap second kernel **naif0010.tls** and the GMAT leap second file **tai-utc.dat**.

The **vehicle** directory contains ephemeris data and 3D models for selected spacecraft. The **ephem** directory contains SPK ephemeris files, including orbit, attitude, frame, and time kernels. The **models** directory contains 3D model files in 3DS or POV format for use by GMAT’s **OrbitView** visualization resource.

docs

The **docs** directory contains end-user documentation, including draft PDF versions of the Mathematical Specification, Architectural Specification, and Estimation Specification. The

GMAT User's Guide is available in the **help** directory in PDF and HTML formats, and as a Windows HTML Help file.

extras

The **extras** directory contains various extra convenience files that are helpful for working with GMAT but aren't part of the core codebase. The only file here so far is a syntax coloring file for the GMAT scripting language in the Notepad++ text editor.

matlab

The **matlab** directory contains M-files required for GMAT's MATLAB interfaces, including the interface to the fmincon optimizer. All files in the **matlab** directory and its subdirectories must be included in your MATLAB path for the MATLAB interfaces to function properly.

output

The **output** directory is the default location for file output such as ephemeris files and report files. If no path information is provided for reports or ephemeris files created during a GMAT session, then those files will be written to the output folder.

plugins

The **plugins** directory contains optional plugins that are not required for use of GMAT. The **proprietary** directory is used for third-party libraries that cannot be distributed freely and is an empty folder in the open source distribution.

samples

The **samples** directory contains sample missions and scripts, ranging from a Hohmann transfer to libration point station-keeping to Mars B-plane targeting. Example files begin with "Ex_" and files that correspond to GMAT tutorials begin with "Tut_". These files are intended to demonstrate GMAT's capabilities and to provide you with a potential starting point for building common mission types for your application and flight regime. Samples with specific requirements are located in subdirectories such as **NeedMatlab** and **NeedVF13ad**.

userfunctions

The **userfunctions** directory contains MATLAB, Python, and GMAT functions that are included in the GMAT distribution. You can also store your own custom functions in the sub-directories named GMAT, Python, and MATLAB. GMAT includes those subdirectories in its search path to locate functions referenced in GMAT scripts and GMAT functions.

Configuring Data Files

You can configure the data files GMAT loads at run time by editing the **gmat_startup_file.txt** file located in the **bin** directory. The startup file contains path information for data files such as ephemeris, Earth orientation parameters and graphics files. By editing the startup file, you can customize which files are loaded and used during a GMAT session. Below we describe the customization features available in the startup file. The order of lines in the startup file does not matter.

For details, see the [Startup File](#) reference.

Leap Second and EOP files

GMAT reads several files that are used for high fidelity modelling of time and coordinate systems: the leap second files and the Earth orientation parameters (EOP) provided by the IERS. The EOP file is updated daily by the IERS. To update your local file with the latest data, simply replace the file `eopc04_08.62-now` in the `data/planetary_coeff` directory. Updated versions of this file are available from the [IERS](#).

For use with GMAT's event location subsystem, you will also need to update the SPICE EOP files, distributed by NAIF: http://naif.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/naif/generic_kernels/pck. The high-fidelity `earth_000101_yymmdd_yymmdd.bpc` file is updated twice per week. For more information on data configuration for event location, see the [ContactLocator](#) and [EclipseLocator](#) reference pages.

There are two leap second files provided with GMAT in the `data/time` directory. The `naif0011.tls` file is used by the JPL SPICE libraries when computing ephemerides. When a new leap second is added, you can replace this file with the new file from [NAIF](#). GMAT reads the `tai-utc.dat` file for all time computations requiring leap seconds that are not performed by the SPICE utilities. When a new leap second is added, you can replace this file with the new file from the [US Naval Observatory](#). In addition, you can modify the file if a new leap second is added by simply duplicating the last row and updating it with the correct information for the new leap second. For example, if a new leapsecond were added on 01 Jul 2013, you would add the following line to the bottom of `tai-utc.dat`:

```
2013 JUL 1 =JD 2456474.5 TAI-UTC= 35.0 S + (MJD - 41317.) X 0.0
```

Loading Custom Plugins

Custom plugins are loaded by adding a line to the startup file (`bin/gmat_startup_file.txt`) specifying the name and location of the plugin file. In order for a plugin to work with GMAT, the plugin library must be placed in the folder referenced in the startup file. For all details, see the [Startup File](#) reference.

Configuring the MATLAB Interface

GMAT contains an interface to MATLAB. See the [MATLAB Interface](#) reference to configure the MATLAB interface.

Configuring the Python Interface

GMAT contains an interface to Python. See the [Python Interface](#) reference to configure the MATLAB interface.

User-defined Function Paths

If you create custom MATLAB functions, you can provide the path to those files and GMAT will locate them at run time. The default startup file is configured so you can place MATLAB functions (with a `.m` extension) in the `userfunctions/matlab` directory. GMAT automatically searches that location at run time. You can change the location of the search path to your MATLAB functions by changing these lines in your startup file to reflect the location of your files with respect to the GMAT `bin` folder:

```
MATLAB_FUNCTION_PATH = ../userfunctions/matlab
```

If you wish to organize your custom functions in multiple folders, you can add multiple search paths to the startup file. For example,

```
MATLAB_FUNCTION_PATH = ../MyFunctions/utils  
MATLAB_FUNCTION_PATH = ../MyFunctions/StateConversion  
MATLAB_FUNCTION_PATH = ../MyFunctions/TimeConversion
```

GMAT will search the paths in the order specified in the startup file and will use the first function with a matching name.

Tutorials

The [Tutorials](#) section contains in-depth tutorials that show you how to use GMAT for end-to-end analysis. The tutorials are designed to teach you how to use GMAT in the context of performing real-world analysis and are intended to take between 30 minutes and several hours to complete. Each tutorial has a difficulty level and an approximate duration listed with any prerequisites in its introduction, and are arranged in a general order of difficulty.

Here is a summary of selected Tutorials. For a complete list of tutorials see the [Tutorials](#) chapter.

The [Simulating an Orbit](#) tutorial is the first tutorial you should take to learn how to use GMAT to solve mission design problems. You will learn how to specify an orbit and propagate to orbit periapsis.

The [Mars B-Plane Targeting](#) tutorial shows how to use GMAT to design a Mars transfer trajectory by targeting desired B-plane conditions at Mars.

The [Target Finite Burn to Raise Apogee](#) tutorial shows how to raise orbit apogee using finite maneuver targeting.

Simulating an Orbit

Audience	Beginner
Length	30 minutes
Prerequisites	None
Script File	Tut_SimulatingAnOrbit.script

Objective and Overview



Note

The most fundamental capability of GMAT is to propagate, or simulate the orbital motion of, spacecraft. The ability to propagate spacecraft is used in nearly every practical aspect of space mission analysis, from simple orbital predictions (e.g. When will the International Space Station be over my house?) to complex analyses that determine the thruster firing sequence required to send a spacecraft to the Moon or Mars.

This tutorial will teach you how to use GMAT to propagate a spacecraft. You will learn how to configure **Spacecraft** and **Propagator** resources, and how to use the **Propagate** command to propagate the spacecraft to orbit periapsis, which is the point of minimum distance between the spacecraft and Earth. The basic steps in this tutorial are:

1. Configure a **Spacecraft** and define its epoch and orbital elements.
2. Configure a **Propagator**.
3. Modify the default **OrbitView** plot to visualize the spacecraft trajectory.
4. Modify the **Propagate** command to propagate the spacecraft to periapsis.
5. Run the mission and analyze the results.

Configure the Spacecraft

In this section, you will rename the default **Spacecraft** and set the **Spacecraft**'s initial epoch and classical orbital elements. You'll need GMAT open, with the default mission loaded. To load the default mission, click **New Mission** (⟳) or start a new GMAT session.

Rename the Spacecraft

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click **DefaultSC** and click **Rename**.
2. Type **Sat**.
3. Click **OK**.

Set the Spacecraft Epoch

1. In the **Resources** tree, double-click **Sat**. Click the **Orbit** tab if it is not already selected.
2. In the **Epoch Format** list, select **UTCGregorian**. You'll see the value in the **Epoch** field change to the UTC Gregorian epoch format.
3. In the **Epoch** box, type **22 Jul 2014 11:29:10.811**. This field is case-sensitive, and must be entered in the exact format shown.
4. Click **Apply** or press the **ENTER** key to save these changes.

Set the Keplerian Orbital Elements

1. In the **State Type** list, select **Keplerian**. In the **Elements** list, you will see the GUI reconfigure to display the Keplerian state representation.
2. In the **SMA** box, type **83474.318**.
3. Set the remaining orbital elements as shown in the table below.

Table 1. Sat Orbit State Settings

Field	Value
ECC	0.89652
INC	12.4606
RAAN	292.8362
AOP	218.9805
TA	180

4. Click **OK**.
5. Click **Save** (💾). If this is the first time you have saved the mission, you'll be prompted to provide a name and location for the file.

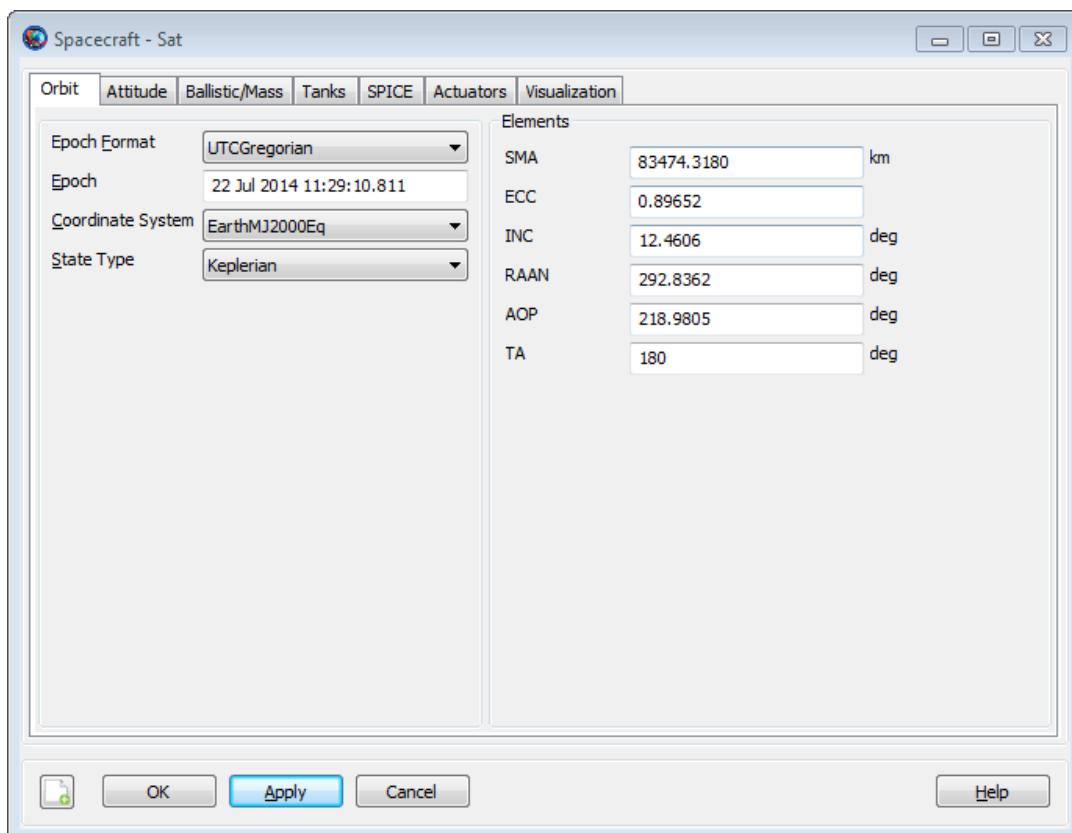


Figure 12. Spacecraft State Setup

Configure the Propagator

In this section you'll rename the default **Propagator** and configure the force model.

Rename the Propagator

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click **DefaultProp** and click **Rename**.
2. Type **LowEarthProp**.
3. Click **OK**.

Configure the Force Model

For this tutorial you will use an Earth 10×10 spherical harmonic model, the Jacchia-Roberts atmospheric model, solar radiation pressure, and point mass perturbations from the Sun and Moon.

1. In the **Resources** tree, double-click **LowEarthProp**.
2. Under **Gravity**, in the **Degree** box, type **10**.
3. In the **Order** box, type **10**.
4. In **Atmosphere Model** list, click **JacchiaRoberts**.
5. Click the **Select** button next to the **Point Masses** box. This opens the **CelestialBodySelectDialog** window.
6. In the **Available Bodies** list, click **Sun**, then click **->** to add **Sun** to the **Selected Bodies** list.
7. Add the moon (named **Luna** in GMAT) in the same way.
8. Click **OK** to close the **CelestialBodySelectDialog**.
9. Select **Use Solar Radiation Pressure** to toggle it on. Your screen should now match [Figure 13](#).
10. Click **OK**.

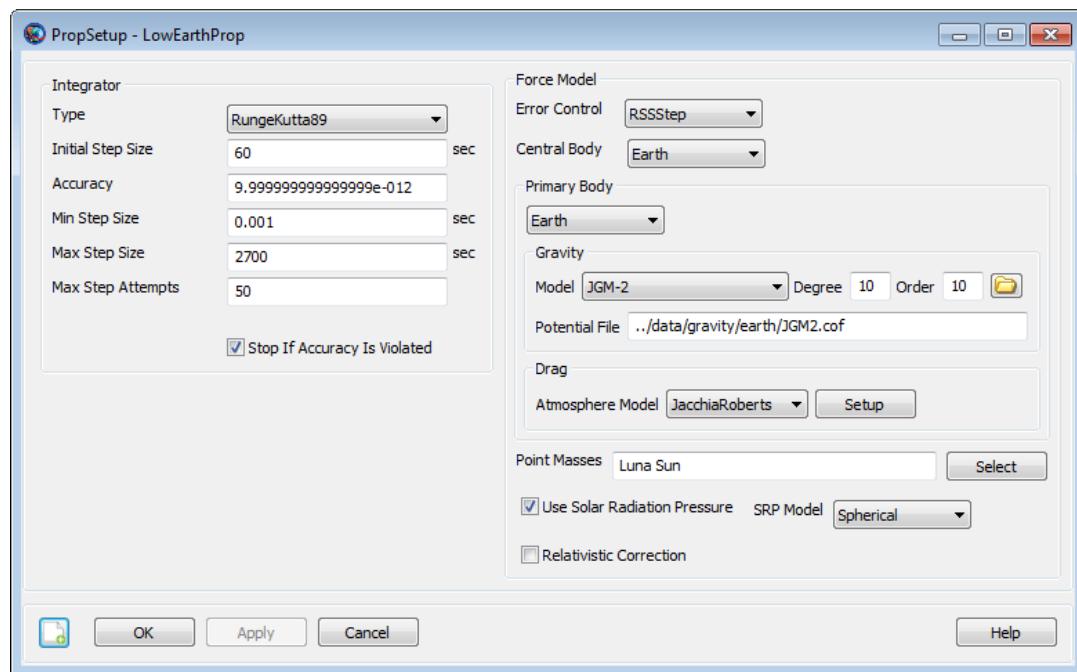


Figure 13. Force Model Configuration

Configuring the Orbit View Plot

Now you will configure an **OrbitView** plot so you can visualize **Sat** and its trajectory. The orbit of **Sat** is highly eccentric. To view the entire orbit at once, we need to adjust the settings of **DefaultOrbitView**.

1. In the **Resources** tree, double-click **DefaultOrbitView**.
2. In the three boxes to the right of **View Point Vector**, type the values **-60000, 30000**, and **20000** respectively.
3. Under **Drawing Option** to the left, clear **Draw XY Plane**. Your screen should now match [Figure 14](#).
4. Click **OK**.

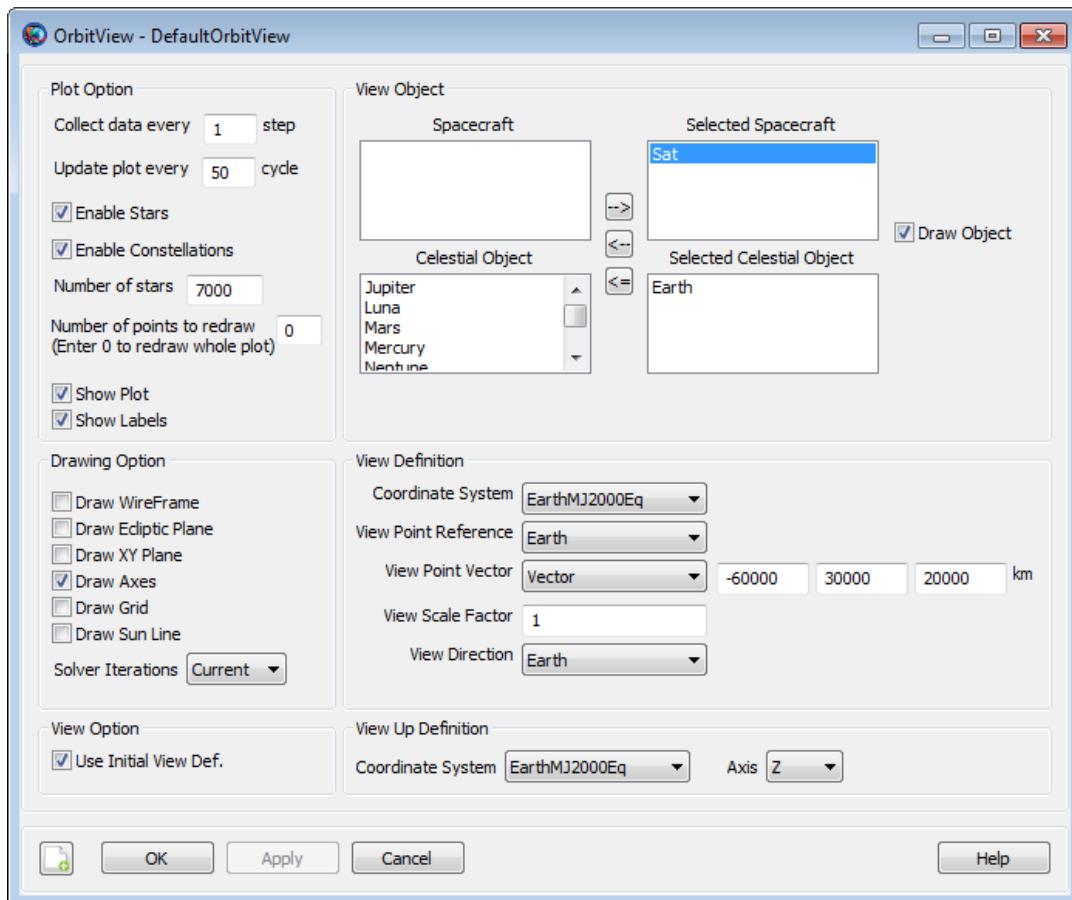


Figure 14. DefaultOrbitView Configuration

Configure the Propagate Command

This is the last step before running the mission. Below you will configure a Propagate command to propagate (or simulate the motion of) **Sat** to orbit periapsis.

1. Click the **Mission** tab to display the **Mission** tree.
2. Double-click **Propagate1**.
3. Under **Stopping Conditions**, click the (...) button to the left of **Sat.ElapsedSecs**. This will display the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
4. In the **Object List** box, click **Sat** if it is not already selected. This directs GMAT to associate the stopping condition with the spacecraft **Sat**.
5. In the **Object Properties** list, double-click **Periapsis** to add it to the **Selected Values** list. This is shown in [Figure 15](#).

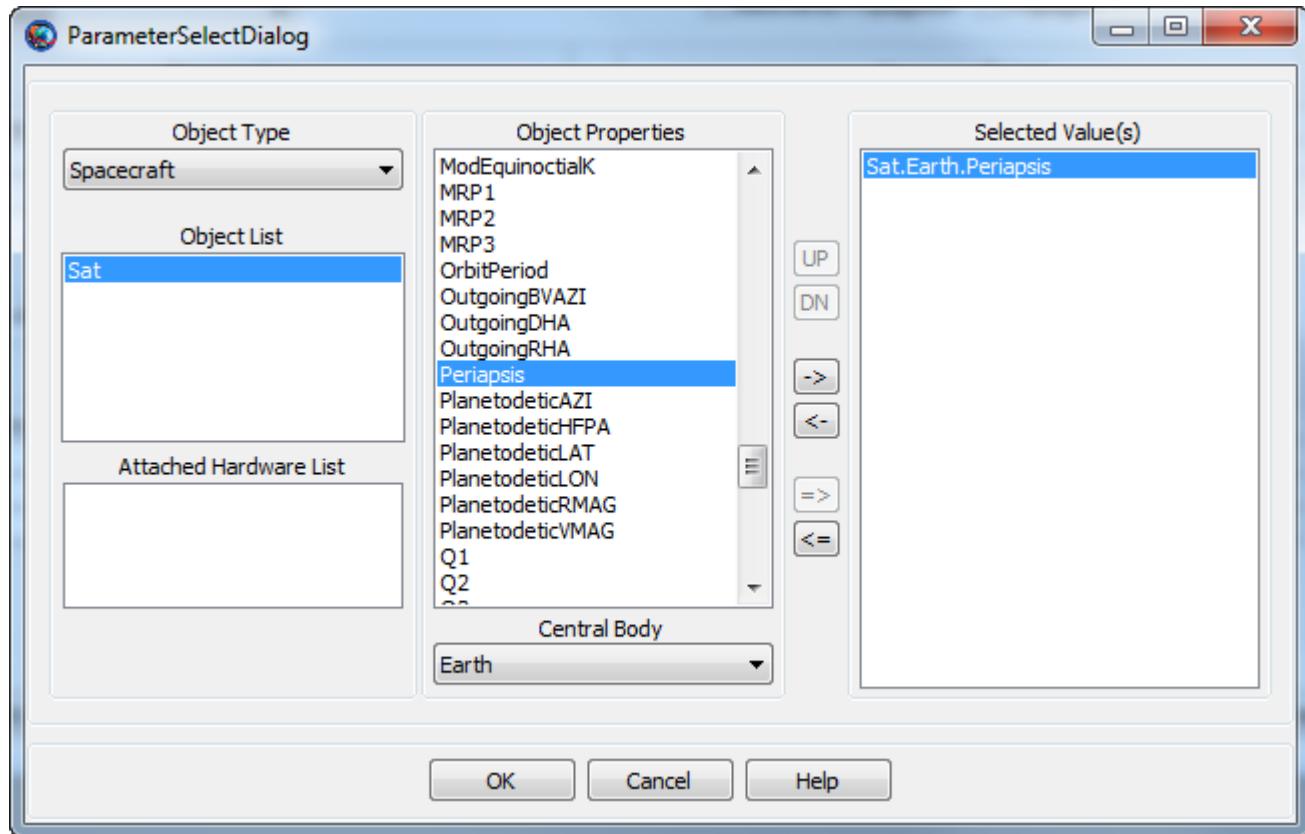


Figure 15. Propagate Command ParameterSelectDialog Configuration

6. Click **OK**. Your screen should now match [Figure 16](#).
7. Click **OK**.

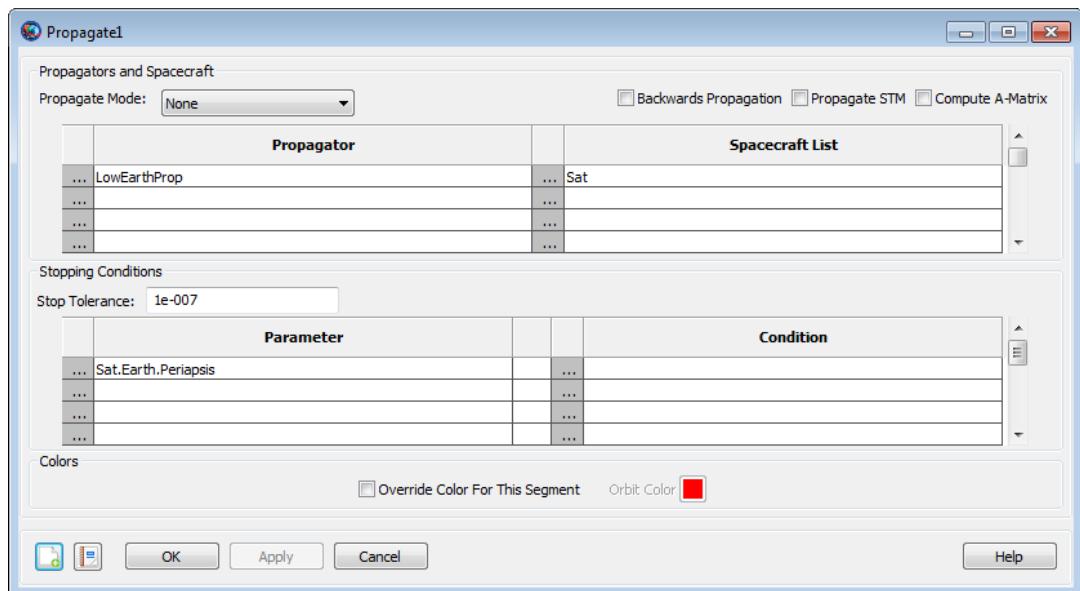


Figure 16. Propagate Command Configuration

Run and Analyze the Results

Congratulations, you have now configured your first GMAT mission and are ready to run the mission and analyze the results.

1. Click **Save** (💾) to save your mission.
2. Click the **Run** (▶).

You will see GMAT propagate the orbit and stop at orbit periapsis. [Figure 17](#) illustrates what you should see after correctly completing this tutorial. Here are a few things you can try to explore the results of this tutorial:

1. Manipulate the **DefaultOrbitView** plot using your mouse to orient the trajectory so that you can verify that at the final location the spacecraft is at periapsis. See the [OrbitView](#) reference for details.
2. Display the command summary:
 1. Click the **Mission** tab to display the **Mission** tree.
 2. Right-click **Propagate1** and select **Command Summary** to see data on the final state of **Sat**.
 3. Use the **Coordinate System** list to change the coordinate system in which the data is displayed.
3. Click **Start Animation** (▶) to animate the mission and watch the orbit propagate from the initial state to periapsis.

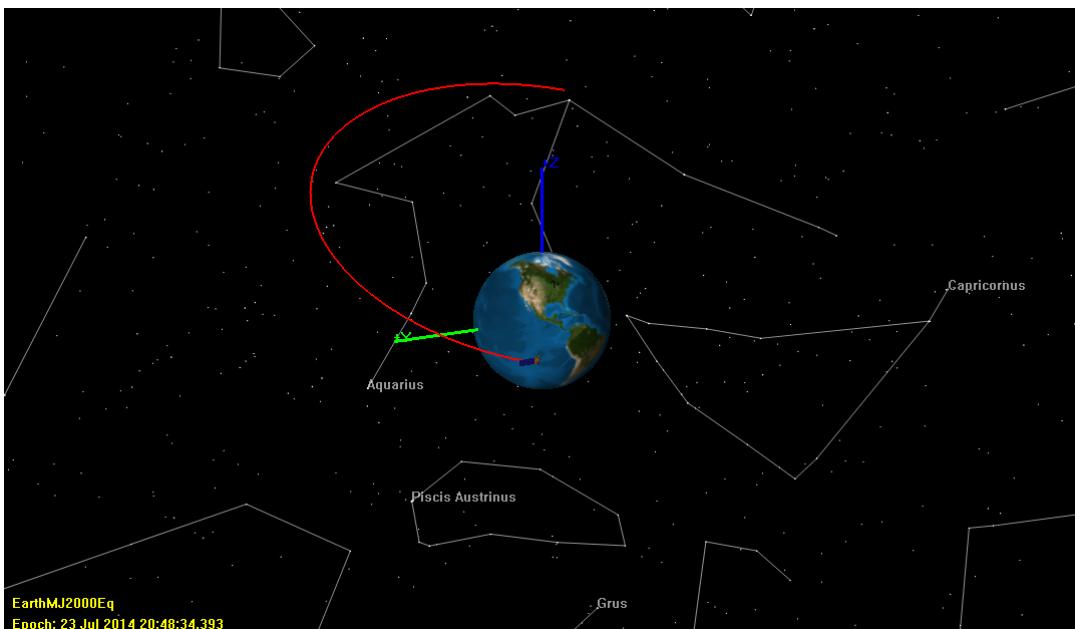


Figure 17. Orbit View Plot after Mission Run

Simple Orbit Transfer

Audience	Beginner
Length	30 minutes
Prerequisites	Complete <i>Simulating an Orbit</i>
Script File	<code>Tut_SimpleOrbitTransfer.script</code>

Objective and Overview



Note

One of the most common problems in space mission design is to design a transfer from one circular orbit to another circular orbit that lie within the same orbital plane. Circular coplanar transfers are used to raise low-Earth orbits that have degraded due to the effects of atmospheric drag. They are also used to transfer from a low-Earth orbit to a geosynchronous orbit and to send spacecraft to Mars. There is a well known sequence of maneuvers, called the Hohmann transfer, that performs a circular, coplanar transfer using the least possible amount of fuel. A Hohmann transfer employs two maneuvers. The first maneuver raises the orbital apoapsis (or lowers orbital periapsis) to the desired altitude and places the spacecraft in an elliptical transfer orbit. At the apoapsis (or periapsis) of the elliptical transfer orbit, a second maneuver is applied to circularize the orbit at the final altitude.

In this tutorial, we will use GMAT to perform a Hohmann transfer from a low-Earth parking orbit to a geosynchronous mission orbit. This requires a targeting sequence to determine the required maneuver magnitudes to achieve the desired final orbit conditions. In order to focus on the configuration of the targeter, we will make extensive use of the default configurations for spacecraft, propagators, and maneuvers.

The target sequence employs two velocity-direction maneuvers and two propagation sequences. The purpose of the first maneuver is to raise orbit apoapsis to 42,165 km, the geosynchronous radius. The purpose of the second maneuver is to nearly circularize the orbit and yield a final eccentricity of 0.005. The basic steps of this tutorial are:

1. Create and configure a **DifferentialCorrector** resource.
2. Modify the **DefaultOrbitView** to visualize the trajectory.
3. Create two **ImpulsiveBurn** resources with default settings.
4. Create a **Target** sequence to (1) raise apoapsis to geosynchronous altitude and (2) circularize the orbit.
5. Run the mission and analyze the results.

Configure Maneuvers, Differential Corrector, and Graphics

For this tutorial, you'll need GMAT open, with the default mission loaded. To load the default mission, click **New Mission** (➕) or start a new GMAT session. We will use the default configurations for the spacecraft (**DefaultSC**), the propagator (**DefaultProp**), and the two maneuvers. **DefaultSC** is configured by default to a near-circular orbit, and **DefaultProp** is configured to use Earth as the central body with a nonspherical gravity model of degree and order 4. You may want to open the dialog boxes for these objects and inspect them more closely as we will leave them at their default settings.

Create the Differential Corrector

The **Target** sequence we will create later needs a **DifferentialCorrector** resource to operate, so let's create one now. We'll leave the settings at their defaults.

1. In the **Resource** tree, expand the **Solvers** folder if it isn't already.
2. Right-click the **Boundary Value Solvers** folder, point to **Add**, and click **DifferentialCorrector**. A new resource called **DC1** will be created.

Modify the Default Orbit View

We need to make minor modifications to **DefaultOrbitView** so that the entire final orbit will fit in the graphics window.

1. In the **Resource Tree**, double-click **DefaultOrbitView** to edit its properties.
2. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 2. DefaultOrbitView settings

Field	Value
Solver Iterations , under Drawing Option	Current
Axis , under View Up Definition	X
View Point Vector boxes, under View Definition	0, 0 , and 120000 respectively

3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

Create the Maneuvers.

We'll need two **ImpulsiveBurn** resources for this tutorial, both using default values. Below, we'll rename the default **ImpulsiveBurn** and create a new one.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click **DefaultIB** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **TOI**, an acronym for Transfer Orbit Insertion, and click **OK**.
3. Right-click the **Burns** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ImpulsiveBurn**.
4. Rename the new **ImpulsiveBurn1** resource to **GOI**, an acronym for Geosynchronous Orbit Insertion.

Configure the Mission Sequence

Now we will configure a **Target** sequence to solve for the maneuver values required to raise the orbit to geosynchronous altitude and circularize the orbit. We'll begin by creating an initial **Propagate** command, then the **Target** sequence itself, then the final **Propagate** command. To allow us to focus on the **Target** sequence, we'll assume you have already learned how to propagate an orbit to a desired condition by working through the [Simulating an Orbit](#) tutorial.

Configure the Initial Propagate Command

1. Click on the **Mission** tab to show the **Mission** tree.
2. Configure **Propagate1** to propagate to **DefaultSC.Earth.Periapsis**.
3. Rename **Propagate1** to **Prop To Periapsis**.

Create the Target Sequence

Now create the commands necessary to perform the **Target** sequence. Figure 18 illustrates the configuration of the **Mission** tree after you have completed the steps in this section. We'll discuss the **Target** sequence after it has been created.

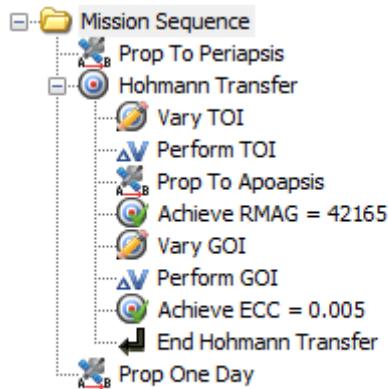


Figure 18. Final Mission Sequence for the Hohmann Transfer

To create the **Target** sequence:

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **Prop To Periapsis**, point to **Insert After**, and click **Target**. This will insert two separate commands: **Target1** and **EndTarget1**.
2. Right-click **Target1** and click **Rename**.
3. Type **Hohmann Transfer** and click **OK**.
4. Right-click **Hohmann Transfer**, point to **Append**, and click **Vary**.
5. Rename **Vary1** to **Vary TOI**.
6. Complete the **Target** sequence by appending the commands in Table 3.

Table 3. Additional Target Sequence Commands

Command	Name
Maneuver	Perform TOI
Propagate	Prop To Apoapsis
Achieve	Achieve RMAG = 42165
Vary	Vary GOI
Maneuver	Perform GOI
Achieve	Achieve ECC = 0.005



Note

Let's discuss what the **Target** sequence does. We know that two maneuvers are required to perform the Hohmann transfer. We also know that for our current mission, the final orbit radius must be 42,165 km and the final orbital eccentricity must be 0.005. However, we don't know the size (or ΔV magnitudes) of the maneuvers that precisely achieve the desired orbital conditions. You use the **Target** sequence to solve for those precise maneuver values. You must tell GMAT what controls are available (in this case, two maneuvers) and what conditions must be satisfied (in this case, a specific orbital radius and eccentricity). You accomplish this using the **Vary** and **Achieve** commands. Using the **Vary** command, you tell GMAT what to solve for—in this case, the ΔV values for **TOI** and **GOI**. You use the **Achieve** command to tell GMAT what conditions the solution must satisfy—in this case, the final orbital conditions.

Create the Final Propagate Command

We need a **Propagate** command after the **Target** sequence so that we can see our final orbit.

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **End Hohmann Transfer**, point to **Insert After**, and click **Propagate**. A new **Propagate3** command will appear.
2. Rename **Propagate3** to **Prop One Day**.
3. Double-click **Prop One Day** to edit its properties.
4. Under **Condition**, replace the value **12000.0** with **86400**, the number of seconds in one day.
5. Click **OK** to save these changes.

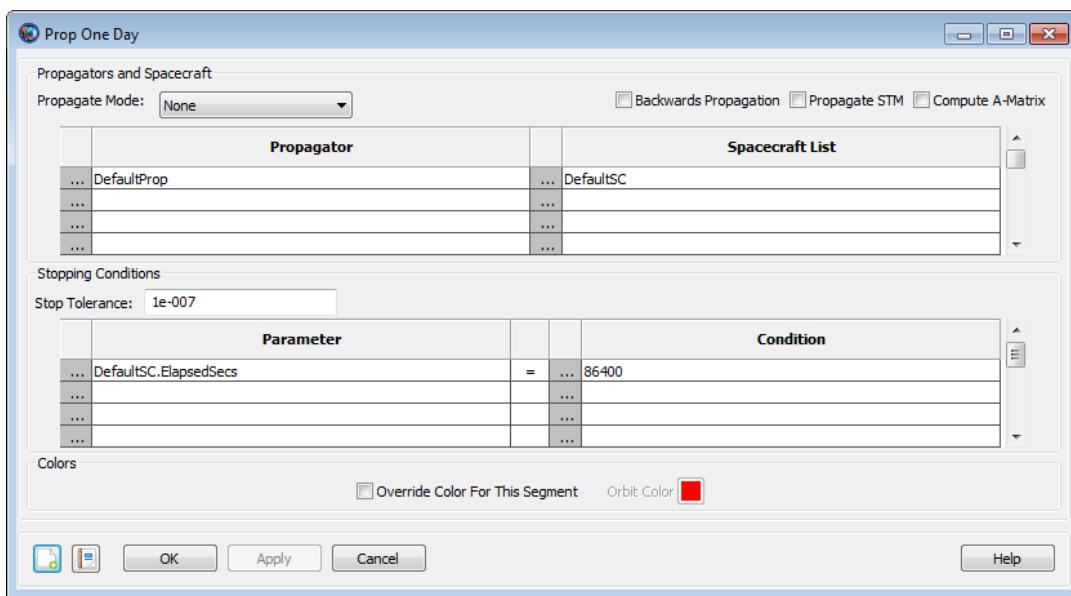


Figure 19. Prop One Day Command Configuration

Configure the Target Sequence

Now that the structure is created, we need to configure the various parts of the **Target** sequence to do what we want.

Configure the Vary TOI Command

1. Double-click **Vary TOI** to edit its properties. Notice that the variable in the **Variable** box is **TOI.Element1**, which by default is the velocity component of TOI in the local Velocity-Normal-Binormal (VNB) coordinate system. That's what we need, so we'll keep it.
2. In the **Initial Value** box, type **1.0**.
3. In the **Max Step** box, type **0.5**.
4. Click **OK** to save these changes.

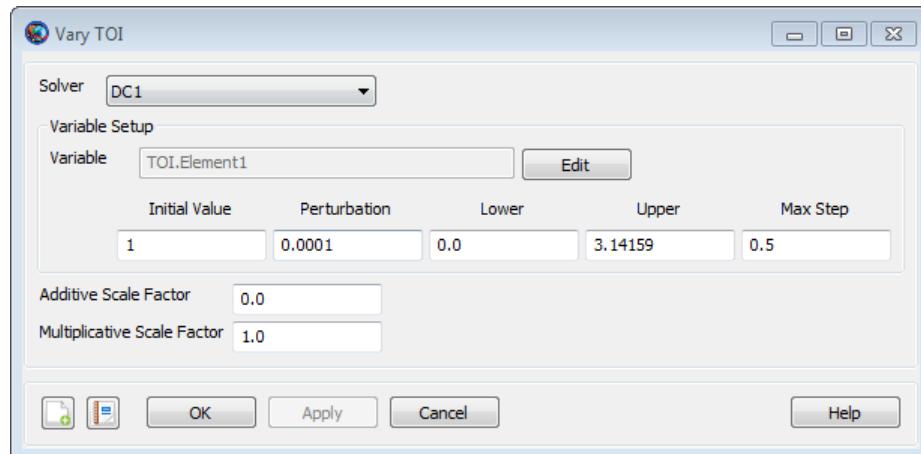


Figure 20. Vary TOI Command Configuration

Configure the Perform TOI Command

1. Double-click **Perform TOI** to edit its properties. Notice that the command is already set to apply the **TOI** burn to the **DefaultSC** spacecraft, so we don't need to change anything here.
2. Click **OK**.

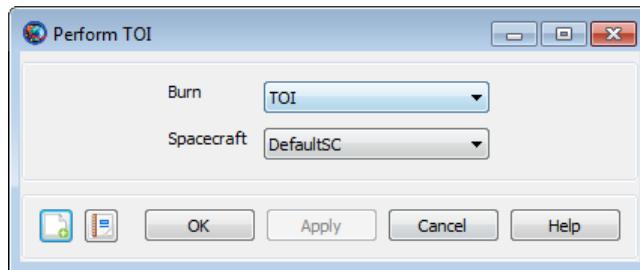


Figure 21. Perform TOI Command Configuration

Configure the Prop to Apoapsis Command

1. Double-click **Prop to Apoapsis** to edit its properties.
2. Under Parameter, replace **DefaultSC.ElapsedSecs** with **DefaultSC.Earth.Apoapsis**.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

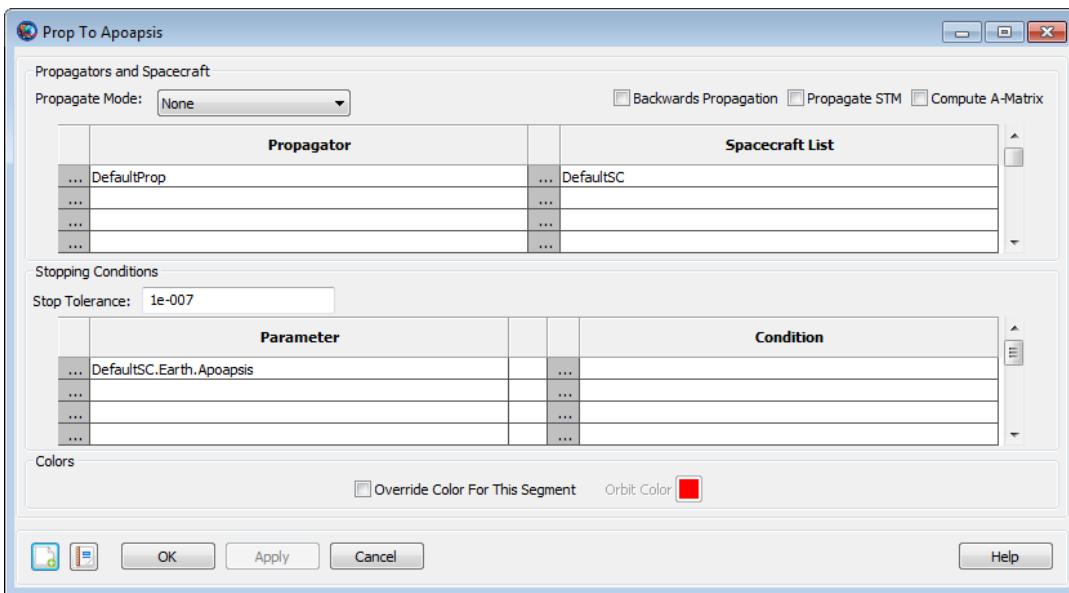


Figure 22. Prop to Apoapsis Command Configuration

Configure the Achieve RMAG = 42165 Command

1. Double-click **Achieve RMAG = 42165** to edit its properties.
2. Notice that **Goal** is set to **DefaultSC.Earth.RMAG**. This is what we need, so we make no changes here.
3. In the **Value** box, type **42164.169**, a more precise number for the radius of a geosynchronous orbit (in kilometers).
4. Click **OK** to save these changes.

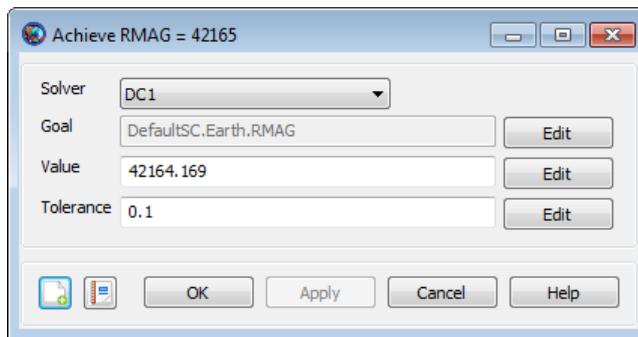


Figure 23. Achieve RMAG = 42165 Command Configuration

Configure the Vary GOI Command

1. Double-click **Vary GOI** to edit its properties.
2. Next to **Variable**, click the **Edit** button.
3. Under **Object List**, click **GOI**.
4. In the **Object Properties** list, double-click **Element1** to move it to the **Selected Value(s)** list. See the image below for results.

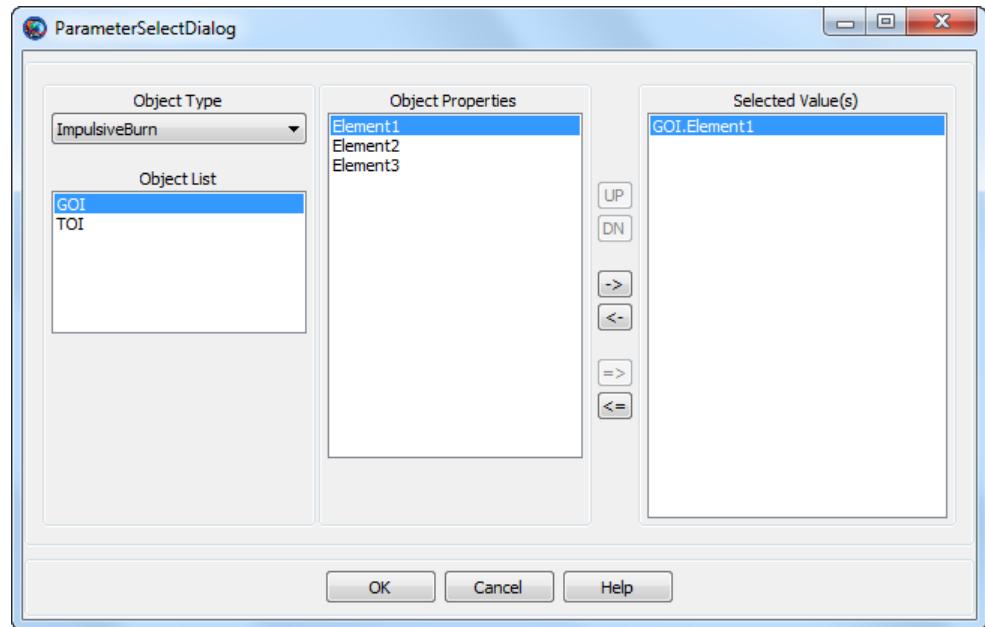


Figure 24. Vary GOI Parameter Selection

5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. In the **Initial Value** box, type **1.0**.
7. In the **MaxStep** text box, type **0.2**.
8. Click **OK** to save these changes.

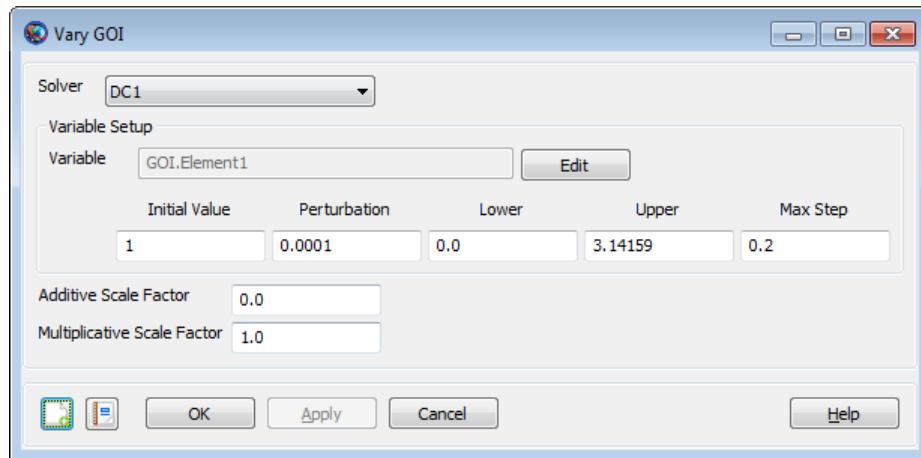


Figure 25. Vary GOI Command Configuration

Configure the Perform GOI Command

1. Double-click **Perform GOI** to edit its properties.
2. In the **Burn** list, click **GOI**.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

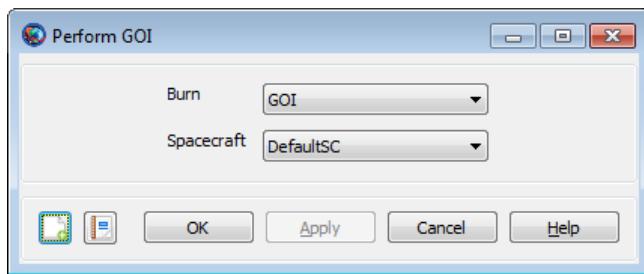


Figure 26. Perform GOI Command Configuration

Configure the Achieve ECC = 0.005 Command

1. Double-click **Achieve ECC = 0.005** to edit its properties.
2. Next to **Goal**, click the **Edit** button.
3. In the **Object Properties** list, double-click **ECC**.
4. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
5. In the **Value** box, type **0.005**.
6. In the **Tolerance** box, type **0.0001**.
7. Click **OK** to save these changes.

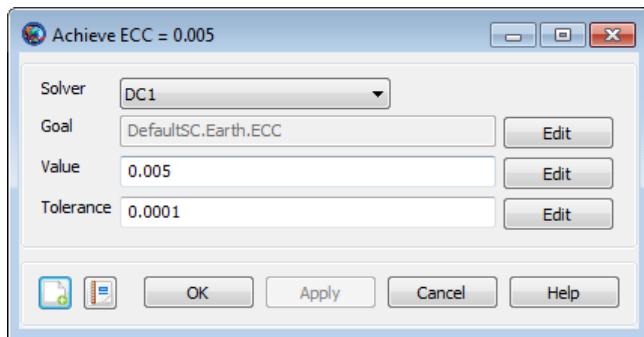


Figure 27. Achieve ECC = 0.005 Command Configuration

Run the Mission

Before running the mission, click **Save** (💾) and save the mission to a file of your choice. Now click **Run** (▶). As the mission runs, you will see GMAT solve the targeting problem. Each iteration and perturbation is shown in **DefaultOrbitView** window in light blue, and the final solution is shown in red. After the mission completes, the 3D view should appear as in to the image shown below. You may want to run the mission several times to see the targeting in progress.

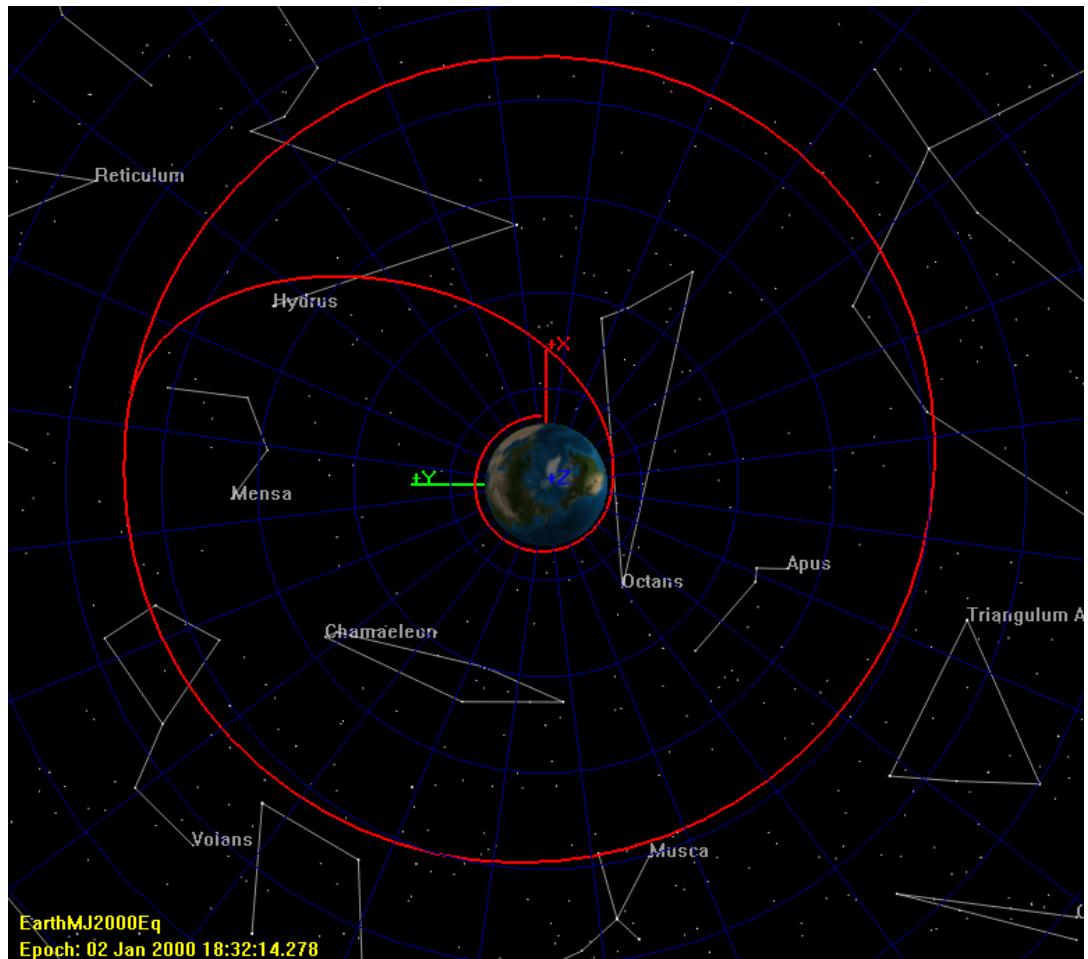


Figure 28. 3D View of Hohmann Transfer

If you were to continue developing this mission, you can store the final solution of the **Target** sequence as the initial conditions of the **TOI** and **GOI** resources themselves, so that if you make small changes, the subsequent runs will take less time. To do this, follow these steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, double-click **Hohmann Transfer** to edit its properties.
2. Click **Apply Corrections**.
3. Now re-run the mission. If you inspect the results in the message window, you will see that the **Target** sequence converges in one iteration because you stored the solution as the initial condition.

Target Finite Burn to Raise Apogee

Audience	Intermediate level
Length	45 minutes
Prerequisites	Complete Simulating an Orbit and Simple Orbit Transfer
Script File	<code>Tut_Target_Finite_Burn_to_Raise_Apogee.script</code>

Objective and Overview



Note

One of the most common operational problems in space mission design is the design of a finite burn that achieves a given orbital goal. A finite burn model, as opposed to the idealized impulsive burn model used for preliminary design, is needed to accurately model actual spacecraft maneuvers.

In this tutorial, we will use GMAT to perform a finite burn for a spacecraft in low Earth orbit. The goal of this finite burn is to achieve a certain desired apogee radius. Since the most efficient orbital location to affect apoapsis is at periapsis, the first step in this tutorial is to propagate the spacecraft to perigee.

To calculate the duration of the perigee burn needed to achieve a desired apogee radius of 12000 km, we must create the appropriate targeting sequence. The main portion of the target sequence employs a **Begin/End FiniteBurn** command pair, for a velocity direction maneuver, followed by a command to propagate the spacecraft to orbit apogee.

The basic steps of this tutorial are:

1. Create and configure the **Spacecraft** hardware and **FiniteBurn** resources
2. Create the **DifferentialCorrector** and Target Control Variable
3. Configure the Mission Sequence. To do this, we will
 - a. Create **Begin/End FiniteBurn** commands with default settings.
 - b. Create a **Target** sequence to achieve a 12000 km apogee radius.
4. Run the mission and analyze the results.

Create and Configure Spacecraft Hardware and Finite Burn

For this tutorial, you'll need GMAT open with the default mission loaded. To load the default mission, click **New Mission** (💡) or start a new GMAT session. We will use the default configurations for the spacecraft (**DefaultSC**) and the propagator (**DefaultProp**). **DefaultSC** is configured by default to a near-circular orbit, and **DefaultProp** is configured to use Earth as the central body with a nonspherical gravity model of degree and order 4. You may want to open the dialog boxes for these objects and inspect them more closely as we will leave them at their default settings.

Create a Thruster and a Fuel Tank

To model thrust and fuel use associated with a finite burn, we must create a **ChemicalThruster** and a **ChemicalTank** and then attach the newly created **ChemicalTank** to the **ChemicalThruster**.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click on the **Hardware** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ChemicalThruster**. A resource named **ChemicalThruster1** will be created.
2. In the **Resources** tree, right-click on the **Hardware** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ChemicalTank**. A resource named **ChemicalTank1** will be created.
3. Double-click **ChemicalThruster1** to edit its properties.
4. Select the **Decrement Mass** box so that GMAT will model fuel use associated with a finite burn.
5. Use the drop down menu to the right of the **Tank** field to select **ChemicalTank1** as the fuel source for **ChemicalThruster1**. Click **OK**.

Figure 29 below shows the default **ChemicalTank1** configuration that we will use and Figure 30 shows the finished **ChemicalThruster1** configuration.

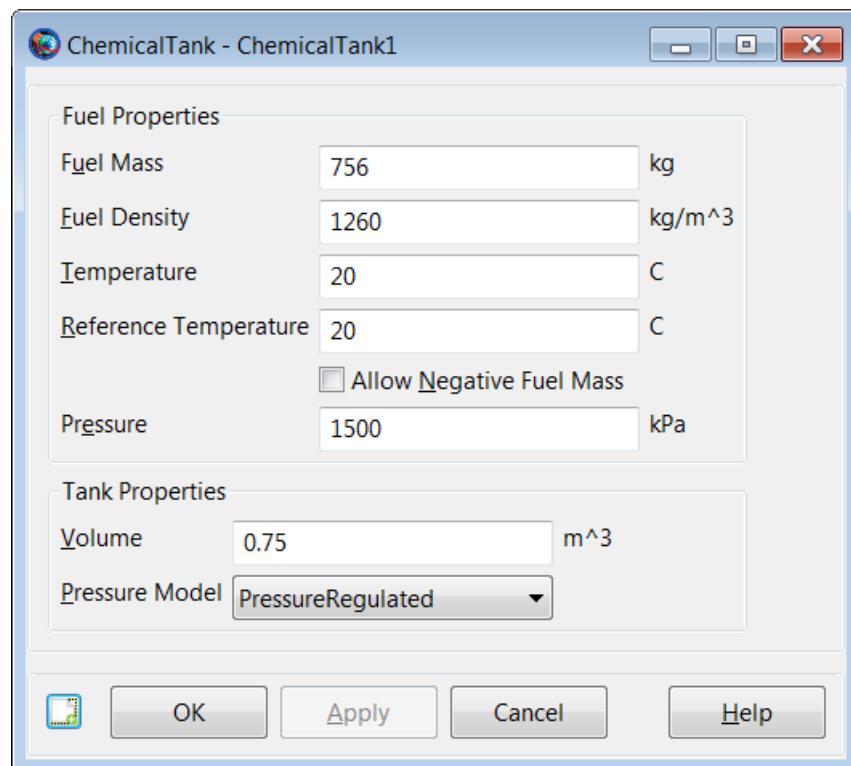


Figure 29. ChemicalTank1 Configuration

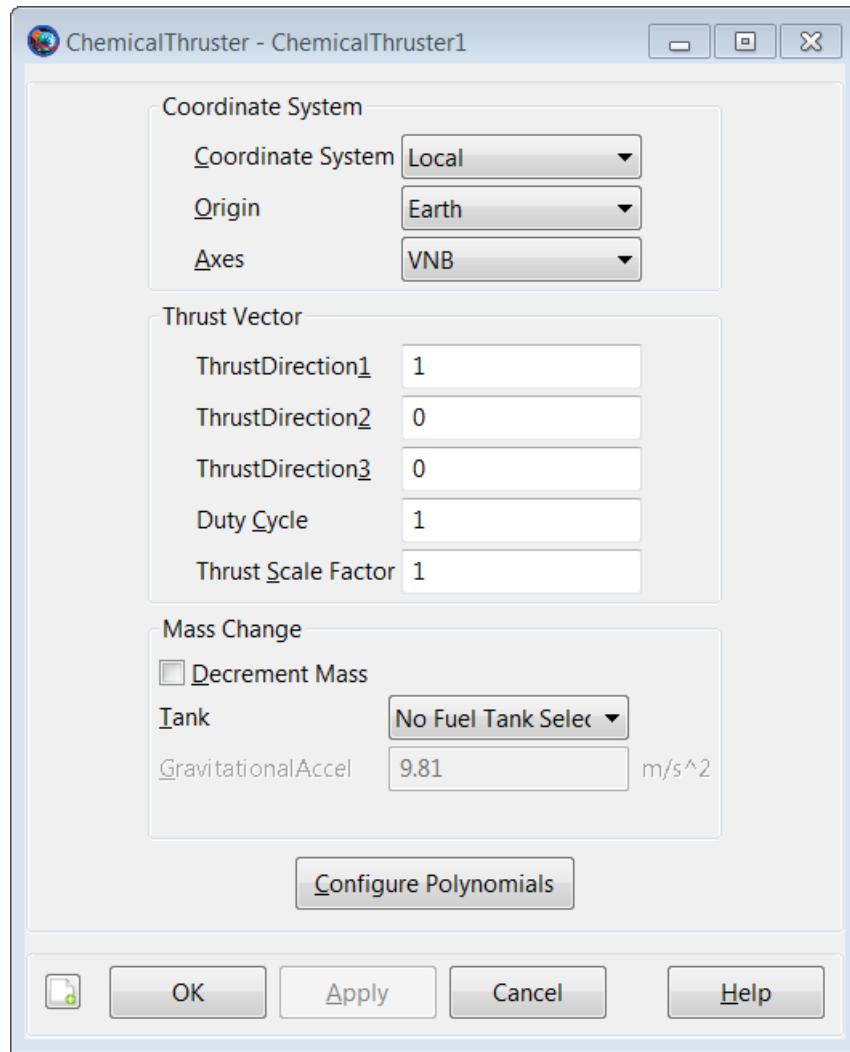


Figure 30. ChemicalThruster1 Configuration

Note that the default **Thruster1 Coordinate System**, as shown in [Figure 30](#), is Earth-based Velocity, Normal, Bi-normal (VNB) and that the default **Thrust Vector** of (1,0,0) represents our desired velocity oriented maneuver direction.

For a general finite burn, if desired, we can specify how both the thrust and the fuel use depend upon fuel tank pressure. The user does this by inputting coefficients of certain pre-defined polynomials. To view the values for the thrust coefficients, click the **Edit Thruster Coef.** button and to view the ISP coefficients which determine fuel use, click the **Edit Impulse Coef.** button. For this tutorial, we will use the default ISP polynomial coefficient values but we will change the **ChemicalThruster1** polynomial coefficients as follows.

Modify Thruster1 Thrust Coefficients

1. In the **Resources** tree, double-click **ChemicalThruster1** to edit its properties
2. Click the **Edit Thruster Coef.** button to bring up the **ThrusterCoefficientDialog** box, shown in [Figure 31](#). Replace the default **C1** coefficient value of **10** with **1000**. Click **OK**.

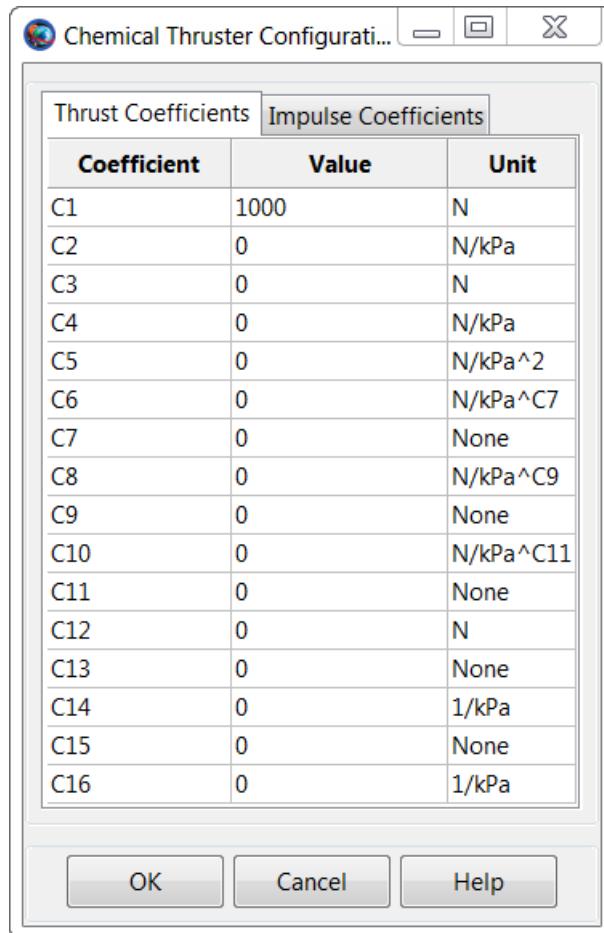


Figure 31. ChemicalThruster1 Thrust Coefficients

The exact form of the pre-defined Thrust polynomial, associated with the coefficients above, are given in the **ChemicalThruster** help. We note that, by default, all of the Thrust coefficients associated with terms that involve tank pressure are zero. We have kept the default zero values for all of these coefficients. We simply changed the constant term in the Thrust polynomial from **10** to **1000** which is much larger than the thrust for a typical chemical thruster. The Thrust and ISP polynomials used in this tutorial are shown below.

Thrust = 1000 (Newtons)

ISP = 300 (seconds)

Attach ChemicalTank1 and Thruster1 to DefaultSC

1. In the **Resources** tree, double-click **DefaultSC** to edit its properties.
2. Select the **Tanks** tab. In the **Available Tanks** column, select **ChemicalTank1**. Then click the right arrow button to add **ChemicalTank1** to the **SelectedTanks** list. Click **Apply**.
3. Select the **Actuators** tab. In the **Available Thrusters** column, select **ChemicalThruster1**. Then click the right arrow button to add **ChemicalThruster1** to the **SelectedThrusters** list. Click **OK**.

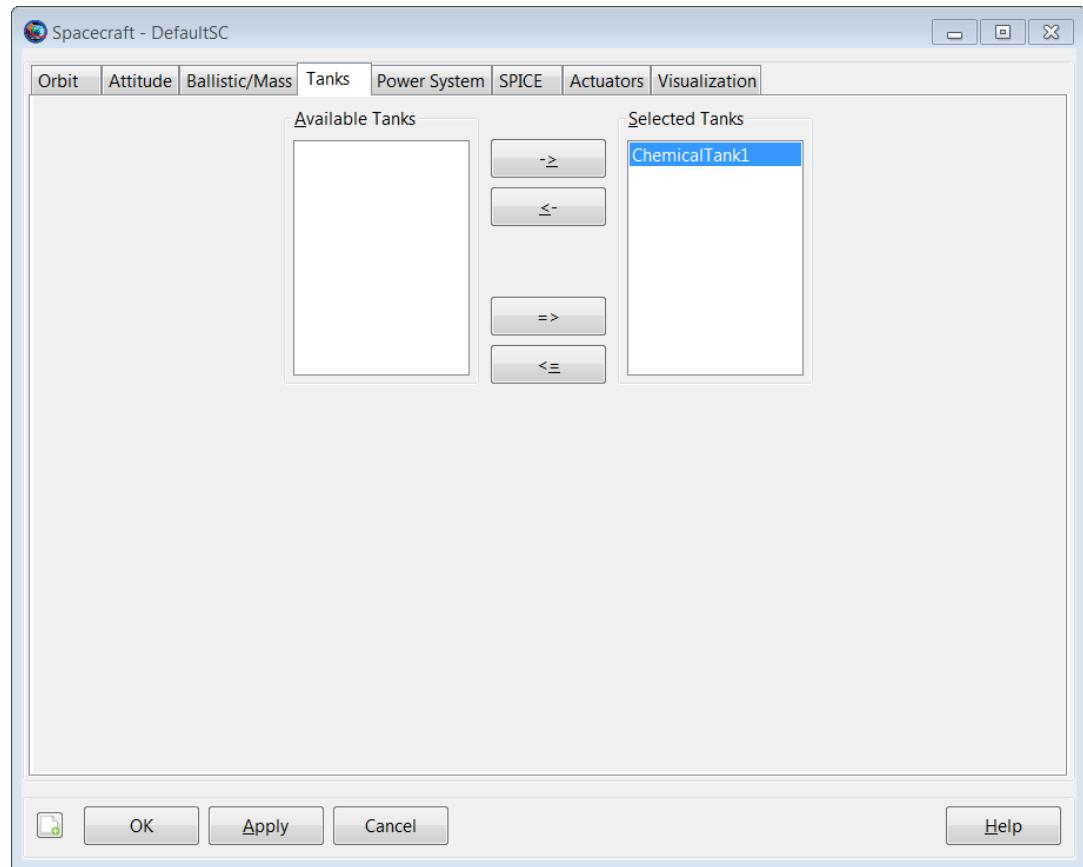


Figure 32. Attach ChemicalTank1 to DefaultSC

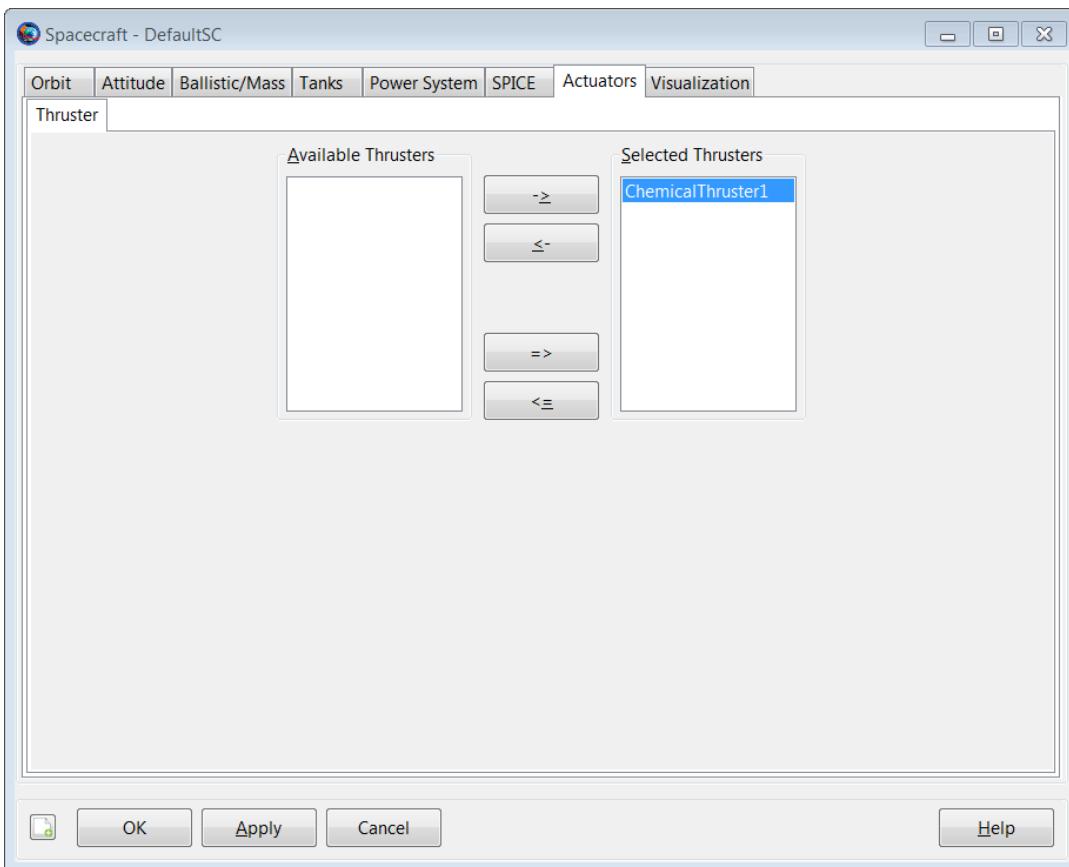


Figure 33. Attach ChemicalThruster1 to DefaultSC

Create the Finite Burn Maneuver

We'll need a single **FiniteBurn** resource for this tutorial.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click the **Burns** folder and add a **FiniteBurn**. A resource named **FiniteBurn1** will be created.
2. Double-click **FiniteBurn1** to edit its properties.
3. Use the menu to the right of the **Thruster** field to select **ChemicalThruster1** as the thruster associated with **FiniteBurn1**. Click **OK**.

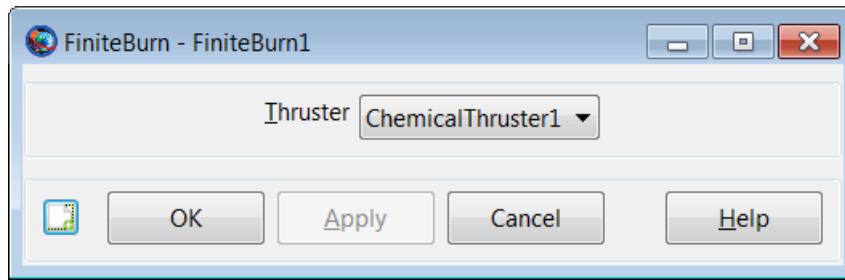


Figure 34. Creation of FiniteBurn Resource FiniteBurn1

Create the Differential Corrector and Target Control Variable

The **Target** sequence we will create later needs a **DifferentialCorrector** resource to operate, so let's create one now. We'll leave the settings at their defaults.

1. In the **Resources** tree, expand the **Solvers** folder if it isn't already.
2. Right-click the **Boundary Value Solvers** folder, point to **Add**, and click **DifferentialCorrector**. A new resource called **DC1** will be created.

The **Target** sequence we will later create uses the **Vary** command to adjust a user defined target control variable in order to achieve the desired orbital goal of raising apogee to **12000** km. We must first create this variable which we will name **BurnDuration**.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click the **Variables/Arrays/Strings** folder, point to **Add**, and click **Variable**. A new window will come up with two input fields, **Variable Name** and **Variable Value**. For **Variable Name**, input **BurnDuration** and for **Variable Value**, input **0**. Click the **=>** button to create the variable, then click **Close**.
2. To verify that we have created this new variable correctly, double-click **BurnDuration** to view its properties.

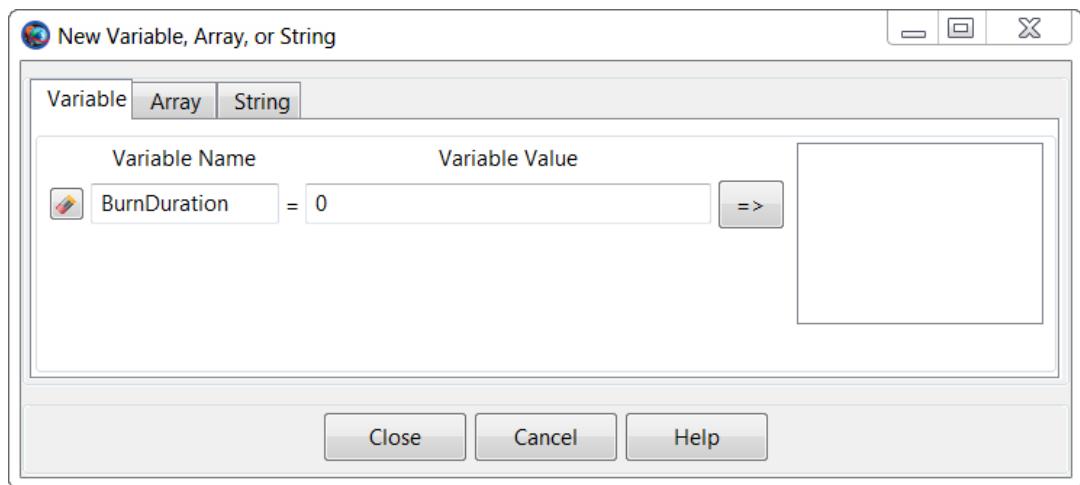


Figure 35. Creation of Variable Resource, BurnDuration

Configure the Mission Sequence

Now we will configure a **Target** sequence to solve for the finite burn duration required to raise apogee to **12000** km. We'll begin by creating the initial **Propagate** command, then the **Target** sequence itself.

Configure the Initial Propagate Command

1. Click on the **Mission** tab to show the **Mission** tree.
2. Configure **Propagate1** to propagate to **DefaultSC.Earth.Periapsis**.
3. Rename **Propagate1** to **Prop To Perigee**.

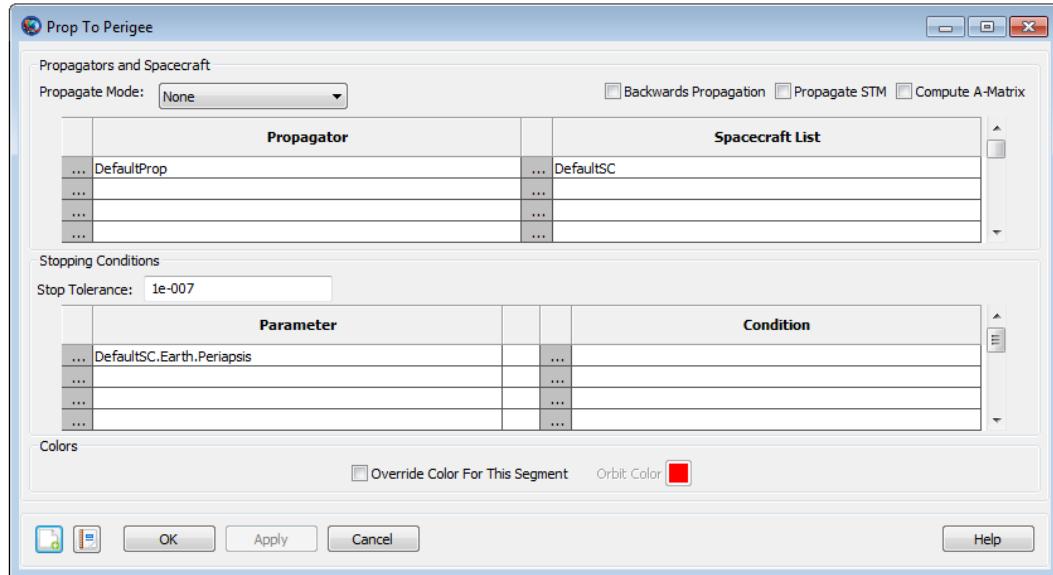


Figure 36. Prop To Perigee Command Configuration

Create the Target Sequence

Now create the commands necessary to perform the **Target** sequence. Figure 37 illustrates the configuration of the **Mission** tree after we have completed the steps in this section. We'll discuss the **Target** sequence after it has been created.

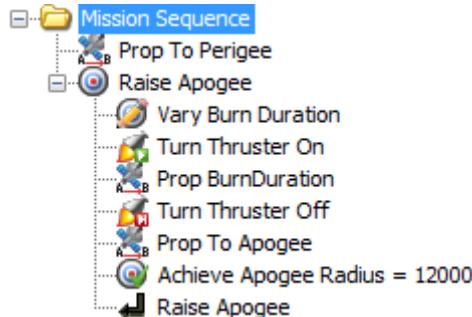


Figure 37. Final Mission Sequence

To create the **Target** sequence:

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **Prop To Perigee**, point to **Insert After**, and click **Target**. This will insert two separate commands: **Target1** and **EndTarget1**.
2. Right-click **Target1** and click **Rename**. Type **Raise Apogee** and click **OK**.
3. Right-click **Raise Apogee**, point to **Append**, and click **Vary**. Rename the newly created command as **Vary Burn Duration**.
4. Right-click **Vary Burn Duration**, point to **Insert After**, and click **BeginFiniteBurn**. Rename the newly created command as **Turn Thruster On**.
5. Complete the **Target** sequence by inserting the commands shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Additional Target Sequence Commands

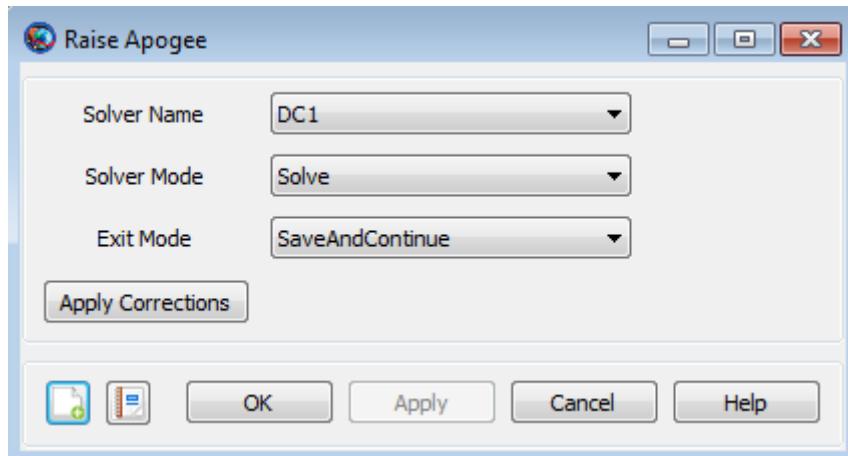
Command	Name
Propagate	Prop BurnDuration
EndFiniteBurn	Turn Thruster Off
Propagate	Prop To Apogee
Achieve	Achieve Apogee Radius = 12000

Configure the Target Sequence

Now that the structure is created, we need to configure the various parts of the **Target** sequence to do what we want.

Configure the Raise Apogee Command

1. Double-click **Raise Apogee** to edit its properties.
2. In the **ExitMode** list, click **SaveAndContinue**. This instructs GMAT to save the final solution of the targeting problem after you run it.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

**Figure 38. Raise Apogee Command Configuration**

Configure the Vary Burn Duration Command

1. Double-click **Vary Burn Duration** to edit its properties. We want this command to adjust (or “Vary”) the finite burn duration represented by the previously created control variable, **BurnDuration**. To accomplish this, click on the **Edit** button to bring up the **ParameterSelectDialog**. Use the **ObjectType** menu to select the **Variable** object type. The **ObjectList** menu will then display a list of user defined variables. Double-click on the variable, **BurnDuration**, so that **BurnDuration** appears in the **SelectedValues(s)** menu. Click the **OK** button to save the changes and return to the **Vary Burn Duration** command menu.
2. In the **Initial Value** box, type **200**
3. In the **Upper** box, type **10000**
4. In the **Max Step** box, type **100**.
5. Click **OK** to save these changes.

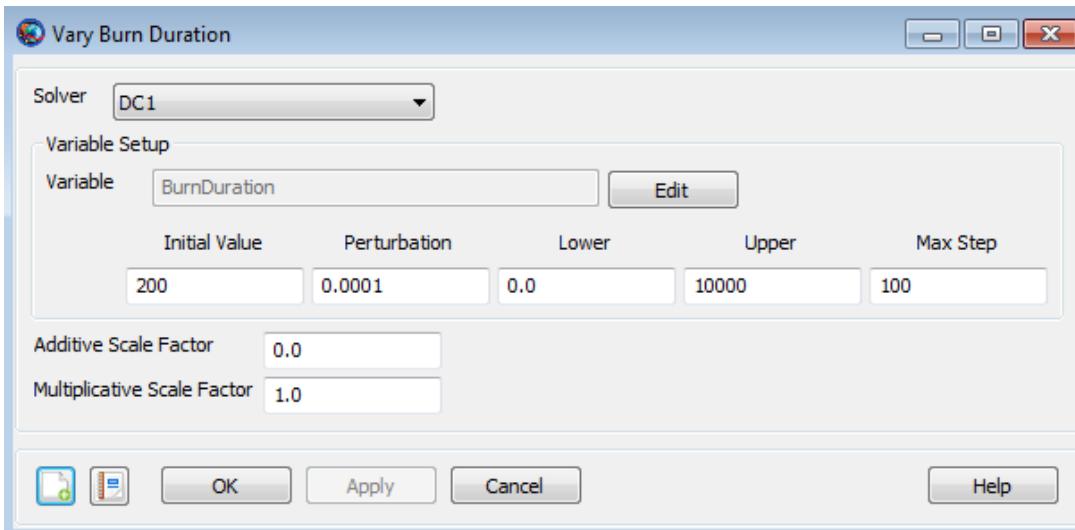


Figure 39. Vary Burn Duration Command Configuration

Configure the Turn Thruster On Command

1. Double-click **Turn Thruster On** to edit its properties. Notice that the command is already set to apply **FiniteBurn1** to the **DefaultSC** spacecraft, so we don't need to change anything here.
2. Click **OK**.

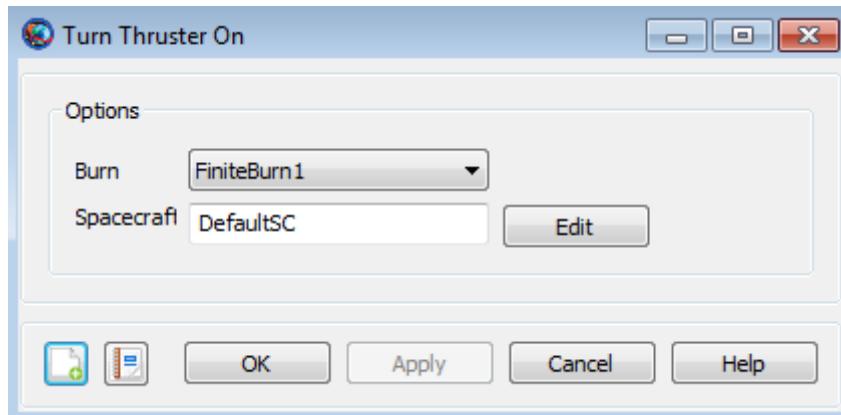


Figure 40. Turn Thruster On Command Configuration

Configure the Prop BurnDuration Command

1. Double-click **Prop BurnDuration** to edit its properties.
2. We will use the default **Parameter** value of **DefaultSC.ElapsedSecs**.
3. Under **Condition**, replace the default value with **Variable, BurnDuration**.
4. Click **OK** to save these changes.

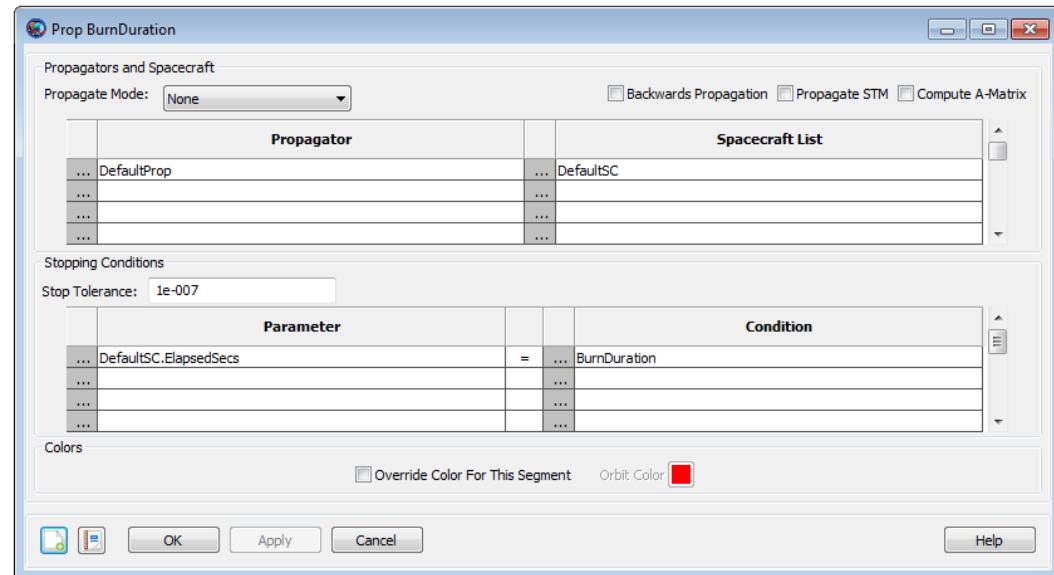


Figure 41. Prop BurnDuration Command Configuration

Configure the Turn Thruster Off Command

1. Double-click **Turn Thruster Off** to edit its properties. Notice that the command is already set to end **FiniteBurn1** as applied to the **DefaultSC** spacecraft, so we don't need to change anything here..
2. Click **OK**.

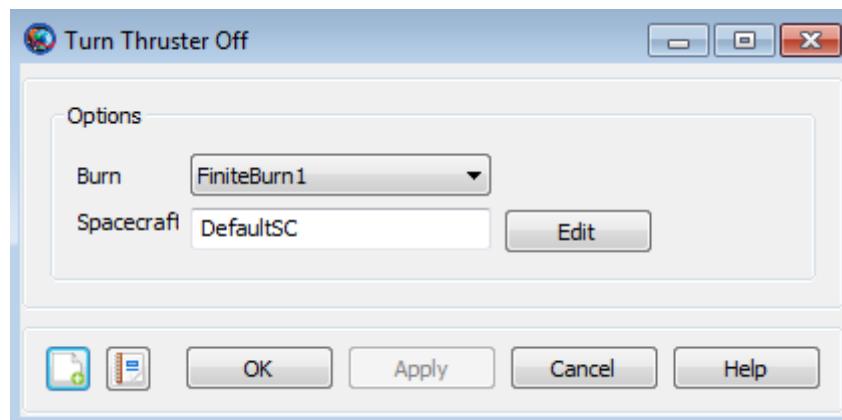


Figure 42. Turn Thruster Off Command Configuration

Configure the Prop To Apogee Command

1. Double-click **Prop to Apogee** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Parameter**, replace **DefaultSC.ElapsedSecs** with **DefaultSC.Earth.Apoapsis**.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

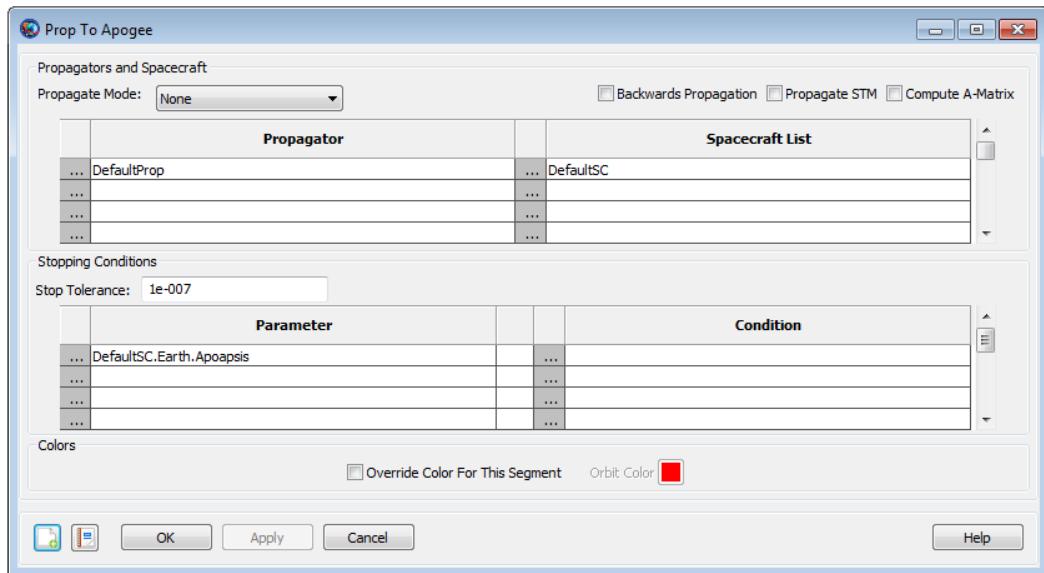


Figure 43. Prop To Apogee Command Configuration

Configure the Achieve Apogee Radius = 12000 Command

1. Double-click **Achieve Apogee Radius = 12000** to edit its properties.
2. Notice that **Goal** is set to **DefaultSC.Earth.RMAG**. This is what we need, so we make no changes here.
3. In the **Value** box, type **12000**
4. Click **OK** to save these changes

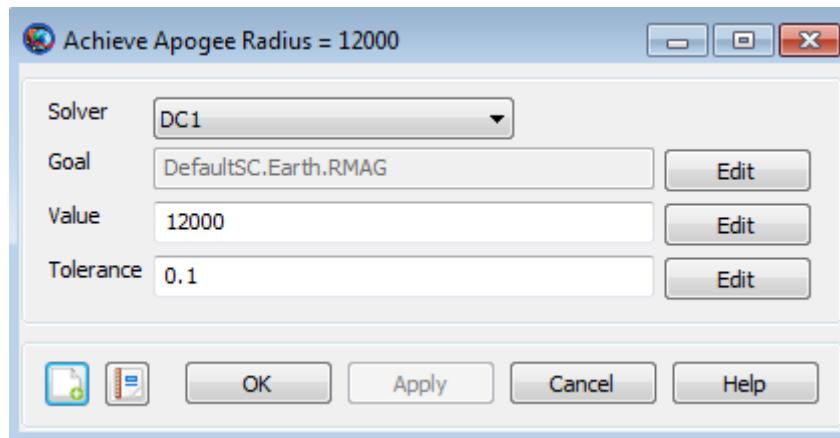


Figure 44. Achieve Apogee Radius = 12000 Command Configuration

Run the Mission

Before running the mission, click **Save** to save the mission to a file of your choice. Now click **Run**. As the mission runs, you will see GMAT solve the targeting problem. Each iteration and perturbation is shown in **DefaultOrbitView** window in light blue, and the final solution is shown in red. After the mission completes, the 3D view should appear as shown in the image shown below. You may want to run the mission several times to see the targeting in progress.

Inspect Orbit View and Message Window

Inspect the 3D DefaultOrbitView window. Manipulate the window as needed to view the orbit "face-on." Visually verify that apogee has indeed been raised.

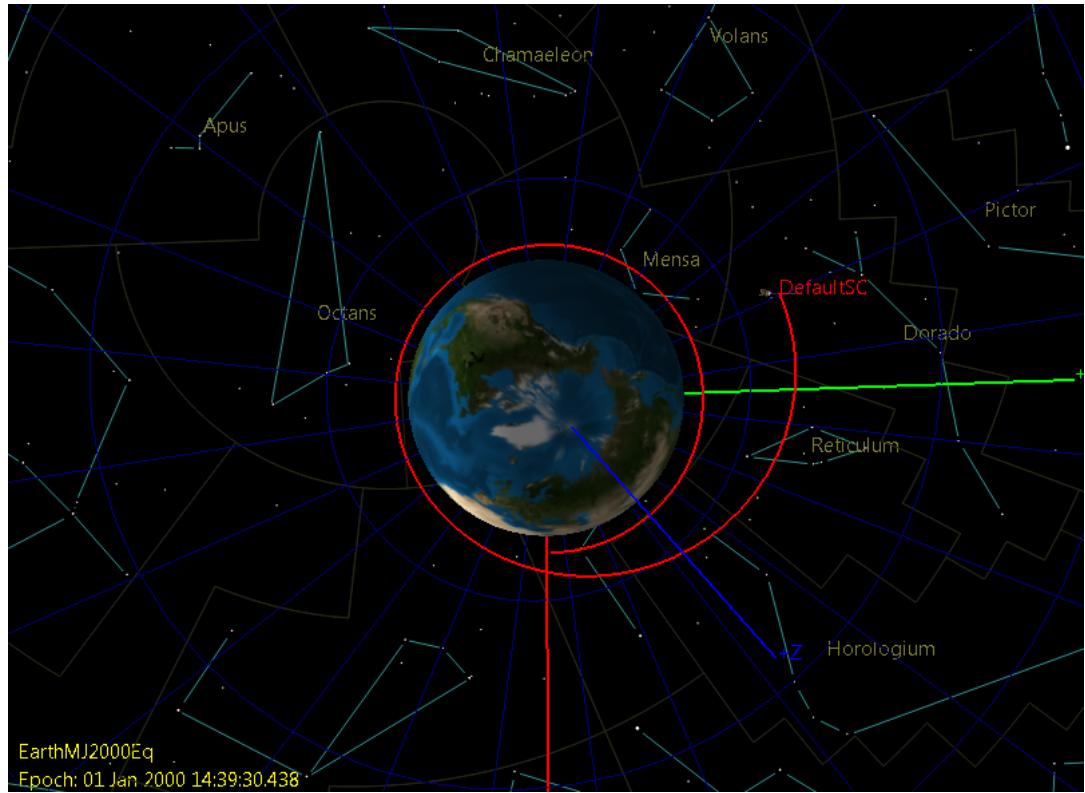


Figure 45. 3D View of Finite Burn to Raise Apogee

As shown below, we inspect the output message window to determine the number of iterations it took the **DifferentialCorrector** to converge and the final value of the control variable, **BurnDuration**. Verify that you obtained a similar value for **BurnDuration**.

```
*** Targeting Completed in 13 iterations  
Final Variable values:  
BurnDuration = 1213.19316329
```

Explore the Command Summary Reports

All of the commands in the **Mission** tree have associated **Command Summary** reports. As shown below, we review these reports to help verify that our script performed as expected.

1. In the **Mission** tree, select **Prop To Perigee**, then right-click to open the associated **Command Summary** which describes the state of **DefaultSC** after the **Prop To Perigee** command has been performed. We verify perigee has indeed been achieved by finding the mean anomaly value of **DefaultSC**. To do this, we look at the value of **MA** under the Keplerian State. As expected, the mean anomaly is zero.
2. View the **Turn Thruster On** command summary. Note that, as expected, prior to the start of the maneuver, the fuel mass is **756 kg**.
3. View the **Turn Thruster Off** command summary.

- a. Note that the mean anomaly at the end of the maneuver is **25.13** degrees. Thus, as the burn occurred, the mean anomaly increased from **0** to **25.13** degrees. By orbital theory, we know that an apogee raising burn is best performed at perigee. Thus, we may be able to achieve our orbital goal using less fuel if we “center” the burn. For example, we could try starting our burn at a mean anomaly of $-(25.13/2)$ instead of **0** degrees.
 - b. Note that, at the end of the maneuver, the fuel mass is **343.76990815648** kg. Thus, this finite burn used approximately **756 - 343.8 = 412.2** kg of fuel.
4. View the **Prop To Apogee** command summary.
 - a. We note that the mean anomaly is **180** degrees which proves that we are indeed at apogee.
 - b. We note that the orbital radius (RMAG) is **11999.999998192** km which proves that we have achieved our desired **12000** km apogee radius to within our desired tolerance of **0.1** km.

Mars B-Plane Targeting

Audience	Advanced
Length	75 minutes
Prerequisites	Complete Simulating an Orbit , Simple Orbit Transfer and a basic understanding of B-Planes and their usage in targeting is required.
Script File	Tut_Mars_B_Plane_Targeting.script

Objective and Overview



Note

One of the most challenging problems in space mission design is to design an interplanetary transfer trajectory that takes the spacecraft within a very close vicinity of the target planet. One possible approach that puts the spacecraft close to a target planet is by targeting the B-Plane of that planet. The B-Plane is a planar coordinate system that allows targeting during a gravity assist. It can be thought of as a target attached to the assisting body. In addition, it must be perpendicular to the incoming asymptote of the approach hyperbola. [Figure 46](#) and [Figure 47](#) show the geometry of the B-Plane and B-vector as seen from a viewpoint perpendicular to orbit plane. To read more on B-Planes, please consult the GMATMathSpec document. A good example involving the use of B-Plane targeting is a mission to Mars. Sending a spacecraft to Mars can be achieved by performing a Trajectory Correction Maneuver (TCM) that targets Mars B-Plane. Once the spacecraft gets close to Mars, then an orbit insertion maneuver can be performed to capture into Mars orbit.

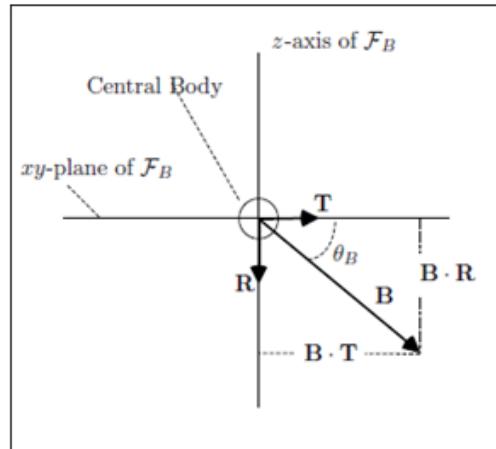


Figure 46. Geometry of the B-Plane as seen from a viewpoint perpendicular to the B-Plane

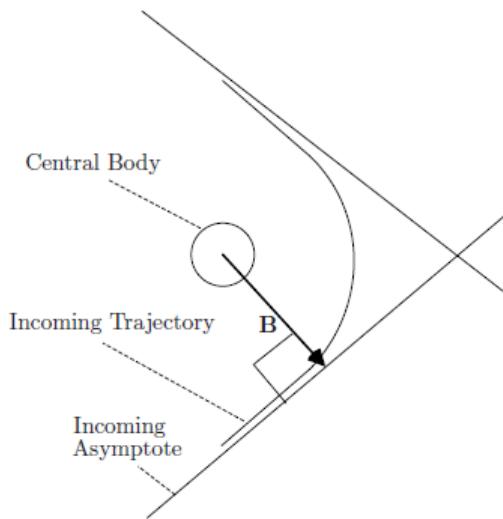


Figure 47. The B-vector as seen from a viewpoint perpendicular to orbit plane

In this tutorial, we will use GMAT to model a mission to Mars. Starting from an out-going hyperbolic trajectory around Earth, we will perform a TCM to target Mars B-Plane. Once we are close to Mars, we will adjust the size of the maneuver to perform a Mars Orbit Insertion (MOI) to achieve a final elliptical orbit with an inclination of 90 degrees. Meeting these mission objectives requires us to create two separate targeting sequences. In order to focus on the configuration of the two targeters, we will make extensive use of the default configurations for spacecraft, propagators, and maneuvers.

The first target sequence employs maneuvers in the Earth-based Velocity (V), Normal (N) and Bi-normal (B) directions and includes four propagation sequences. The purpose of the maneuvers in VNB directions is to target $B_{dot}T$ and $B_{dot}R$ components of the B-vector. $B_{dot}T$ is targeted to 0 km and $B_{dot}R$ is targeted to a non-zero value to generate a polar orbit that has inclination of 90 degrees. $B_{dot}R$ is targeted to -7000 km to avoid having the orbit intersect Mars, which has a radius of approximately 3396 km.

The second target sequence employs a single, Mars-based anti-velocity direction (-V) maneuver and includes one propagation sequence. This single anti-velocity direction maneuver will occur at periapsis. The purpose of the maneuver is to achieve MOI by targeting position vector magnitude of 12,000 km at apoapsis. The basic steps of this tutorial are:

1. Modify the **DefaultSC** to define spacecraft's initial state. The initial state is an out-going hyperbolic trajectory that is with respect to Earth.
2. Create and configure a **Fuel Tank** resource.
3. Create two **ImpulsiveBurn** resources with default settings.
4. Create and configure three **Propagators**: NearEarth, DeepSpace and NearMars
5. Create and configure **DifferentialCorrector** resource.
6. Create and configure three **DefaultOrbitView** resources to visualize Earth, Sun and Mars centered trajectories.
7. Create and configure three **CoordinateSystems**: Earth, Sun and Mars centered.
8. Create first **Target** sequence to target $B_{dot}T$ and $B_{dot}R$ components of the B-vector.
9. Create second **Target** sequence to implement MOI by targeting position magnitude at apoapsis.
10. Run the mission and analyze the results.

Configure Fuel Tank, Spacecraft properties, Maneuvers, Propagators, Differential Corrector, Coordinate Systems and Graphics

For this tutorial, you'll need GMAT open, with the default mission loaded. To load the default mission, click **New Mission** (DefaultSC will be modified to set spacecraft's initial state as an out-going hyperbolic trajectory.

Create Fuel Tank

We need to create a fuel tank in order to see how much fuel is expended after each impulsive burn. We will modify **DefaultSC** resource later and attach the fuel tank to the spacecraft.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click the **Hardware** folder, point to **Add** and click **ChemicalTank**. A new resource called **ChemicalTank1** will be created.
2. Right-click **ChemicalTank1** and click **Rename**.
3. In the **Rename** box, type **MainTank** and click **OK**.
4. Double click on **MainTank** to edit its properties.
5. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 5. MainTank settings

Field	Value
Fuel Mass	1718
Fuel Density	1000
Pressure	5000
Volume	2

6. Click **OK** to save these changes.

Modify the DefaultSC Resource

We need to make minor modifications to **DefaultSC** in order to define spacecraft's initial state and attach the fuel tank to the spacecraft.

1. In the **Resources** tree, under **Spacecraft** folder, right-click **DefaultSC** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **MAVEN** and click **OK**.
3. Double-click on **MAVEN** to edit its properties. Make sure **Orbit** tab is selected.
4. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 6. MAVEN settings

Field	Value
Epoch Format	UTCGregorian
Epoch	18 Nov 2013 20:26:24.315
Coordinate System	EarthMJ2000Eq
State Type	Keplerian
SMA under Elements	-32593.21599272796
ECC under Elements	1.202872548116185
INC under Elements	28.80241266404142
RAAN under Elements	173.9693759331483
AOP under Elements	240.9696529532764
TA under Elements	359.9465533778069

5. Click on **Tanks** tab now.
6. Under **Available Tanks**, you'll see **MainTank**. This is the fuel tank that we created earlier.
7. We attach **MainTank** to the spacecraft **MAVEN** by bringing it under **Selected Tanks** box. Select **MainTank** under **Available Tanks** and bring it over to the right-hand side under the **Selected Tanks**.
8. Click **OK** to save these changes.

Create the Maneuvers

We'll need two **ImpulsiveBurn** resources for this tutorial. Below, we'll rename the default ImpulsiveBurn and create a new one. We'll also select the fuel tank that was created earlier in order to access fuel for the burns.

1. In the **Resources** tree, under the **Burns** folder, right-click **DefaultIB** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **TCM**, an acronym for Trajectory Correction Maneuver and click **OK** to edit its properties.
3. Double-Click **TCM** to edit its properties to edit its properties.
4. Check **Decrement Mass** under **Mass Change**.
5. For **Tank** field under **Mass Change**, select **MainTank** from drop down menu.
6. Click **OK** to save these changes.
7. Right-click the**Burns** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ImpulsiveBurn**. A new resource called **ImpulsiveBurn1** will be created.
8. Rename the new **ImpulsiveBurn1** resource to **MOI**, an acronym for Mars Orbit Insertion and click **OK**.
9. Double-click **MOI** to edit its properties.
10. For **Origin** field under **Coordinate System**, select **Mars**.
11. Check **Decrement Mass** under **Mass Change**.
12. For **Tank** field under **Mass Change**, select **MainTank** from the drop down menu.
13. Click **OK** to save these changes.

Create the Propagators

We'll need to add three propagators for this tutorial. Below, we'll rename the default **DefaultProp** and create two more propagators.

1. In the **Resources** tree, under the **Propagators** folder, right-click **DefaultProp** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **NearEarth** and click **OK**.
3. Double-click on **NearEarth** to edit its properties.
4. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 7. NearEarth settings

Field	Value
Initial Step Size under Integrator	600
Accuracy under Integrator	1e-013
Min Step Size under Integrator	0
Max Step Size under Integrator	600
Model under Gravity	JGM-2
Degree under Gravity	8
Order under Gravity	8
Atmosphere Model under Drag	None
Point Masses under Force Model	Add Luna and Sun
Use Solar Radiation Pressure under Force Model	Check this field

5. Click on **OK** to save these changes.
6. Right-click the **Propagators** folder and click **Add Propagator**. A new resource called **Propagator1** will be created.
7. **Rename** the new **Propagator1** resource to **DeepSpace** and click **OK**.
8. Double-click **DeepSpace** to edit its properties.
9. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 8. DeepSpace settings

Field	Value
Type under Integrator	PrinceDormand78
Initial Step Size under Integrator	600
Accuracy under Integrator	1e-012
Min Step Size under Integrator	0
Max Step Size under Integrator	864000
Central Body under Force Model	Sun
Primary Body under Force Model	None
Point Masses under Force Model	Add Earth, Luna, Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Neptune, Saturn, Uranus, Venus
Use Solar Radiation Pressure under Force Model	Check this field

10. Click **OK** to save these changes.
11. Right-click the **Propagators** folder and click **Add Propagator**. A new resource called **Propagator1** will be created.
12. Rename the new **Propagator1** resource to **NearMars** and click **OK**.

13. Double-click on **NearMars** to edit its properties.
14. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 9. NearMars settings

Field	Value
Type under Integrator	PrinceDormand78
Initial Step Size under Integrator	600
Accuracy under Integrator	1e-012
Min Step Size under Integrator	0
Max Step Size under Integrator	86400
Central Body under Force Model	Mars
Primary Body under Force Model	Mars
Model under Gravity	Mars-50C
Degree under Gravity	8
Order under Gravity	8
Atmosphere Model under Drag	None
Point Masses under Force Model	Add Sun
Use Solar Radiation Pressure under Force Model	Check this field

15. Click **OK** to save the changes.

Create the Differential Corrector

Two **Target** sequences that we will create later need a **DifferentialCorrector** resource to operate, so let's create one now. We'll leave the settings at their defaults.

1. In the **Resources** tree, expand the **Solvers** folder if it isn't already.
2. Right-click the **Boundary Value Solvers** folder, point to **Add**, and click **DifferentialCorrector**. A new resource called **DC1** will be created.
3. Rename the new **DC1** resource to **DefaultDC** and click **OK**.

Create the Coordinate Systems

The BdotT and BdotR constraints that we will define later under the first **Target** sequence require us to create a coordinate system. Orbit View resources that we will create later also need coordinate system resources to operate. We will create Sun and Mars centered coordinate systems. So let's create them now.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click the **Coordinate Systems** folder and click **Add Coordinate System**. A new Dialog box is created with a title **New Coordinate System**.
2. Type **SunEcliptic** under **Coordinate System Name** box.
3. Under **Origin** field, select **Sun**.
4. For **Type** under **Axes**, select **MJ2000Ec**.
5. Click **OK** to save these changes. You'll see that a new coordinate system **SunEcliptic** is created under **Coordinate Systems** folder.
6. Right-click the **Coordinate Systems** folder and click **Add Coordinate System**. A new Dialog Box is created with a title **New Coordinate System**.

7. Type **MarsInertial** under **Coordinate System Name** box.
8. Under **Origin** field, select **Mars**.
9. For **Type** under **Axes**, select **BodyInertial**.
10. Click **OK** to save these changes. You'll see that a new coordinate system **MarsInertial** is created under **Coordinate Systems** folder.

Create the Orbit Views

We'll need three **DefaultOrbitView** resources for this tutorial. Below, we'll rename the default **DefaultOrbitView** and create two new ones. We need three graphics windows in order to visualize spacecraft's trajectory centered around Earth, Sun and then Mars

1. In the **Resources** tree, under **Output** folder, right-click **DefaultOrbitView** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **EarthView** and click **OK**.
3. In the **Output** folder, delete **DefaultGroundTrackPlot**.
4. Double-click **EarthView** to edit its properties.
5. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 10. EarthView settings

Field	Value
View Scale Factor under View Definition	4
View Point Vector boxes, under View Definition	0, 0, 30000

6. Click **OK** to save these changes.
7. Right-click the **Output** folder, point to **Add**, and click **OrbitView**. A new resource called **OrbitView1** will be created.
8. **Rename** the new **OrbitView1** resource to **SolarSystemView** and click **OK**.
9. Double-click **SolarSystemView** to edit its properties.
10. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 11. SolarSystemView settings

Field	Value
From Celestial Object under View Object , add following Mars, Sun (Do not remove objects to Selected Celestial Object box	Earth)
Coordinate System under View Definition	SunEcliptic
View Point Reference under View Definition	Sun
View Point Vector boxes, under View Definition	0, 0, 5e8
View Direction under View Definition	Sun
Coordinate System under View Up Definition	SunEcliptic

11. Click **OK** to save these changes.
12. Right-click the **Output** folder, point to **Add**, and click **OrbitView**. A new resource called **OrbitView1** will be created.
13. **Rename** the new **OrbitView1** resource to **MarsView** and click **OK**.
14. Double-click **MarsView** to edit its properties.
15. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 12. MarsView settings

Field	Value
From Celestial Object under View Object , add following Mars (You don't have to re-object to Selected Celestial Object box)	(You don't have to remove Earth)
Coordinate System under View Definition	MarsInertial
View Point Reference under View Definition	Mars
View Point Vector boxes, under View Definition	22000, 22000, 0
View Direction under View Definition	Mars
Coordinate System under View Up Definition	MarsInertial

16. Click **OK** to save the changes.

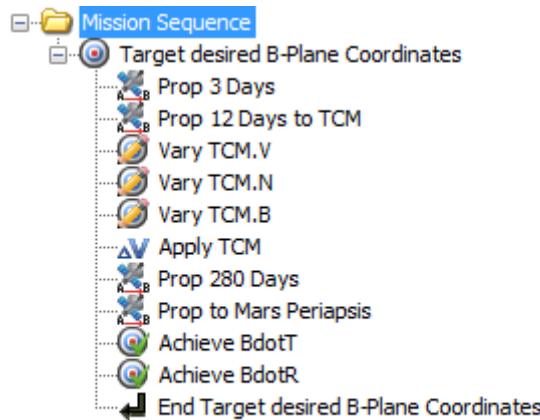
Configure the Mission Sequence

Now we will configure first **Target** sequence to solve for the maneuver values required to achieve $B_{dot}T$ and $B_{dot}R$ components of the B-vector. $B_{dot}T$ will be targeted to 0 km and $B_{dot}R$ is targeted to a non-zero value in order to generate a polar orbit that will have an inclination of 90 degrees. To allow us to focus on the first **Target** sequence, we'll assume you have already learned how to propagate an orbit by having worked through [Simulating an Orbit](#) tutorial.

The second **Target** sequence will perform the MOI maneuver so that the spacecraft can orbit around Mars, but that sequence will be created later.

Create the First Target Sequence

Now create the commands necessary to perform the first **Target** sequence. Figure 48 illustrates the configuration of the **Mission** tree after you have completed the steps in this section. We'll discuss the first **Target** sequence after it has been created.

**Figure 48. Mission Sequence for the First Target sequence**

To create the first **Target** sequence:

1. Click on the **Mission** tab to show the **Mission** tree.
2. You'll see that there already exists a **Propagate1** command. We need to delete this command

3. Right-click on **Propagate1** command and click **Delete**.
4. Right-click on **Mission Sequence** folder, point to **Append**, and click **Target**. This will insert two separate commands: **Target1** and **EndTarget1**.
5. Right-click **Target1** and click **Rename**.
6. Type **Target desired B-plane Coordinates** and click **OK**.
7. Right-click **Target desired B-plane Coordinates**, point to **Append**, and click **Propagate**. A new command called **Propagate1** will be created.
8. Right-click **Propagate1** and click **Rename**.
9. In the **Rename** box, type **Prop 3 Days** and click **OK**.
10. Complete the **Target** sequence by appending the commands in [Table 13](#).

Table 13. Additional First Target Sequence Commands

Command	Name
Propagate	Prop 12 Days to TCM
Vary	Vary TCM.V
Vary	Vary TCM.N
Vary	Vary TCM.B
Maneuver	Apply TCM
Propagate	Prop 280 Days
Propagate	Prop to Mars Periapsis
Achieve	Achieve BdotT
Achieve	Achieve BdotR



Note

Let's discuss what the first **Target** sequence does. We know that a maneuver is required to perform the B-Plane targeting. We also know that the desired B-Plane coordinate values for BdotT and BdotR are 0 and -7000 km, resulting in a polar orbit with 90 degree inclination. However, we don't know the size (or ΔV magnitude) and direction of the **TCM** maneuver that will precisely achieve the desired orbital conditions. We use the **Target** sequence to solve for those precise maneuver values. We must tell GMAT what controls are available (in this case, three controls associated with three components of the TCM maneuver) and what conditions must be satisfied (in this case, BdotT and BdotR values). You accomplish this by using the **Vary** and **Achieve** commands. Using the **Vary** command, you tell GMAT what to solve for—in this case, the ΔV value and direction for **TCM**. You use the **Achieve** command to tell GMAT what conditions the solution must satisfy—in this case, BdotT and BdotR values that result in a 90 degree inclination.

Configure the First Target Sequence

Now that the structure is created, we need to configure various parts of the first **Target** sequence to do what we want.

Configure the Target desired B-plane Coordinates Command

- 1 Double-click **Target desired B-plane Coordinates** to edit its properties.

2. In the **ExitMode** list, click **SaveAndContinue**. This instructs GMAT to save the final solution of the targeting problem after you run it.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

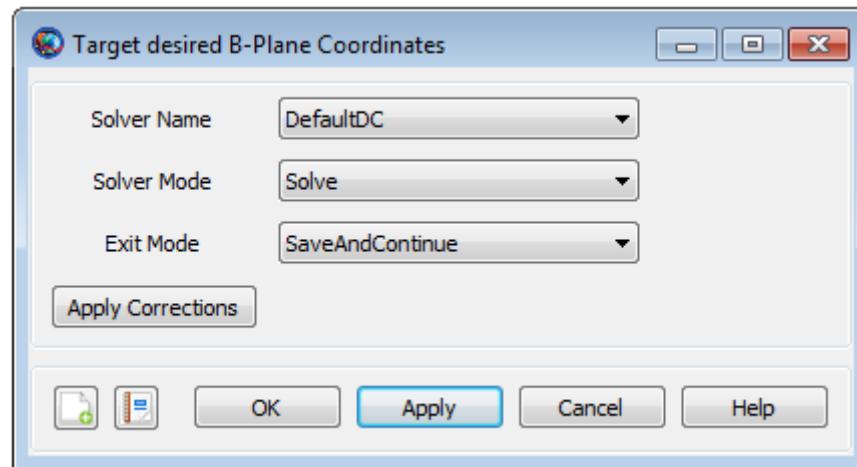


Figure 49. Target desired B-plane Coordinates Command Configuration

Configure the Prop 3 Days Command

1. Double-click **Prop 3 Days** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Propagator**, make sure that **NearEarth** is selected
3. Under **Parameter**, replace **MAVEN.ElapsedSeconds** with **MAVEN.ElapsedDays**.
4. Under **Condition**, replace **0.0** with **3**.
5. Click **OK** to save these changes.

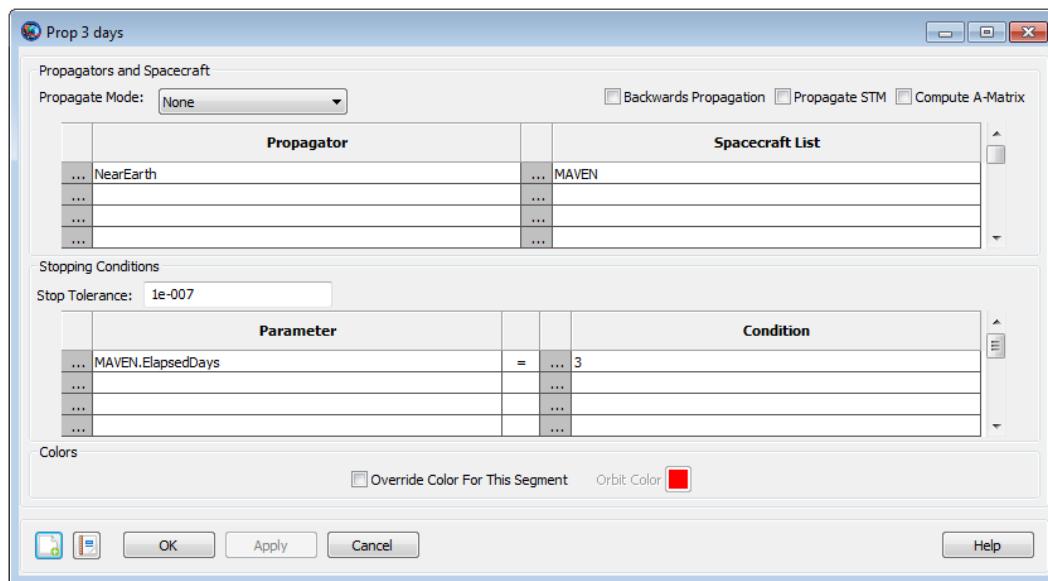


Figure 50. Prop 3 Days Command Configuration

Configure the Prop 12 Days to TCM Command

1. Double-click **Prop 12 Days to TCM** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Propagator**, replace **NearEarth** with **DeepSpace**.

3. Under **Parameter**, replace **MAVEN.ElapsedSeconds** with **MAVEN.ElapsedDays**.
4. Under **Condition**, replace **0.0** with **12**.
5. Click **OK** to save these changes.

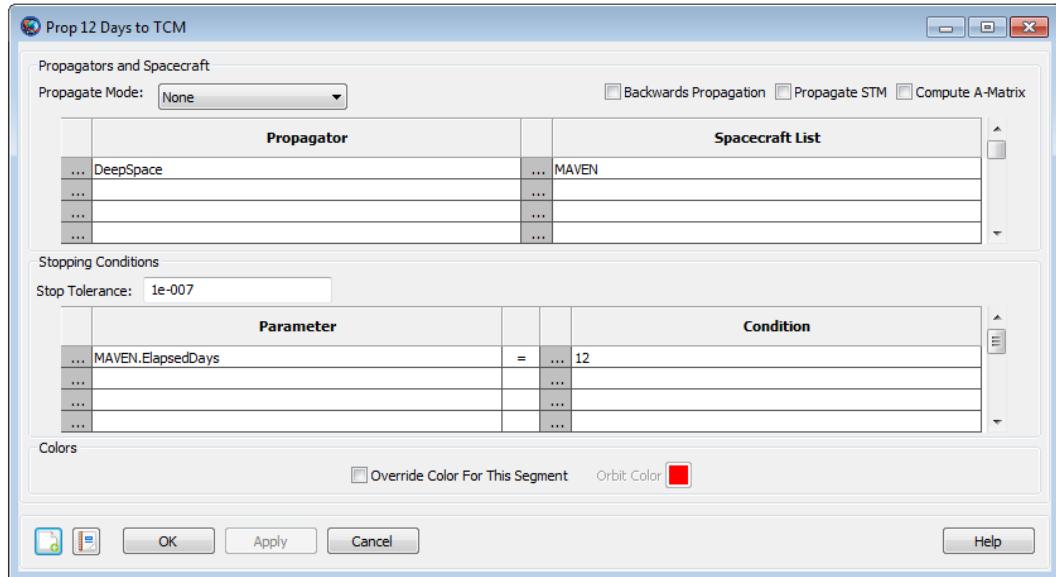


Figure 51. Prop 12 Days to TCM Command Configuration

Configure the Vary TCM.V Command

1. Double-click **Vary TCM.V** to edit its properties. Notice that the variable in the **Variable** box is **TCM.Element1**, which by default is the velocity component of **TCM** in the local Velocity-Normal-Binormal (VNB) coordinate system. That's what we need, so we'll keep it.
2. In the **Initial Value** box, type **1e-005**.
3. In the **Perturbation** box, type **0.00001**.
4. In the **Lower** box, type **-10e300**.
5. In the **Upper** box, type **10e300**.
6. In the **Max Step** box, type **0.002**.
7. Click **OK** to save these changes.

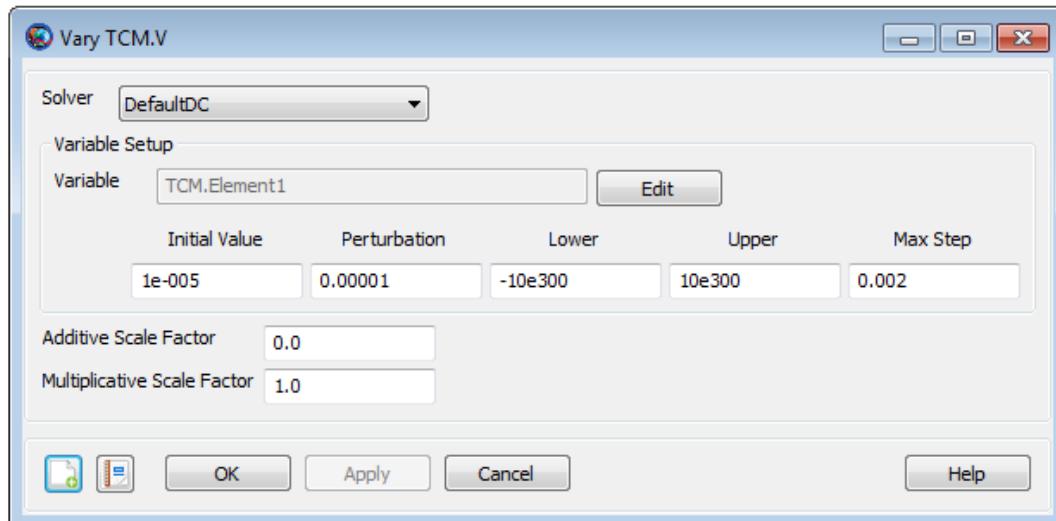


Figure 52. Vary TCM.V Command Configuration

Configure the Vary TCM.N Command

1. Double-click **Vary TCM.N** to edit its properties. Notice that the variable in the **Variable** box is still **TCM.Element1**, which by default is the velocity component of TCM in the local VNB coordinate system. We need to insert **TCM.Element2** which is the normal component of TCM in the local VNB coordinate system. So let's do that.
2. Next to **Variable**, click the **Edit** button..
3. Under **Object List**, click **TCM**.
4. In the **Object Properties** list, double-click **Element2** to move it to the **Selected Value(s)** list. See the image below for results.
5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. Notice that the variable in the **Variable** box is now **TCM.Element2**.
7. In the **Initial Value** box, type **1e-005**.
8. In the **Perturbation** box, type **0.00001**.
9. In the **Lower** box, type **-10e300**.
10. In the **Upper** box, type **10e300**.
11. In the **Max Step** box, type **0.002**.
12. Click **OK** to save these changes.

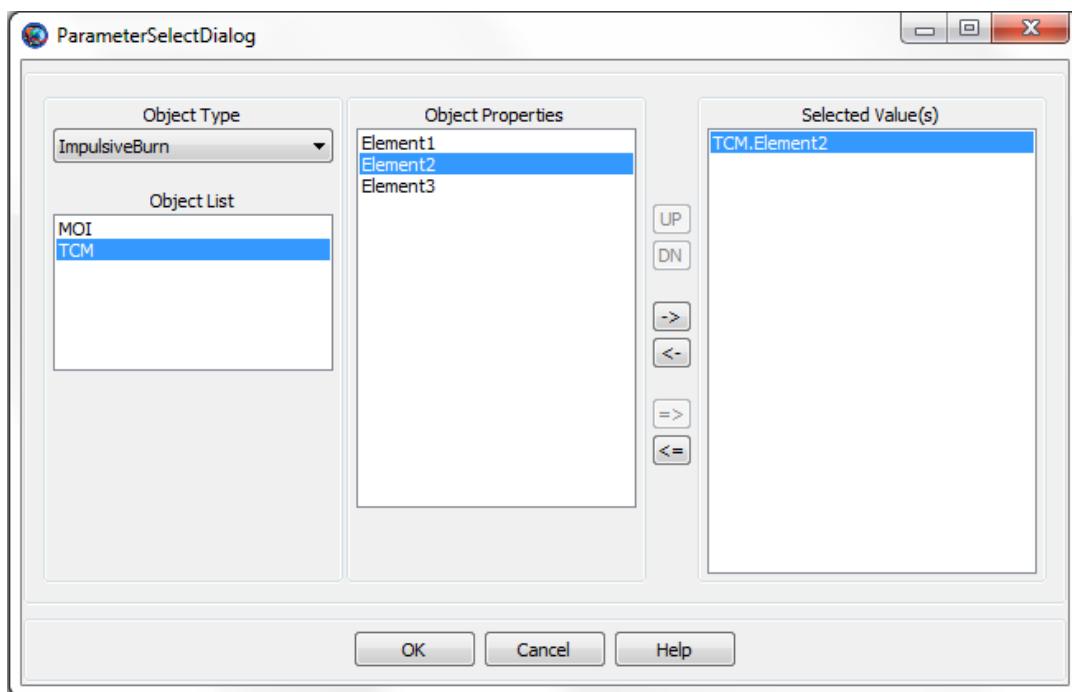


Figure 53. Vary TCM.N Parameter Selection

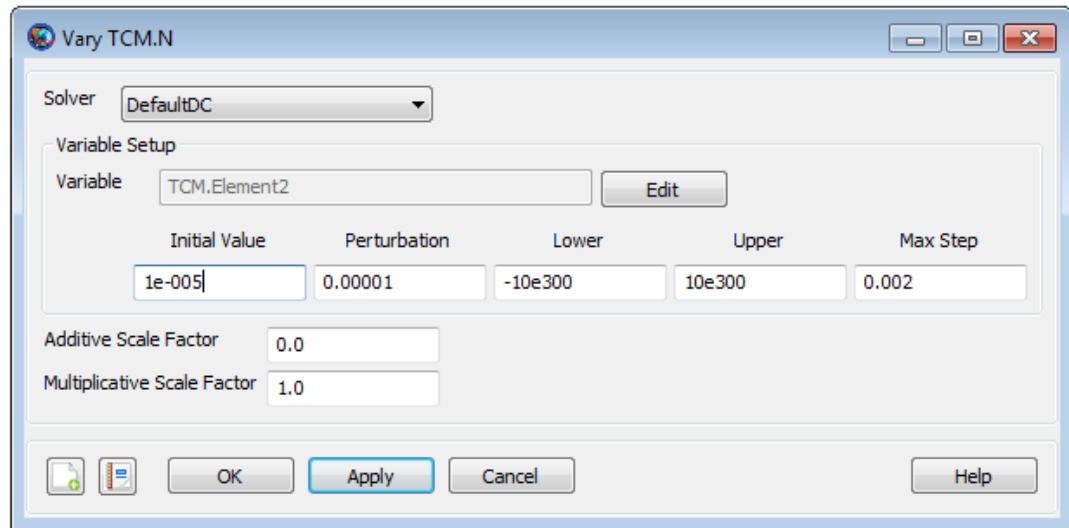


Figure 54. Vary TCM.N Command Configuration

Configure the Vary TCM.B Command

1. Double-click **Vary TCM.B** to edit its properties. Notice that the variable in the **Variable** box is still **TCM.Element1**, which by default is the velocity component of TCM. We need to insert **TCM.Element3** which is the bi-normal component of TCM in the local VNB coordinate system. So let's do that.
2. Next to **Variable**, click the **Edit** button.
3. Under **Object List**, click **TCM**.
4. In the **Object Properties** list, double-click **Element3** to move it to the **Selected Value(s)** list. See the image below for results.
5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. Notice that the variable in the **Variable** box is now **TCM.Element3**.
7. In the **Initial Value** box, type **1e-005**.
8. In the **Perturbation** box, type **0.00001**.
9. In the **Lower** box, type **-10e300**.
10. In the **Upper** box, type **10e300**.
11. In the **Max Step** box, type **0.002**.
12. Click **OK** to save these changes.

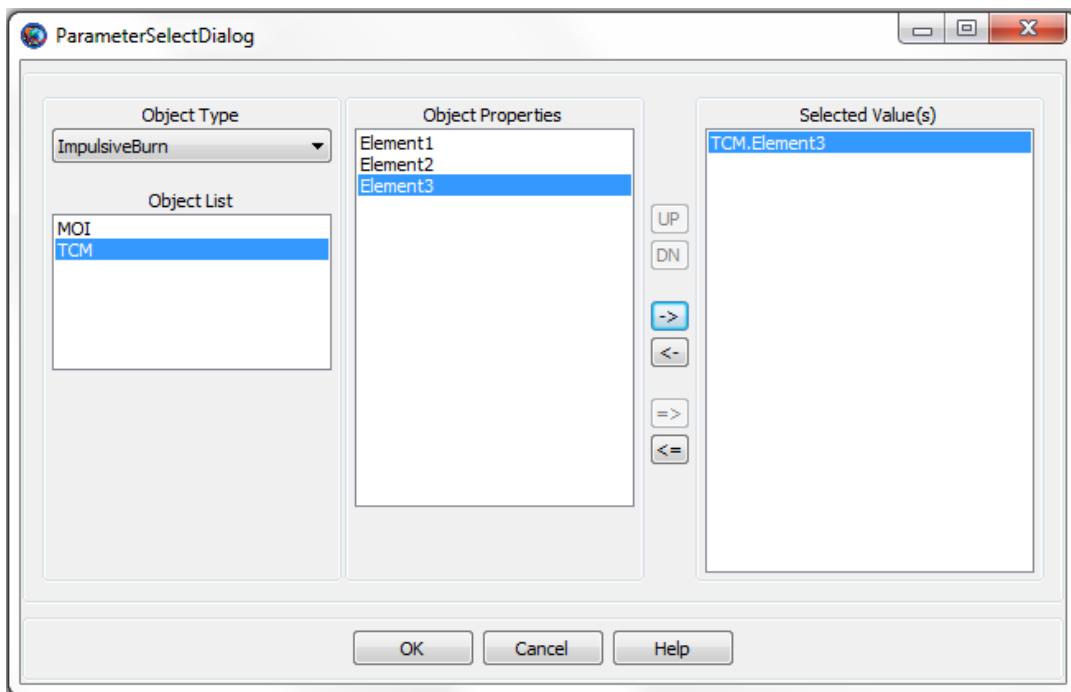


Figure 55. Vary TCM.B Parameter Selection

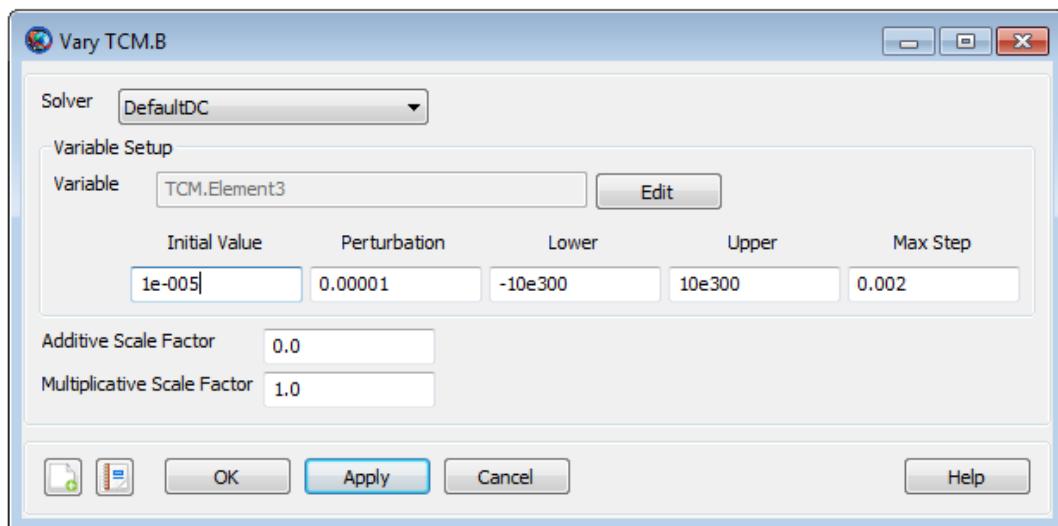


Figure 56. Vary TCM.N Command Configuration

Configure the Apply TCM Command

- Double-click **Apply TCM** to edit its properties. Notice that the command is already set to apply the **TCM** burn to the **MAVEN** spacecraft, so we don't need to change anything here.

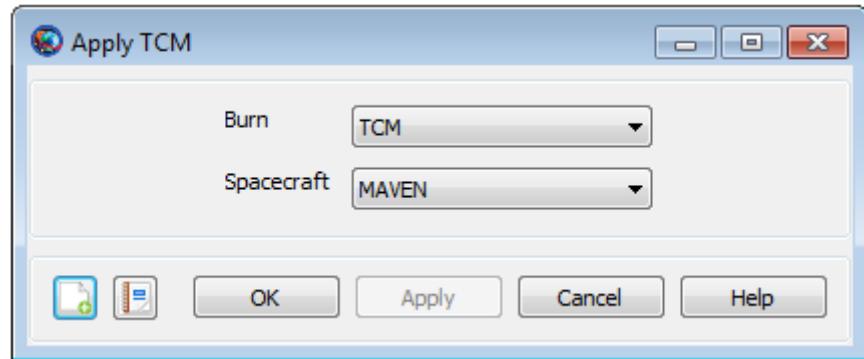


Figure 57. Apply TCM Command Configuration

Configure the Prop 280 Days Command

1. Double-click **Prop 280 Days** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Propagator**, replace **NearEarth** with **DeepSpace**.
3. Under **Parameter**, replace **MAVEN.ElapsedSeconds** with **MAVEN.ElapsedDays**.
4. Under **Condition**, replace **0.0** with **280**.
5. Click **OK** to save these changes.

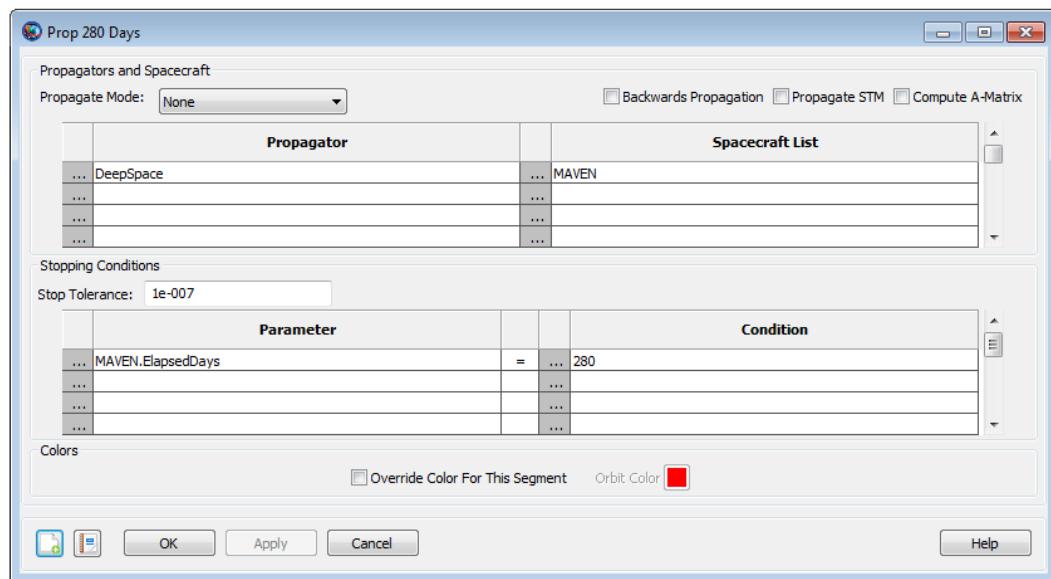


Figure 58. Prop 280 Days Command Configuration

Configure the Prop to Mars Periapsis Command

1. Double-click **Prop to Mars Periapsis** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Propagator**, replace **NearEarth** with **NearMars**.
3. Under **Parameter**, replace **MAVEN.ElapsedSeconds** with **MAVEN.Mars.Periapsis**.
4. Click **OK** to save these changes.

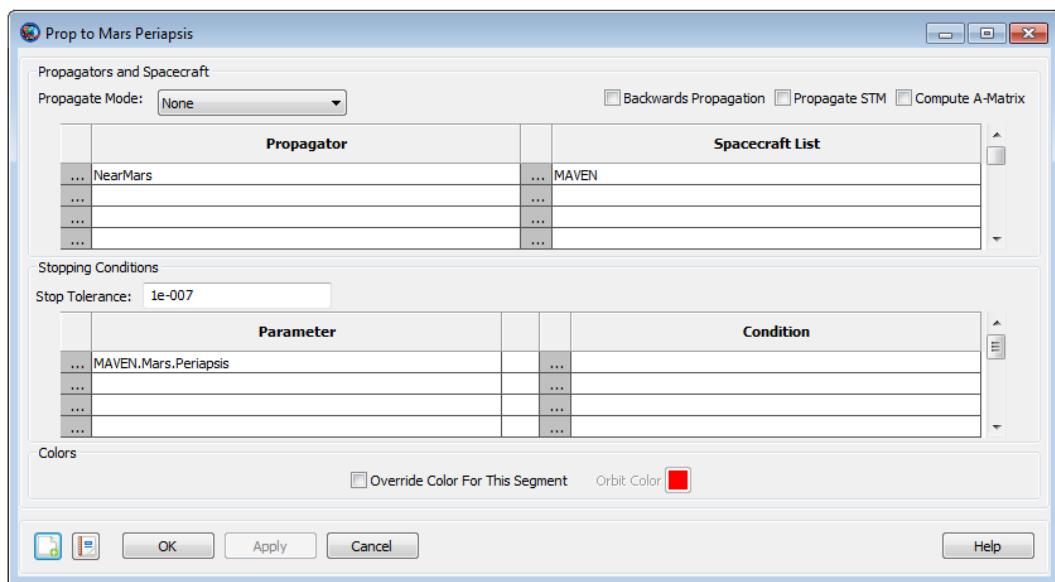


Figure 59. Prop to Mars Periapsis Command Configuration

Configure the Achieve BdotT Command

1. Double-click **Achieve BdotT** to edit its properties.
2. Next to **Goal**, click the **Edit** button.
3. In the **Object Properties** list, click **BdotT**.
4. Under **Coordinate System**, select **MarsInertial** and double-click on **BdotT**.
5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. In the **Value** box, type **0**.
7. In the **Tolerance** box, type **0.00001**.
8. Click **OK** to save these changes.

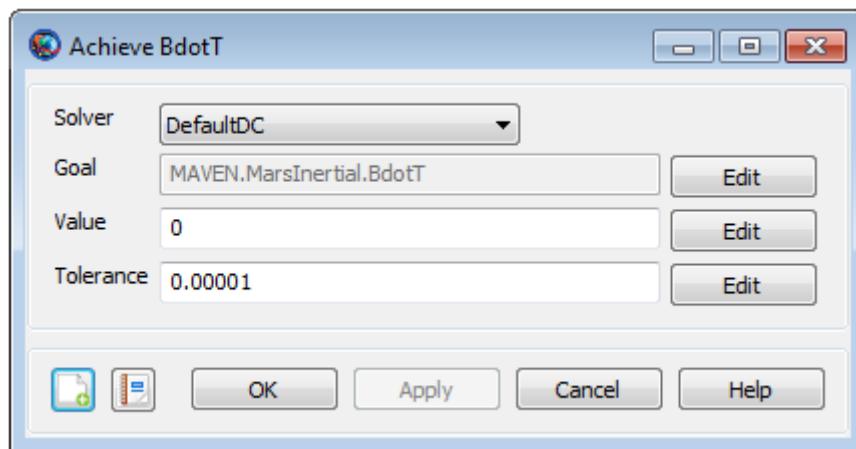


Figure 60. Achieve BdotT Command Configuration

Configure the Achieve BdotR Command

1. Double-click **Achieve BdotR** to edit its properties.

2. Next to **Goal**, click the **Edit** button.
3. In the **Object Properties** list, click **BdotR**.
4. Under **Coordinate System**, select **MarsInertial** and double-click on **BdotR**.
5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. In the **Value** box, type **-7000**.
7. In the **Tolerance** box, type **0.00001**.
8. Click **OK** to save these changes.

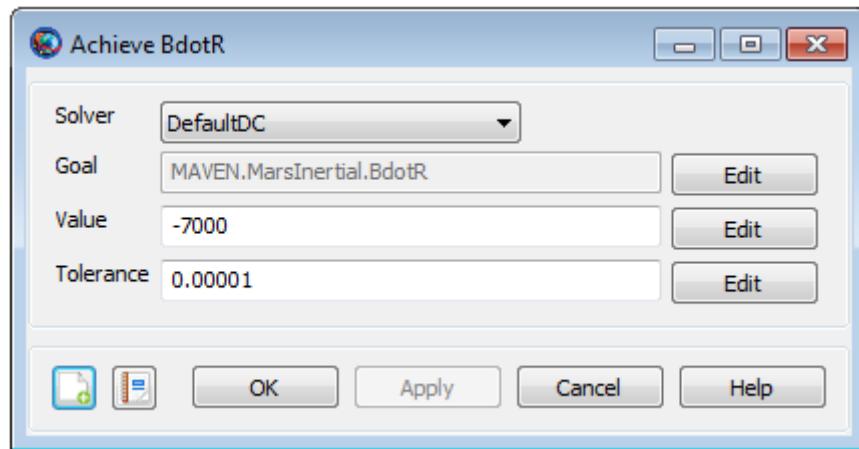


Figure 61. Achieve BdotR Command Configuration

Run the Mission with first Target Sequence

Before running the mission, click **Save** (💾) and save the mission to a file of your choice. Now click **Run** (▶). As the mission runs, you will see GMAT solve the targeting problem. Each iteration and perturbation is shown in **EarthView**, **SolarSystemView** and **MarsView** windows in light blue, and the final solution is shown in red. After the mission completes, the 3D views should appear as in the images shown below. You may want to run the mission several times to see the targeting in progress.

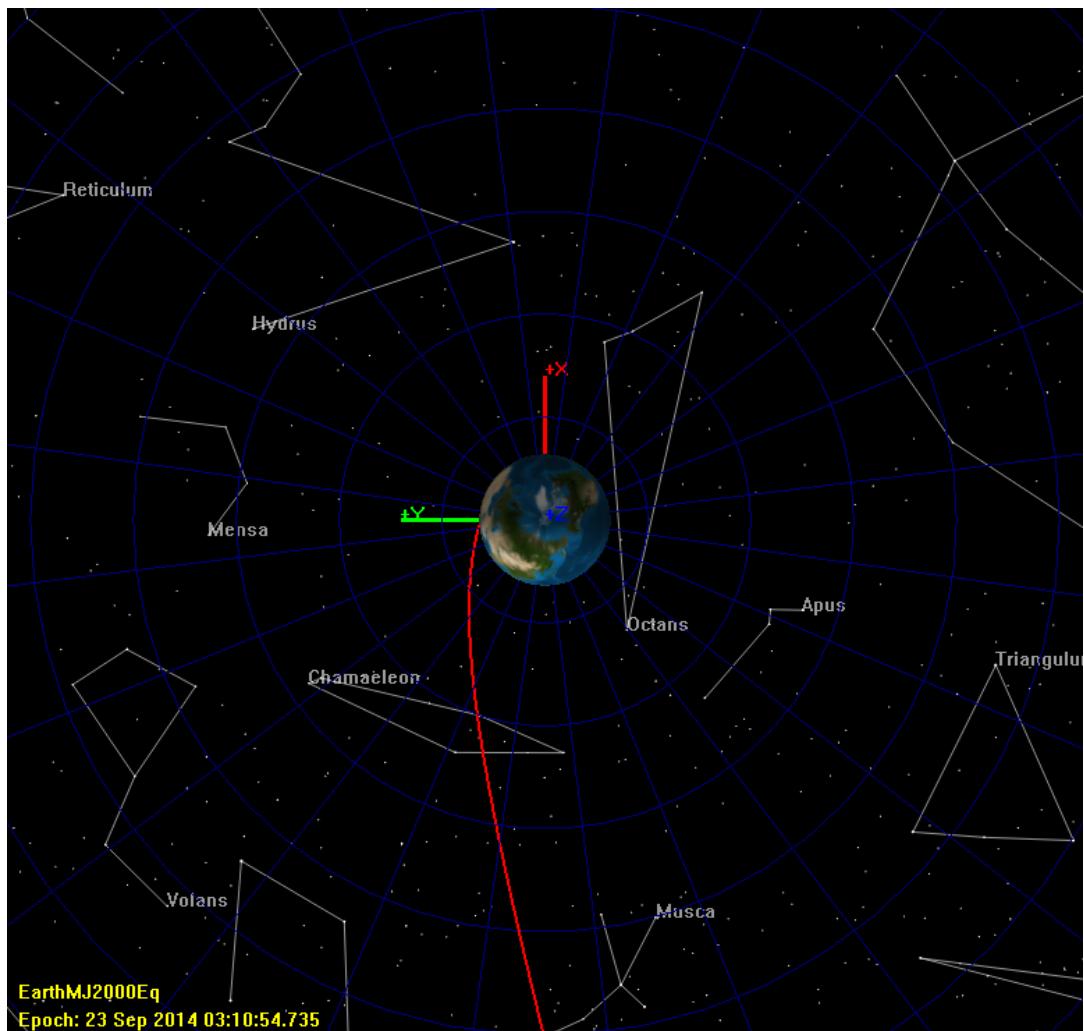


Figure 62. 3D View of departure hyperbolic trajectory (EarthView)

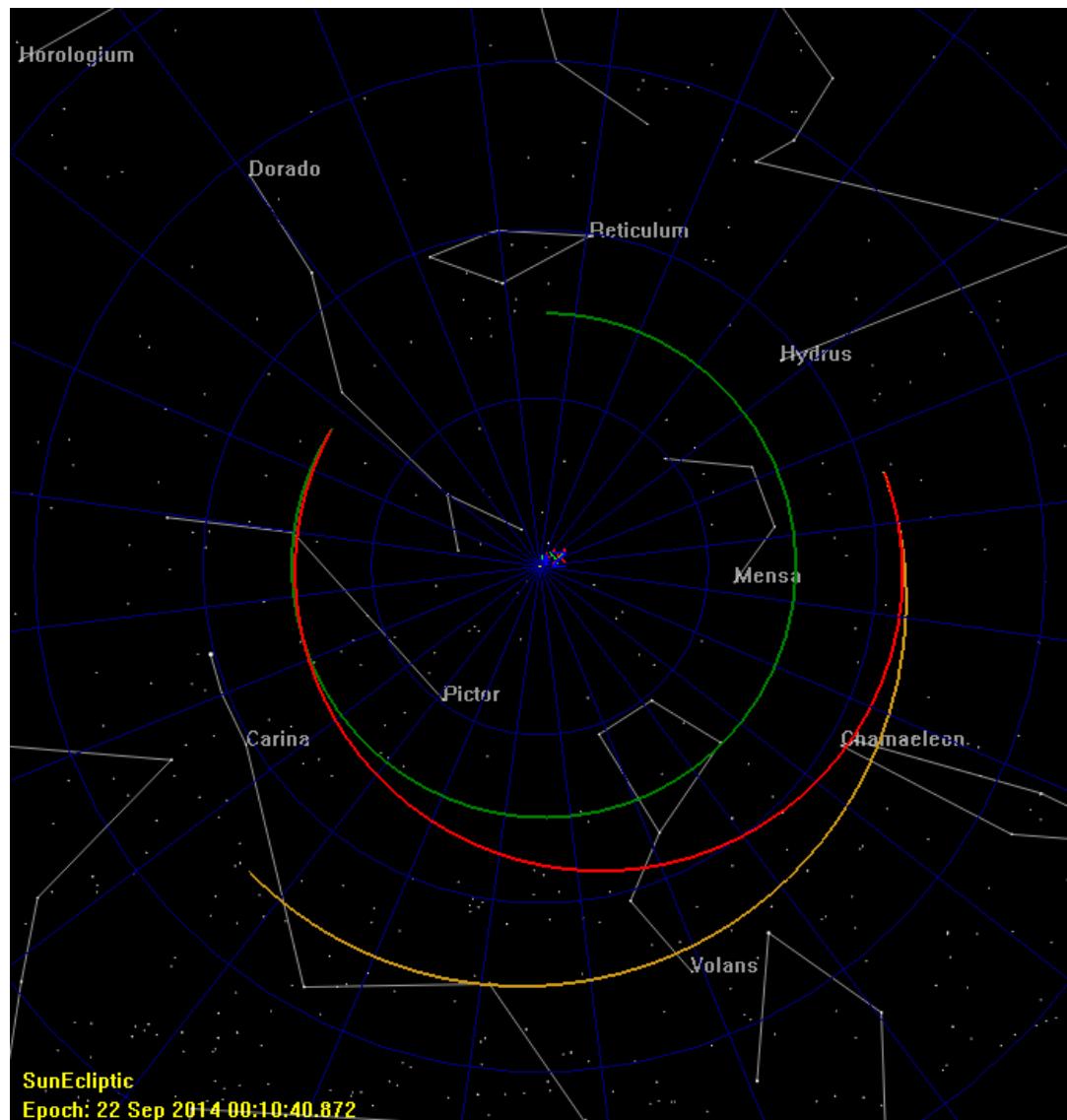


Figure 63. 3D View of heliocentric transfer trajectory (SolarSystemView)

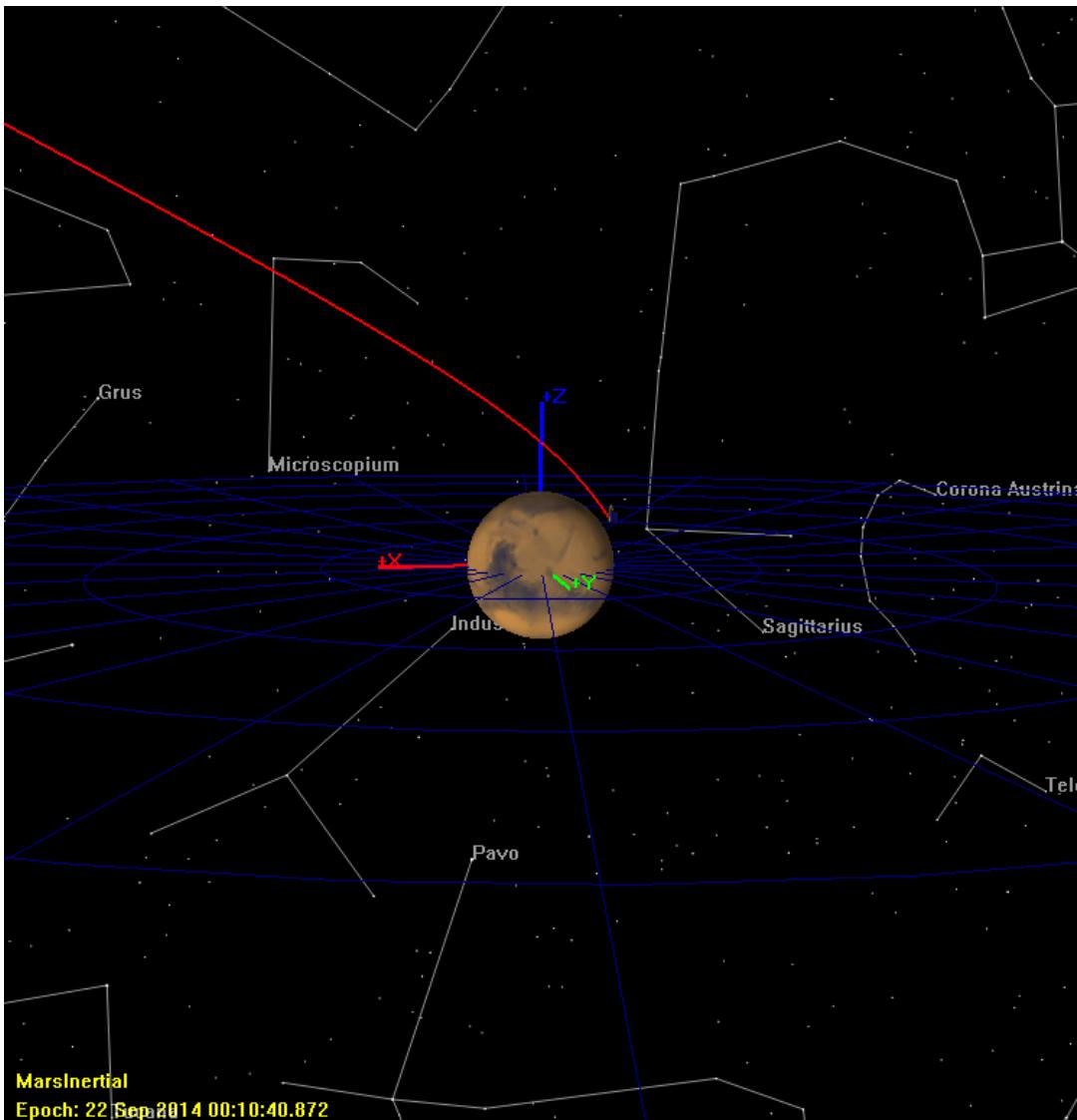


Figure 64. 3D View of approach hyperbolic trajectory. MAVEN stopped at periapsis (MarsView)

Since we are going to continue developing the mission tree by creating the second **Target** sequence, we will store the final solution of the first **Target** sequence as the initial conditions of the **TCM** resource. This is so that when you make small changes, the subsequent runs will take less time. To do this, follow these steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, double-click **Target desired B-plane Coordinates** to edit its properties.
2. Click **Apply Corrections**.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.
4. Now re-run the mission. If you inspect the results in the message window, you will see that the first **Target** sequence converges in one iteration. This is because you stored the solution as the initial conditions.
5. In the **Mission** tree, double-click **Vary TCM.V**, **Vary TCM.N** and **Vary TCM.B**, you will notice that the values in Initial Value box have been updated to the final solution of the first **Target** sequence.

If you want to know TCM maneuver's delta-V vector values and how much fuel was expended during the maneuver, do the following steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **Apply TCM**, and click on **Command Summary**.
2. Scroll down and under **Maneuver Summary** heading, values for delta-V vector are:

Delta V Vector:

Element 1: 0.0039376963731 km/s

Element 2: 0.0060423170483 km/s

Element 3: -0.0006747125434 km/s

3. Scroll down and under **Mass depletion from MainTank** heading, **Delta V** and **Mass Change** tells you TCM maneuver's magnitude and how much fuel was used for the maneuver:

Delta V: 0.0072436375569 km/s

Mass change: -6.3128738639690 kg

4. Click **OK** to close **Command Summary** window.

Just to make sure that the goals of first **Target** sequence were met successfully, let us access command summary for **Prop to Mars Periapsis** command by doing the following steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **Prop to Mars Periapsis**, and click on **Command Summary**.
2. Under **Coordinate System**, select **MarsInertial**.
3. Under **Hyperbolic Parameters** heading, see the values of **BdotT** and **BdotR**. Under **Keplerian State**, see the value for **INC**. You can see that the desired B-Plane coordinates were achieved which result in a 90 degree inclined trajectory:

BdotT = -0.0000053320678 km

BdotR = -7000.0000019398 km

INC = 90.000000039301 deg

Create the Second Target Sequence

Recall that we still need to create second **Target** sequence in order to perform Mars Orbit Insertion maneuver to achieve the desired capture orbit. In the **Mission** tree, we will create the second **Target** sequence right after the first **Target** sequence.

Now let's create the commands necessary to perform the second **Target** sequence. [Figure 65](#) illustrates the configuration of the **Mission** tree after you have completed the steps in this section. Notice that in [Figure 65](#), the second **Target** sequence is created after the first **Target** sequence. We'll discuss the second **Target** sequence after it has been created.

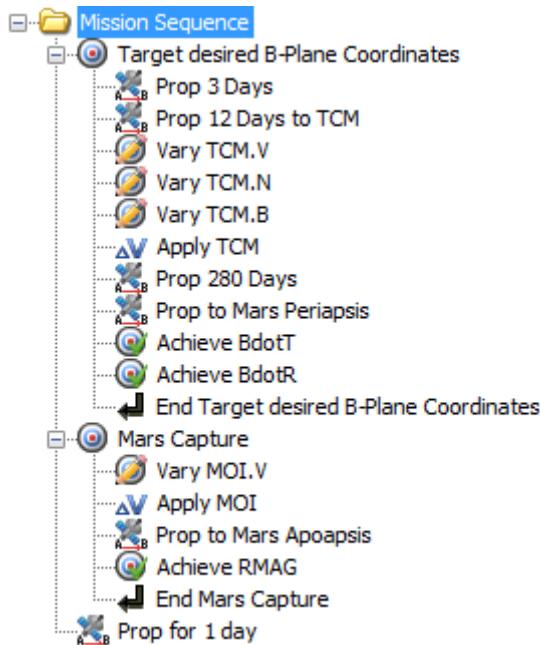


Figure 65. Mission Sequence showing first and second Target sequences

To create the second **Target** sequence:

1. Click on the **Mission** tab to show the **Mission** tree.
2. In the **Mission** tree, right-click on **Mission Sequence** folder, point to **Append**, and click **Target**. This will insert two separate commands: **Target2** and **EndTarget2**.
3. Right-click **Target2** and click **Rename**.
4. Type **Mars Capture** and click **OK**.
5. Right-click **Mars Capture**, point to **Append**, and click **Vary**. A new command called **Vary4** will be created.
6. Right-click **Vary4** and click **Rename**.
7. In the **Rename** box, type **Vary MOI.V** and click **OK**.
8. Complete the **Target** sequence by appending the commands in [Table 14](#).

Table 14. Additional Second Target Sequence Commands

Command	Name
Maneuver	Apply MOI
Propagate	Prop to Mars Apoapsis
Achieve	Achieve RMAG

Note



Let's discuss what the second **Target** sequence does. We know that a maneuver is required for the Mars capture orbit. We also know that the desired radius of capture orbit at apoapsis must be 12,000 km. However, we don't know the size (or ΔV magnitude) of the **MOI** maneuver that will precisely achieve the desired orbital conditions. You use the second **Target** sequence to solve for that precise maneuver value. You must tell GMAT what controls are available (in this case, a single maneuver) and what conditions must be satisfied (in this case, radius magnitude value). Once again, just like in the first **Target** sequence, here we accomplish this by using the **Vary** and **Achieve** commands. Using the **Vary** command, you tell GMAT what to solve for—in this case, the ΔV value for **MOI**. You use the **Achieve** command to tell GMAT what conditions the solution must satisfy—in this case, RMAG value of 12,000 km.

Create the Final Propagate Command

We need a **Propagate** command after the second **Target** sequence so that we can see our final orbit.

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **End Mars Capture**, point to **Insert After**, and click **Propagate**. A new **Propagate6** command will appear.
2. Right-click **Propagate6** and click **Rename**.
3. Type **Prop for 1 day** and click **OK**.
4. Double-click **Prop for 1 day** to edit its properties.
5. Under **Propagator**, replace **NearEarth** with **NearMars**.
6. Under **Parameter**, replace **MAVEN.ElapsedSeconds** with **MAVEN.ElapsedDays**.
7. Under **Condition**, replace the value **0.0** with **1**.
8. Click **OK** to save these changes

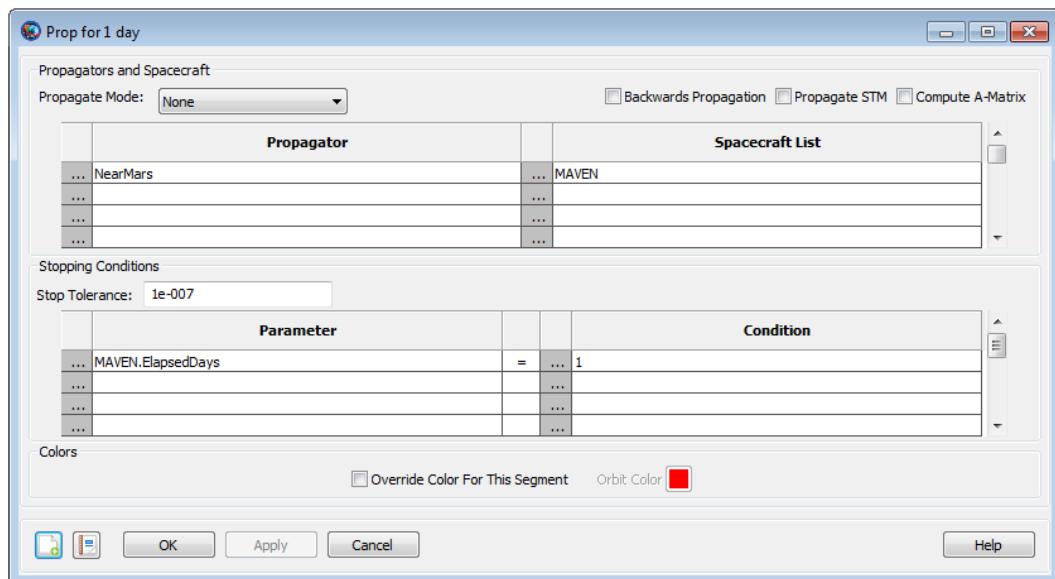


Figure 66. Prop for 1 day Command Configuration

Configure the second Target Sequence

Now that the structure is created, we need to configure various parts of the second **Target** sequence to do what we want.

Configure the Mars Capture Command

1. Double-click **Mars Capture** to edit its properties.
2. In the **ExitMode** list, click **SaveAndContinue**. This instructs GMAT to save the final solution of the targeting problem after you run it.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes

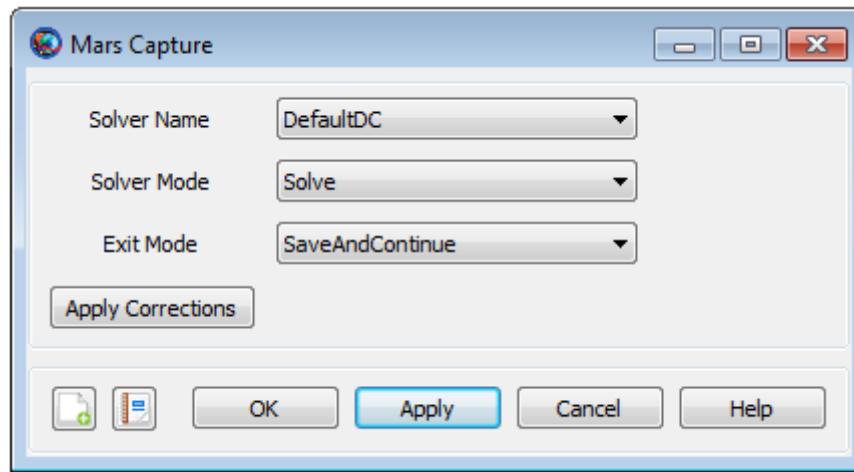


Figure 67. Mars Capture Command Configuration

Configure the Vary MOI.V Command

1. Double-click **Vary MOI.V** to edit its properties. Notice that the variable in the **Variable** box is **TCM.Element1**. We want **MOI.Element1** which is the velocity component of **MOI** in the local VNB coordinate system. So let's change that.
2. Next to **Variable**, click the **Edit** button.
3. Under **Object List**, click **MOI**.
4. In the **Object Properties** list, double-click **Element1** to move it to the **Selected Value(s)** list. See the image below for results.
5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. In the **Initial Value** box, type **-1.0**.
7. In the **Perturbation** box, type **0.00001**.
8. In the **Lower** box, type **-10e300**.
9. In the **Upper** box, type **10e300**.
10. In the **Max Step** box, type **0.1**.
11. Click **OK** to save these changes.

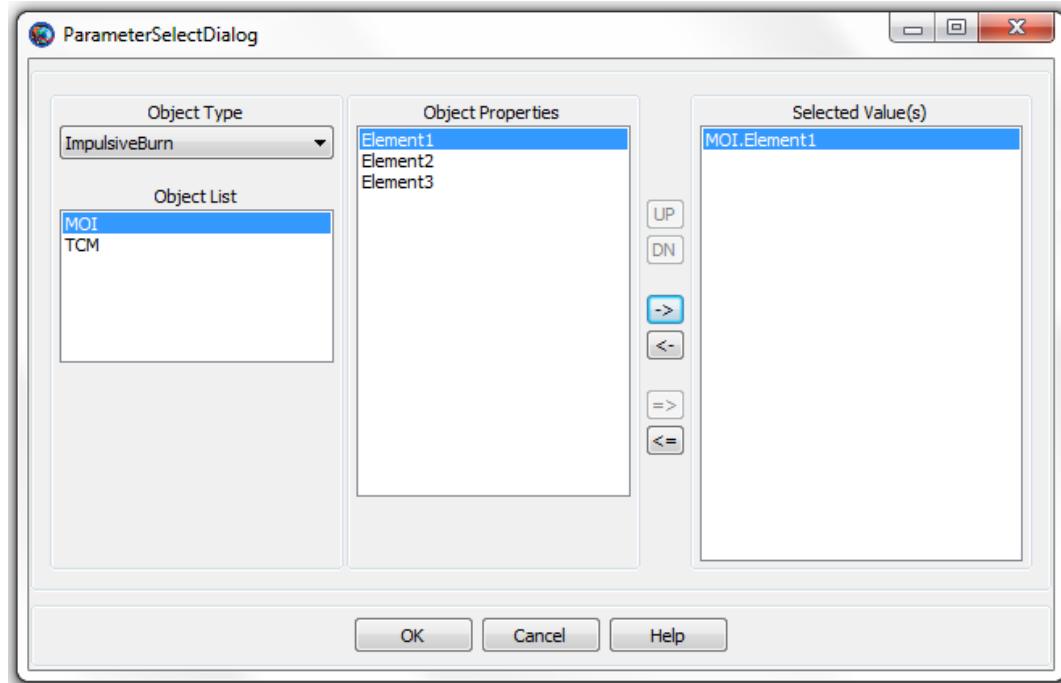


Figure 68. Vary MOI Parameter Selection

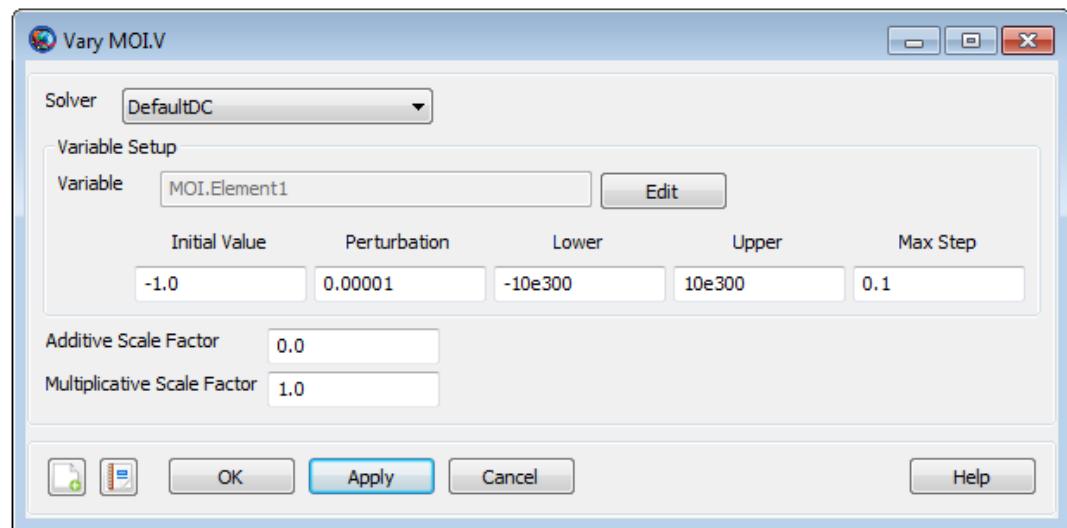


Figure 69. Vary MOI Command Configuration

Configure the Apply MOI Command

1. Double-click **Apply MOI** to edit its properties.
2. In the **Burn** list, click **MOI**.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

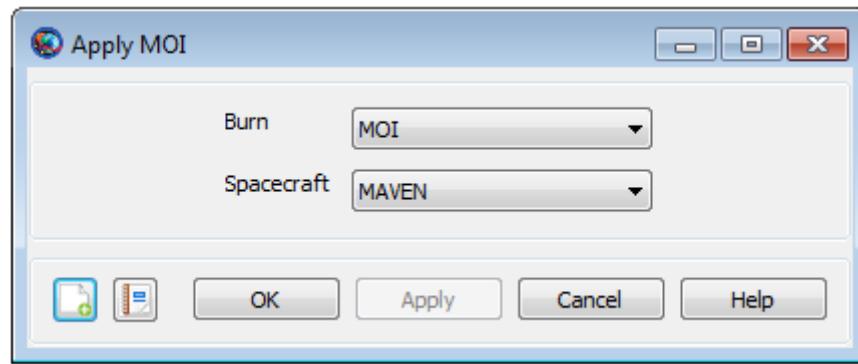


Figure 70. Apply MOI Command Configuration

Configure the Prop to Mars Apoapsis Command

1. Double-click **Prop to Mars Apoapsis** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Propagator**, replace **NearEarth** with **NearMars**.
3. Under **Parameter**, replace **MAVEN.ElapsedSeconds** with **MAVEN.Mars.Apoapsis**.
4. Click **OK** to save these changes.

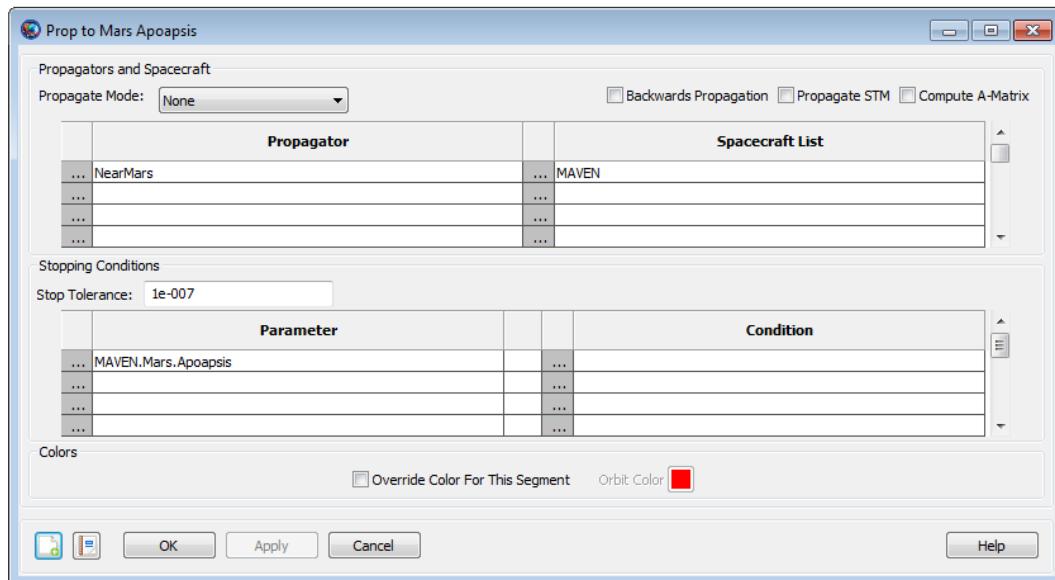


Figure 71. Prop to Mars Apoapsis Command Configuration

Configure the Achieve RMAG Command

1. Double-click **Achieve RMAG** to edit its properties.
2. Next to **Goal**, click the **Edit** button.
3. In the **Object Properties** list, click **RMAG**.
4. Under **Central Body**, select **Mars** and double-click on **RMAG**.
5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. In the **Value** box, type **12000**.
7. Click **OK** to save these changes.

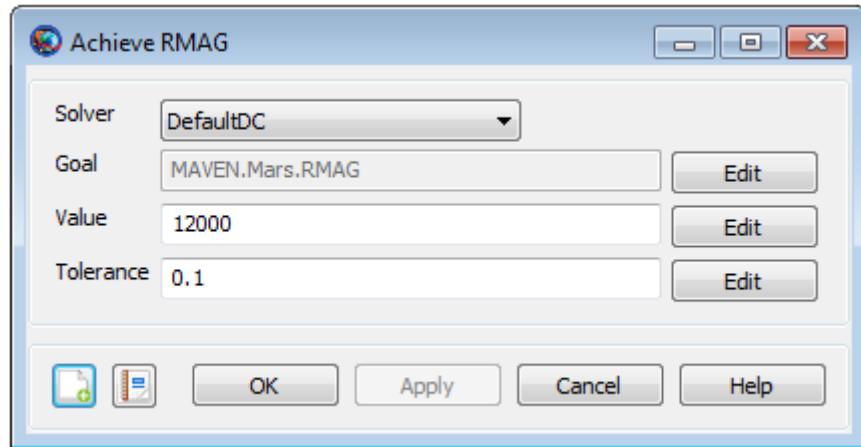


Figure 72. Achieve RMAG Command Configuration

Run the Mission with first and second Target Sequences

Before running the mission, click **Save** (💾). This will save the additional changes that we implemented in the **Mission** tree. Now click **Run** (▶). The first **Target** sequence will converge in one-iteration. This is because earlier, we stored the solution as the initial conditions. The second **Target** sequence may converge after 10 to 11 iterations.

As the mission runs, you will see GMAT solve the second **Target** sequence's targeting problem. Each iteration and perturbation is shown in **MarsView** windows in light blue, and the final solution is shown in red. After the mission completes, the **MarsView** 3D view should appear as in the image shown below. **EarthView** and **SolarSystemView** 3D views are same as before. You may want to run the mission several times to see the targeting in progress.

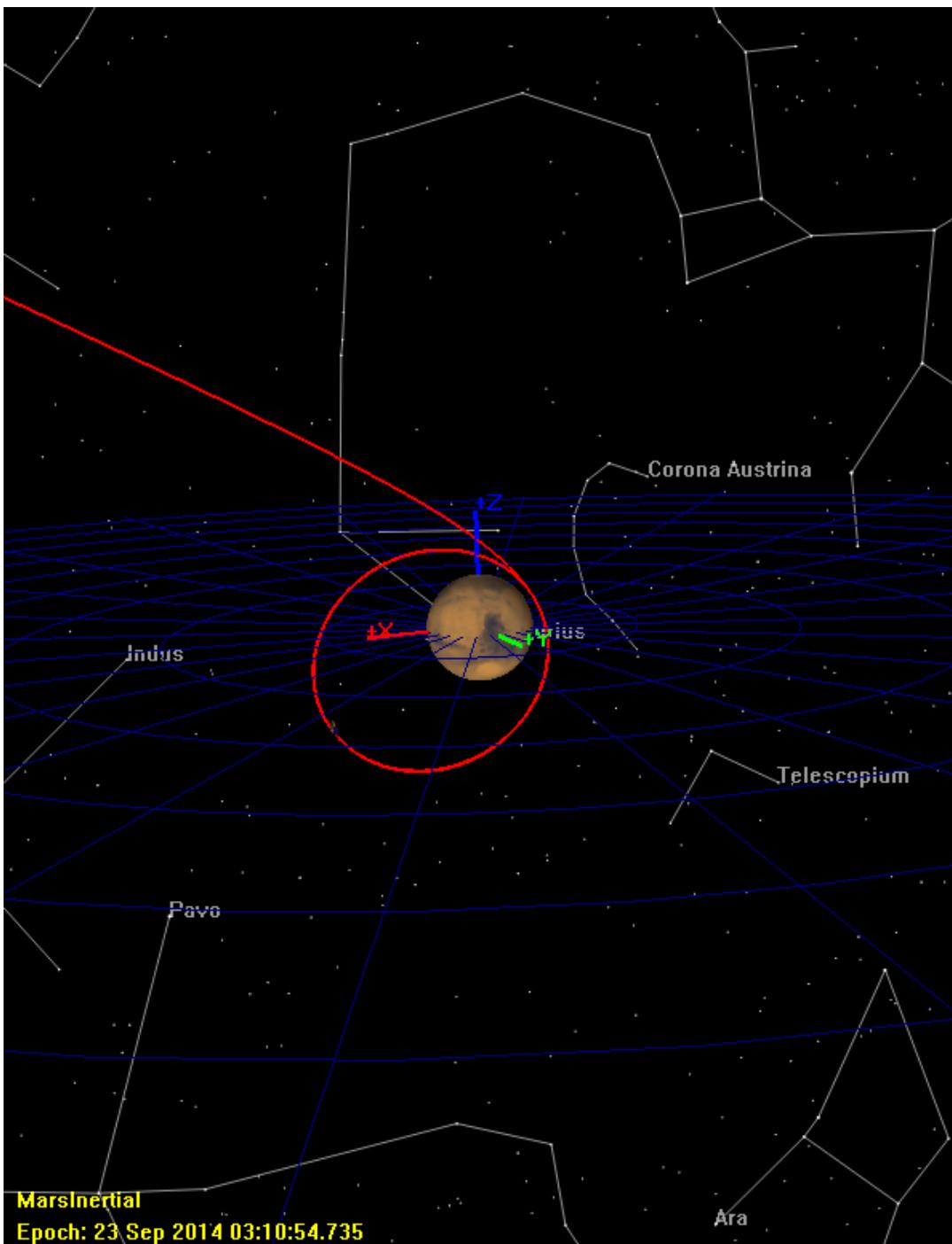


Figure 73. 3D view of Mars Capture orbit after MOI maneuver (MarsView)

If you were to continue developing this mission, you can store the final solution of the second **Target** sequence as the initial condition of **MOI** resource. This is so that when you make small changes, the subsequent runs will take less time. To do this, follow these steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, double-click **Mars Capture** to edit its properties.
2. Click Apply Corrections.
3. Now re-run the mission. If you inspect the results in the message window, you will see that now the second **Target** sequence also converges in one iteration. This is because you stored

the solution as the initial condition. Now whenever you re-run the mission, both first and second Target sequences will converge in just one iteration.

4. In the **Mission** tree, double-click **Vary MOI.V**, you will notice that the values in **Initial Value** box have been updated to the final solution of the second **Target** sequence.

If you want to know MOI maneuver's delta-V vector values and how much fuel was expended during the maneuver, do the following steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **Apply MOI**, and click on **Command Summary**.
2. Scroll down and under **Maneuver Summary** heading, values for delta-V vector are:

Delta V Vector:

Element 1: -1.6034665169868 km/s

Element 2: 0.0000000000000 km/s

Element 3: 0.0000000000000 km/s

3. Scroll down and under **Mass depletion from MainTank** heading, **Delta V** and **Mass Change** tells you MOI maneuver's magnitude and how much fuel was used for the maneuver:

Delta V: 1.6034665169868 km/s

Mass change: -1076.0639629424 kg

Just to make sure that the goal of second **Target** sequence was met successfully, let us access command summary for **Achieve RMAG** command by doing the following steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **Achieve RMAG**, and click on **Command Summary**.
2. Under **Coordinate System**, select **MarsInertial**.
3. Under **Keplerian State** and **Spherical State** headings, see the values of **TA** and **RMAG**. You can see that the desired radius of the capture orbit at apoapsis was achieved successfully:

TA = 180.0000241484 deg

RMAG = 12000.019889021 km

Optimal Lunar Flyby using Multiple Shooting

Audience	Advanced
Length	90 minutes
Prerequisites	Complete Simulating an Orbit, Simple Orbit Transfer, Mars B-Plane Targeting tutorial and take GMAT Fundamentals training course or watch videos
Script File	<code>Tut_MultipleShootingTutorial_Step1.script</code> , <code>Tut_MultipleShootingTutorial_Step2.script</code> ,... <code>Tut_MultipleShootingTutorial_Step5.script</code>

Objective and Overview



Note

For highly elliptic earth orbits (HEO), it is often cheaper to use the Moon's gravity to raise periapsis or to perform plane changes, than it is to use the spacecraft's propulsion resources. However, designing lunar flyby's to achieve multiple specific mission constraints is non-trivial and requires modern optimization techniques to minimize fuel usage while simultaneously satisfying trajectory constraints. In this tutorial, you will learn how to design flyby trajectories by writing a GMAT script to perform multiple shooting optimization. As the analyst, your goal is to design a lunar flyby that provides a mission orbit periapsis of TBD km and changes the inclination of the mission orbit to TBD degrees. (Note: There are other mission constraints that will be discussed in more detail below.)

To efficiently solve the problem, we will employ the Multiple Shooting Method to break down the sensitive boundary value problem into smaller, less sensitive problems. We will employ three trajectory segments. The first segment will begin at Transfer Orbit Insertion (TOI) and will propagate forward; the second segment is centered at lunar periapsis and propagates both forward and backwards. The third segment is centered on Mission Orbit Insertion (MOI) and propagates forwards and backwards. See figures 1 and 2 that illustrate the final orbit solution and the "Control Points" and "Patch Points" used to solve the problem.

To begin this tutorial we start with a several views of the solution to provide a physical understanding of the problem. In Fig. 1, an illustration of a lunar flyby is shown with the trajectory displayed in red and the Moon's orbit displayed in yellow. The Earth is at the center of the frame. We require that the following constraints are satisfied at TOI:

1. The spacecraft is at orbit perigee,
2. The spacecraft is at an altitude of 285 km.
3. The inclination of the transfer orbit is 28.5 degrees.

At lunar flyby, we only require that the flyby altitude is greater than 100 km. This constraint is satisfied implicitly so we will not explicitly script this constraint. An insertion maneuver is performed at earth perigee after the lunar fly to insert into the mission orbit. The following constraints must be satisfied after MOI:

1. The mission orbit perigee is 15 Earth radii.
2. The mission orbit apogee is 60 Earth radii.
3. The mission orbit inclination is 10 degrees.

Note: (Phasing with the moon is important for these orbits but design considerations for lunar phasing are beyond the scope of this tutorial)

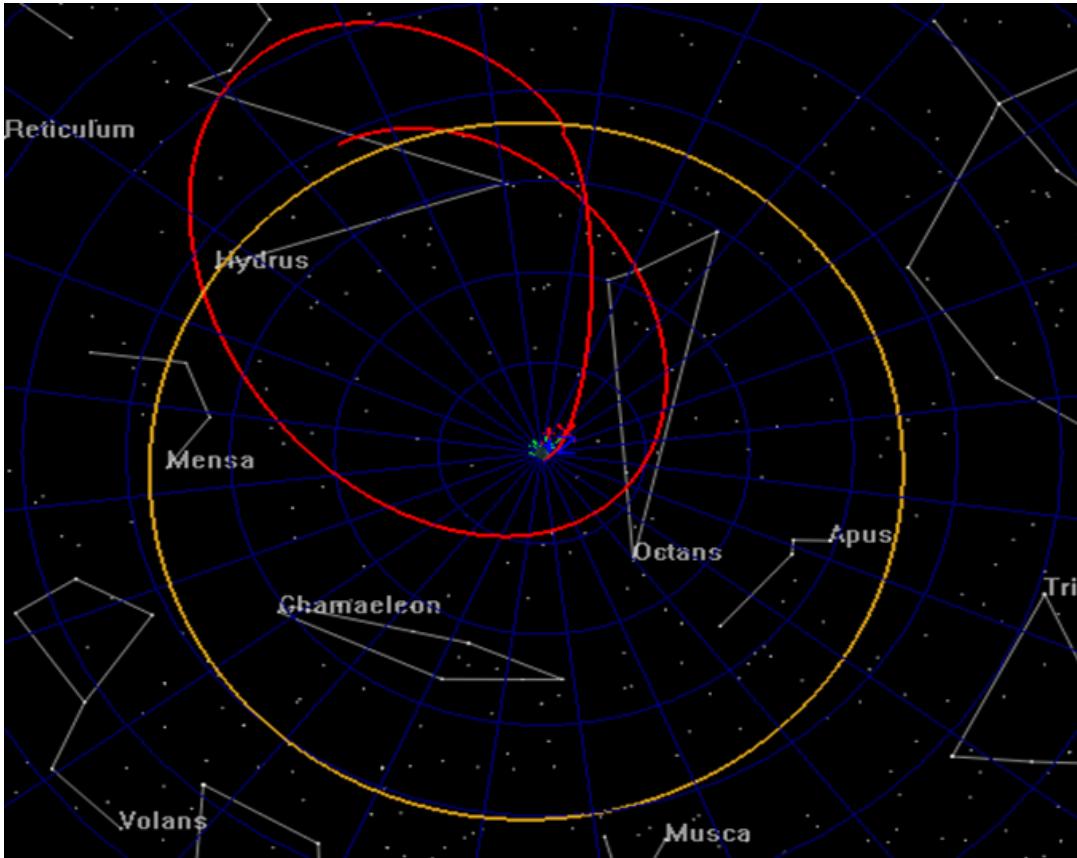


Figure 74. View of Lunar Flyby from Normal to Earth Equator

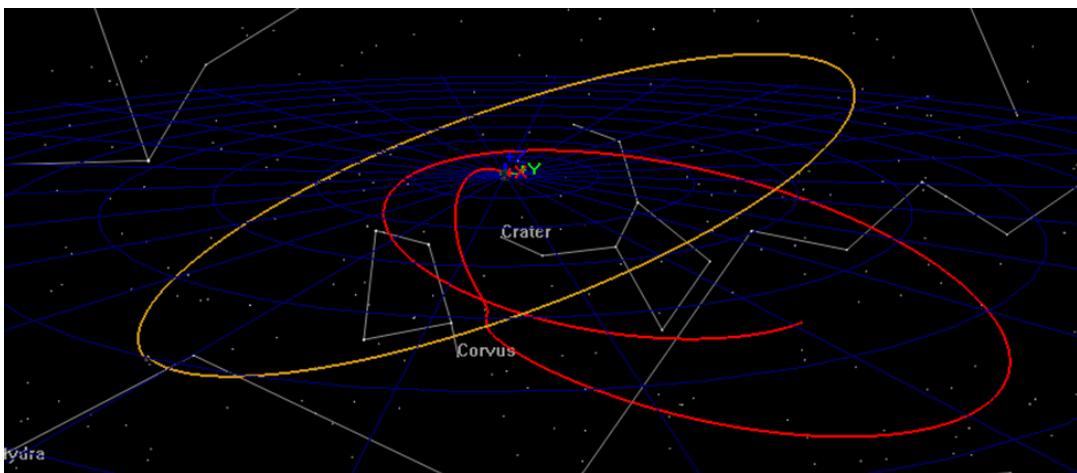


Figure 75. View of Lunar Flyby Geometry

Figure 3 illustrates the mission timeline and how control points and patch points are defined. Control points are drawn using a solid blue circle and are defined as locations where the state

of the spacecraft is treated as an optimization variable. Patch points are drawn with an empty blue circle and are defined as locations where position and/or velocity continuity is enforced. For this tutorial, we place control points at TOI, the lunar flyby and MOI. At each patch point, the six Cartesian state elements, and the epoch are varied for a total of 18 optimization variables. At the MOI patch point, there is an additional optimization variable for the delta V to

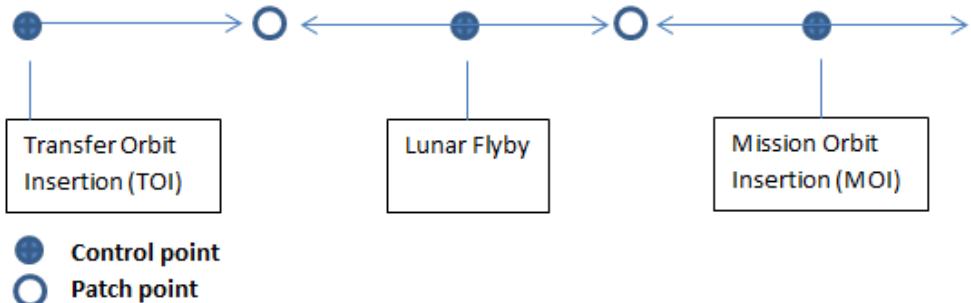


Figure 76. Definition of Control and Patch Points

Notice that while there are only three patch points, we have 5 segments (which will result in 5 spacecraft). The state at the lunar flyby, which is defined as a control point, is propagated backwards to a patch point and forwards to a patch point. The same occurs for the MOI control point. To design this trajectory, you will need to create the following GMAT resources.

1. Create a Moon-centered coordinate system.
2. Create 5 spacecraft required for modeling segments.
3. Create an Earth-centered and a Moon-centered propagator.
4. Create an impulsive maneuver.
5. Create many user variables for use in the script.
6. Create A VF13ad optimizer.
7. Create plots for tracking the optimization process.

After creating the resources using script snippets you will construct the optimization sequence using GMAT script. Pseudo-code for the optimization sequence is shown below.

```
Define optimization initial guesses
Initialize variables
Optimize
    Loop initializations
    Vary control point epochs
    Set epochs on spacecraft
    Vary control point state values
    Configure/initialize spacecraft
    Apply constraints on initial control points (i.e before propagation)
    Propagate spacecraft
    Apply patch point constraints
    Apply constraints on mission orbit
    Apply cost function
EndOptimize
```

After constructing the basic optimization sequence we will perform the following steps:

1. Run the sequence and analyze the initial guess.

2. Run the optimizer satisfying only the patch point constraints.
3. Turn on the mission orbit constraints and find a feasible solution.
4. Use the feasible solution as the initial guess and find an optimal solution.
5. Apply an altitude constraint at lunar orbit periapsis

Configure Coordinate Systems, Spacecraft, Optimizer, Propagators, Maneuvers, Variables, and Graphics

For this tutorial, you'll need GMAT open, with a blank script editor open. To open a blank script editor, click the **New Script** button in the toolbar.

Create a Moon-centered Coordinate System

You will need a Moon-centered **CoordinateSystem** for the lunar flyby control point so we begin by creating an inertial system centered at the moon. Use the **MJ2000Eq** axes for this system.

```
%-----
% Configure coordinate systems
%-----

Create CoordinateSystem MoonMJ2000Eq
MoonMJ2000Eq.Origin = Luna
MoonMJ2000Eq.Axes   = MJ2000Eq
```

Create the Spacecraft

You will need 5 **Spacecraft** for this mission design. The epoch and state information will be set in the mission sequence and here we only need to configure coordinate systems for the **Spacecraft**. The **Spacecraft** named **satTOI** models the transfer orbit through the first patch point. Use the **EarthMJ200Eq CoordinateSystem** for **satTOI**. **satFlyBy_Forward** and **satFlyBy_Backward** model the trajectory from the flyby backwards to patch point 1 and forward to patch point 2 respectively. Use the **MoonMJ2000Eq CoordinateSystem** for **satFlyBy_Forward** and **satFlyBy_Backward**. Similarly, **satMOI_Forward** and **satMOI_Backward** model the trajectory on either side of the MOI maneuver. Use the **MoonMJ2000Eq CoordinateSystem** for **satMOI_Forward** and **satMOI_Backward**.

```
%-----
% Configure spacecraft
%-----

% The TOI control point
Create Spacecraft satTOI
satTOI.DateFormat           = TAIModJulian
satTOI.CoordinateSystem     = EarthMJ2000Eq

% Flyby control point
Create Spacecraft satFlyBy_Forward
satFlyBy_Forward.DateFormat = TAIModJulian
satFlyBy_Forward.CoordinateSystem = MoonMJ2000Eq

% Flyby control point
Create Spacecraft satFlyBy_Backward
satFlyBy_Backward.DateFormat = TAIModJulian
```

```
satFlyBy_Backward.CoordinateSystem = MoonMJ2000Eq

% MOI control point
Create Spacecraft satMOI_Backward
satMOI_Backward.DateFormat      = TAIModJulian
satMOI_Backward.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq

% MOI control point
Create Spacecraft satMOI_Forward
satMOI_Forward.DateFormat      = TAIModJulian
satMOI_Forward.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
```

Create the Propagators

Modeling the motion of the spacecraft when near the earth and near the moon requires two propagators; one Earth-centered, and one Moon-centered. The script below configures the **ForceModel** named **NearEarthForceModel** to use JGM-2 8x8 harmonic gravity model, with point mass perturbations from the Sun and Moon, and the SRP perturbation. The **ForceModel** named **NearMoonForceModel** is similar but uses point mass gravity for all bodies. Note that the integrators are configured for performance and not for accuracy to improve run times for the tutorial. There are times when integrator accuracy can cause issues with optimizer performance due to noise in the numerical solutions.

```
%-----
% Configure propagators and force models
%-----

Create ForceModel NearEarthForceModel
NearEarthForceModel.CentralBody          = Earth
NearEarthForceModel.PrimaryBodies        = {Earth}
NearEarthForceModel.PointMasses         = {Luna, Sun}
NearEarthForceModel.SRP                 = On
NearEarthForceModel.GravityField.Earth.Degree = 8
NearEarthForceModel.GravityField.Earth.Order  = 8

Create ForceModel NearMoonForceModel
NearMoonForceModel.CentralBody          = Luna
NearMoonForceModel.PointMasses         = {Luna, Earth, Sun}
NearMoonForceModel.Drag                = None
NearMoonForceModel.SRP                 = On

Create Propagator NearEarthProp
NearEarthProp.FM = NearEarthForceModel
NearEarthProp.Type          = PrinceDormand78
NearEarthProp.InitialStepSize = 60
NearEarthProp.Accuracy       = 1e-11
NearEarthProp.MinStep        = 0.0
NearEarthProp.MaxStep        = 86400

Create Propagator NearMoonProp
NearMoonProp.FM           = NearMoonForceModel
NearMoonProp.Type          = PrinceDormand78
NearMoonProp.InitialStepSize = 60
NearMoonProp.Accuracy       = 1e-11
NearMoonProp.MinStep        = 0
NearMoonProp.MaxStep        = 86400
```

Create the Maneuvers

We will require one **ImpulsiveBurn** to insert the spacecraft into the mission orbit. Define the maneuver as **MOI** and configure the maneuver to be applied in the **VNB** (Earth-referenced) **Axes**.

```
%-----
% Configure maneuvers
%-----

Create ImpulsiveBurn MOI
MOI.CoordinateSystem = Local
MOI.Origin          = Earth
MOI.Axes            = VNB
```

Create the User Variables

The optimization sequence requires many user variables that will be discussed in detail later in the tutorial when we define those variables. For now, we simply create the variables (which initializes them to zero). The naming convention used here is that variables used to define constraint values begin with “con”. For example, the variable used to define the constraint on TOI inclination is called **conTOIIInclination**. Variables beginning with “error” are used to compute constraint variances. For example, the variable used to define the error in MOI inclination is called **errorTOIIInclination**.

```
%-----
% Create user data: variables, arrays, strings
%-----

% Variables for defining constraint values
Create Variable conTOIPeriapsis conMOIPeriapsis conTOIIInclination
Create Variable conLunarPeriapsis conMOIApoapsis conMOIIInclination
Create Variable launchRdotV finalPeriapsisValue

% Variables for computing constraint violations
Create Variable errorPos1 errorVel1 errorPos2 errorVel2
Create Variable errorMOIRadApo errorMOIRadPer errorMOIIInclination

% Variables for managing time calculations
Create Variable patchTwoElapsedDays patchOneEpoch patchTwoEpoch refEpoch
Create Variable toiEpoch flybyEpoch moiEpoch patchOneElapsedDays
Create Variable deltaTimeFlyBy

% Constants and miscellaneous variables
Create Variable earthRadius earthMu launchEnergy launchVehicleDeltaV
Create Variable toiDeltaV launchCircularVelocity loopIdx Cost
```

Create the Optimizer

The script below creates a **VF13ad** optimizer provided in the Harwell Subroutine Library. **VF13ad** is an Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) optimizer that uses a line search method to solve the Non-linear Programming Problem (NLP). Here we configure the optimizer to use forward differencing to compute the derivatives, define the maximum iterations to 200, and define convergence tolerances.

```
%-----
```

```
% Configure solvers
%-----

Create VF13ad NLPOpt
NLPOpt.ShowProgress      = true
NLPOpt.ReportStyle       = Normal
NLPOpt.ReportFile        = 'VF13adVF13ad1.data'
NLPOpt.MaximumIterations = 200
NLPOpt.Tolerance         = 1e-004
NLPOpt.UseCentralDifferences = false
NLPOpt.FeasibilityTolerance = 0.1
```

Create the 3-D Graphics

You will need an **OrbitView** 3-D graphics window to visualize the trajectory and especially the initial guess. Below we configure an orbit view to view the entire trajectory in the **EarthMJ2000Eq** coordinate system. Note that we must add all five **Spacecraft** to the **OrbitView**. Updating an **OrbitView** during optimization can dramatically slow down the optimization process and they are best used to check initial configuration and then use XY plots to track numerical progress. Later in the tutorial, we will toggle the **ShowPlot** field to **false** once we have verified the initial configuration is correct.

```
%-----
% Configure plots, reports, etc.
%-----
```

```
Create OrbitView EarthView
EarthView.ShowPlot          = true
EarthView.SolverIterations   = All
EarthView.UpperLeft         = ...
[ 0.4960127591706539 0.00992063492063492 ];
EarthView.Size               = ...
[ 0.4800637958532695 0.5218253968253969 ];
EarthView.RelativeZOrder     = 501
EarthView.Add                = ...
{satTOI, satFlyBy_Forward, satFlyBy_Backward, satMOI_Backward, ...
Earth, Luna, satMOI_Forward}
EarthView.CoordinateSystem    = EarthMJ2000Eq
EarthView.DrawObject          = [ true true true true true]
EarthView.OrbitColor          = ...
[ 255 32768 1743054 16776960 32768 12632256 14268074 ]
EarthView.TargetColor         = ...
[ 65280 124 4227327 255 12345 9843 16711680 ];
EarthView.DataCollectFrequency = 1
EarthView.UpdatePlotFrequency = 50
EarthView.NumPointsToRedraw   = 300
EarthView.ViewScaleFactor     = 35
EarthView.ViewUpAxis          = X
EarthView.UseInitialView      = On
```

Create XYPlots/Reports

Below we create several **XYPlots** and a **ReportFile**. We will use **XYPlots** to monitor the progress of the optimizer in satisfying constraints. **PositionError1** plots the position error at the first patch point... **VelocityError2** plots the velocity error at the second patch point, and so on. **OrbitDimErrors** plots the errors in the periapsis and apoapsis radii for the mission orbit. When optimization is proceeding as expected, these plots should show errors driven to zero.

```

Create XYPlot PositionError
PositionError.SolverIterations = All
PositionError.UpperLeft      = [ 0.02318840579710145 0.4358208955223881 ];
PositionError.Size           = [ 0.4594202898550724 0.5283582089552239 ];
PositionError.RelativeZOrder = 378
PositionError.XVariable     = loopIdx
PositionError.YVariables   = {errorPos1, errorPos2}
PositionError.ShowGrid       = true
PositionError.ShowPlot      = true

Create XYPlot VelocityError
VelocityError.SolverIterations = All
VelocityError.UpperLeft      = [ 0.02463768115942029 0.01194029850746269 ];
VelocityError.Size           = [ 0.4565217391304348 0.4208955223880597 ];
VelocityError.RelativeZOrder = 410
VelocityError.XVariable     = loopIdx
VelocityError.YVariables   = {errorVel1, errorVel2}
VelocityError.ShowGrid       = true
VelocityError.ShowPlot      = true

Create XYPlot OrbitDimErrors
OrbitDimErrors.SolverIterations = All
OrbitDimErrors.UpperLeft      = [ 0.4960127591706539 0.5337301587301587 ];
OrbitDimErrors.Size           = [ 0.481658692185008 0.4246031746031746 ];
OrbitDimErrors.RelativeZOrder = 347
OrbitDimErrors.XVariable     = loopIdx
OrbitDimErrors.YVariables   = {errorMOIRadApo, errorMOIRadPer}
OrbitDimErrors.ShowGrid       = true
OrbitDimErrors.ShowPlot      = true

Create XYPlot IncError
IncError.SolverIterations = All
IncError.UpperLeft      = [ 0.4953586497890296 0.01306240928882438 ];
IncError.Size           = [ 0.479324894514768 0.5079825834542816 ];
IncError.RelativeZOrder = 382
IncError.YVariables   = {errorMOIIInclination}
IncError.XVariable     = loopIdx
IncError.ShowGrid       = true
IncError.ShowPlot      = true

```

Create a **ReportFile** to allow reporting useful information to a text file for review after the optimization process is complete.

```

Create ReportFile debugData
debugData.SolverIterations = Current
debugData.Precision        = 16
debugData.WriteHeader       = Off
debugData.LeftJustify      = On
debugData.ZeroFill         = Off
debugData.ColumnWidth      = 20
debugData.WriteReport       = false

```

Configure the Mission Sequence

Overview of the Mission Sequence

Now that the resources are created and configured, we will construct the optimization sequence. Pseudo-script for the optimization sequence is shown below. We will start by defining initial

guesses for the control point optimization variables. Next, selected variables are initialized. Take some time and study the structure of the optimization loop before moving on to the next step.

```
Define optimization initial guesses
Initialize variables
Optimize
    Loop initializations
    Vary control point epochs
    Set epochs on spacecraft
    Vary control point state values
    Set state values on spacecraft
    Apply constraints on control points (i.e before propagation)
    Propagate spacecraft
    Apply patch point constraints (i.e. after propagation)
    Apply constraints on mission orbit
    Apply cost function
EndOptimize
```

Define Initial Guesses

Below we define initial guesses for the optimization variables. Initial guesses are often difficult to generate and to ensure you can take this tutorial we have provided a reasonable initial guess for this problem. You can use GMAT to produce initial guesses and the sample script named Ex_GivenEpochGoToTheMoon distributed with GMAT can be used for that purpose for this tutorial.

The time variables **launchEpoch**, **flybyEpoch** and **moiEpoch** are the TAI modified Julian epochs of the launch, flyby, and MOI. It is not obvious yet that these are TAI modified Julian epochs, but later we use statements like this to set the epoch: **satTOI.Epoch.TAIModJulian** = **launchEpoch**. Recall that we previously set up the spacecraft to used coordinate systems appropriate to the problem. Setting **satTOI.X** sets the quantity in **EarthMJ2000Eq** and **satFlyBy_Foward.X** sets the quantity in **MoonMJ2000Eq** because of the configuration of the spacecraft.

```
BeginMissionSequence

% Define initial guesses for optimization variables
BeginScript 'Initial Guess Values'

    % Robust intial guess but not feasible
    toiEpoch = 27698.1612435
    flybyEpoch = 27703.7658714
    moiEpoch = 27723.305398
    satTOI.X = -6659.70273964
    satTOI.Y = -229.327053112
    satTOI.Z = -168.396030559
    satTOI.VX = 0.26826479315
    satTOI.VY = -9.54041067213
    satTOI.VZ = 5.17141415746
    satFlyBy_Foward.X = 869.478955662
    satFlyBy_Foward.Y = -6287.76679557
    satFlyBy_Foward.Z = -3598.47087228
    satFlyBy_Foward.VX = 1.14619150302
    satFlyBy_Foward.VY = -0.73648611256
    satFlyBy_Foward.VZ = -0.624051812914
    satMOI_Backward.X = -53544.9703742
    satMOI_Backward.Y = -68231.6310266
```

```

satMOI_Backward.Z = -1272.76362793
satMOI_Backward.VX = 2.051823425
satMOI_Backward.VY = -1.91406286218
satMOI_Backward.VZ = -0.280408526046
MOI.Element1 = -0.0687322937282

```

EndScript

Initialize Variables

The script below is used to define some constants and to define the values for various constraints applied to the trajectory. Pay particular attention to the constraint values and time values. For example, the variable **conTOIPerapsis** defines the periapsis radius at launch constraint to be at about 285 km (geodetics will cause altitude to vary slightly). The variable **conMOIApoapsis** defines the mission orbit apoapsis to be 60 earth radii. The variables **patchOneElapsedDays**, **patchTwoElapsedDays**, and **refEpoch** are particularly important as they define the epochs of the patch points later in the script using lines like this **patchOneEpoch = refEpoch + patchOneElapsedDays**. The preceding line defines the epoch of the first patch point to be one day after **refEpoch** (**refEpoch** is set to **launchEpoch**). Similarly, the epoch of the second patch point is defined as 13 days after **refEpoch**. Note, the patch point epochs can be treated as optimization variables but that was not done to reduce complexity of the tutorial.

```

% Define constants and configuration settings
BeginScript 'Constants and Init'

    % Some constants
    earthRadius      = 6378.1363

    % Define constraint values and other constants
    conTOIPerapsis   = 6378 + 285    % constraint on launch periapsis
    conTOInclination  = 28.5         % constraint launch inclination
    conLunarPerapsis  = 8000         % constraint on flyby altitude
    conMOIApoapsis    = 60*earthRadius % constraint on mission apoapsis
    conMOIIInclination = 10          % constraint on mission inc.
    conMOIPerapsis    = 15*earthRadius % constraint on mission periapsis
    patchOneElapsedDays = 1           % define epoch of patch 1
    patchTwoElapsedDays = 13          % define epoch of patch 2
    refEpoch          = toiEpoch     % ref. epoch for time quantities

EndScript

% The optimization loop
Optimize 'Optimize Flyby' NLPOpt ...
    {SolveMode = Solve, ExitMode = DiscardAndContinue}

    % Loop initializations
    loopIdx = loopIdx + 1

EndOptimize

```



Caution

In the above script snippet, we have included the **EndOptimize** command so that your script will continue to build while we construct the optimization sequence. You must paste subsequent script snippets inside of the optimization loop.

Vary and Set Spacecraft Epochs

Now we will write the commands that vary the control point epochs and apply those epochs to the spacecraft. The first three script lines below define **launchEpoch**, **flybyEpoch**, and **moiEpoch** to be optimization variables. It is important to note that when a **Vary** command is written like this

```
Vary NLPOpt(launchEpoch = launchEpoch, . . .
```

that you are telling the optimizer to vary **launchEpoch** (the RHS of the equal sign), and to use as the initial guess the value contained in **launchEpoch** when the command is first executed. This will allow us to easily change initial guess values and perform “Apply Corrections” via the script interface which will be shown later. Continuing with the script explanation, the last five lines below set the epochs of the spacecraft according to the optimization variables and set up the patch point epochs.

```
% Vary the epochs
Vary NLPOpt(toiEpoch = toiEpoch, {Perturbation = 0.0001, MaxStep = 0.5})
Vary NLPOpt(flybyEpoch = flybyEpoch, {Perturbation=0.0001,MaxStep=0.5})
Vary NLPOpt(moiEpoch = moiEpoch, {Perturbation = 0.0001,MaxStep=0.5})

% Configure epochs and spacecraft
satTOI.Epoch.TAIModJulian      = toiEpoch
satMOI_Backward.Epoch.TAIModJulian = moiEpoch
satFlyBy_Foward.Epoch.TAIModJulian = flybyEpoch
patchOneEpoch                    = refEpoch + patchOneElapsedDays
patchTwoEpoch                    = refEpoch + patchTwoElapsedDays
```

Vary Control Point States

The script below defines the control point optimization variables and defines the initial guess values for each optimization variable. For example, the following line

```
Vary NLPOpt(satTOI.X = satTOI.X, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 100})
```

tells GMAT to vary the X Cartesian value of **satTOI** using as the initial guess the value of **satTOI.X** at initial command execution. The **Perturbation** used to compute derivatives is 0.00001 and the optimizer will not take steps larger than 100 for this variable. Note: units of settings like **Perturbation** are the same as the unit for the optimization variable.

Notice the lines at the bottom of this script snippet that look like this:

```
satFlyBy_Backward = satFlyBy_Foward
```

This line assigns an entire **Spacecraft** to another **Spacecraft**. Because we are varying one control point in the middle of a segment, this assignment allows us to conveniently set the second **Spacecraft** without independently varying its state properties.

```
% Vary the states and delta V
Vary NLPOpt(satTOI.X = ...
satTOI.X, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 100})
Vary NLPOpt(satTOI.Y = ...
satTOI.Y, {Perturbation = 0.000001, MaxStep = 100})
Vary NLPOpt(satTOI.Z = ...
satTOI.Z, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 100})
```

```

Vary NLPOpt(satTOI.VX          = ...
satTOI.VX, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.05})
Vary NLPOpt(satTOI.VY          = ...
satTOI.VY, {Perturbation = 0.000001, MaxStep = 0.05})
Vary NLPOpt(satTOI.VZ          = ...
satTOI.VZ, {Perturbation = 0.000001, MaxStep = 0.05})
Vary NLPOpt(satFlyBy_Foward.X = ...
satFlyBy_Foward.MoonMJ2000Eq.X, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 100})
Vary NLPOpt(satFlyBy_Foward.Y = ...
satFlyBy_Foward.MoonMJ2000Eq.Y, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 100})
Vary NLPOpt(satFlyBy_Foward.Z = ...
satFlyBy_Foward.MoonMJ2000Eq.Z, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 100})
Vary NLPOpt(satFlyBy_Foward.VX = ...
satFlyBy_Foward.MoonMJ2000Eq.VX, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.1})
Vary NLPOpt(satFlyBy_Foward.VY = ...
satFlyBy_Foward.MoonMJ2000Eq.VY, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.1})
Vary NLPOpt(satFlyBy_Foward.VZ = ...
satFlyBy_Foward.MoonMJ2000Eq.VZ, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.1})
Vary NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.X = ...
satMOI_Backward.X, {Perturbation = 0.000001, MaxStep = 40000})
Vary NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.Y = ...
satMOI_Backward.Y, {Perturbation = 0.000001, MaxStep = 40000})
Vary NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.Z = ...
satMOI_Backward.Z, {Perturbation = 0.000001, MaxStep = 40000})
Vary NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.VX = ...
satMOI_Backward.VX, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.1})
Vary NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.VY = ...
satMOI_Backward.VY, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.1})
Vary NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.VZ = ...
satMOI_Backward.VZ, {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.1})
Vary NLPOpt(MOI.Element1      = ...
MOI.Element1, {Perturbation = 0.0001, MaxStep = 0.005})

% Initialize spacecraft and do some reporting
satFlyBy_Backward = satFlyBy_Foward
satMOI_Foward     = satMOI_Backward
deltaTimeFlyBy    = flybyEpoch - toiEpoch

```

Apply Constraints at Control Points

Now that the control points have been set, we can apply constraints that occur at the control points (i.e. before propagation to the patch point). Notice below that the **NonlinearConstraint** commands are commented out. We will uncomment those constraints later. The commands below, when uncommented, will apply constraints on the launch inclination, the launch periapsis radius, the mission orbit periapsis, and the last constraint ensures that TOI occurs at periapsis of the transfer orbit.

```

% Apply constraints on initial states
%NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.INC=conTOIIInclination)
%NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.RadPer=conTOIPeriapsis)
%NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.RadPer = conMOIPeriapsis)
errorMOIRadPer = satMOI_Backward.RadPer - conMOIPeriapsis

% This constraint ensures that satTOI state is at periapsis at injection
launchRdotV = (satTOI.X *satTOI.VX + satTOI.Y *satTOI.VY + ...
satTOI.Z *satTOI.VZ)/1000
%NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(launchRdotV=0)

```

Propagate the Segments

We are now ready to propagate the spacecraft to the patch points. We must propagate **satTOI** forward to **patchOneEpoch**, propagate **satFlyBy_Backward** backwards to **patchOneEpoch**, propagate **satFlyBy_Forward** to **patchTwoEpoch**, and propagate **satMOI_Backward** to **patchTwoEpoch**. Notice that some **Propagate** commands are applied inside of **If** statements to ensure that propagation is performed in the correct direction.%

```
% DO NOT PASTE THESE LINES INTO THE SCRIPT, THEY ARE
% INCLUDED IN THE COMPLETE SNIPPET LATER IN THIS SECTION
If satFlyBy_Forward.TAIModJulian > patchTwoEpoch
    Propagate BackProp NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Forward) . . .
Else
    Propagate NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Forward) . . .
EndIf
```

If In the script below, you will notice like this:

```
% DO NOT PASTE THESE LINES INTO THE SCRIPT, THEY ARE
% INCLUDED IN THE COMPLETE SNIPPET LATER IN THIS SECTION
Propagate NearEarthProp(satTOI) {satTOI.TAIModJulian = patchOneEpoch, ...
PenUp EarthView % The next three lines handle plot epoch discontinuity
Propagate BackProp NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Backward)
PenDown EarthView
```

These lines are used to clean up discontinuities in the **OrbitView** that occur because we are making discontinuous changes to time in this complex script.

```
% Propagate the segments
Propagate NearEarthProp(satTOI) {satTOI.TAIModJulian = ...
    patchOneEpoch, StopTolerance = 1e-005}
PenUp EarthView % The next three lines handle discontinuity in plots
Propagate BackProp NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Backward)
PenDown EarthView
Propagate BackProp NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Backward)...{satFlyBy_Backward.TAIModJulian = patchOneEpoch, StopTolerance = 1e-005}

% Propagate FlybySat to Apogee and apply apogee constraints
PenUp EarthView % The next three lines handle discontinuity in plots
Propagate NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Forward)
PenDown EarthView
Propagate NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Forward) ...
{satFlyBy_Forward.Earth.Apoapsis, StopTolerance = 1e-005}
Report debugData satFlyBy_Forward.RMAG

% Propagate FlybSat and satMOI_Backward to patchTwoEpoch
If satFlyBy_Forward.TAIModJulian > patchTwoEpoch
    Propagate BackProp NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Forward)...
{satFlyBy_Forward.TAIModJulian = patchTwoEpoch, StopTolerance = 1e-005}
Else
    Propagate NearMoonProp(satFlyBy_Forward)...
{satFlyBy_Forward.TAIModJulian = patchTwoEpoch, StopTolerance = 1e-005}
EndIf
PenUp EarthView % The next three lines handle discontinuity in plots
Propagate BackProp NearMoonProp(satMOI_Backward)
PenDown EarthView
Propagate BackProp NearMoonProp(satMOI_Backward)...
```

```
{satMOI_Backward.TAIModJulian = patchTwoEpoch, StopTolerance = 1e-005}
```

Compute Some Quantities and Apply Patch Constraints

The variables **errorPos1** and others below are used in **XYPlots** to display position and velocity errors at the patch points.

```
% Compute constraint errors for plots
errorPos1 = sqrt((satTOI.X - satFlyBy_Backward.X)^2 + ...
(satTOI.Y - satFlyBy_Backward.Y)^2 + (satTOI.Z - satFlyBy_Backward.Z)^2)
errorVel1 = sqrt((satTOI.VX - satFlyBy_Backward.VX)^2 + ...
(satTOI.VY-satFlyBy_Backward.VY)^2+(satTOI.VZ-satFlyBy_Backward.VZ)^2)
errorPos2 = sqrt((satMOI_Backward.X - satFlyBy_Forward.X)^2 + ...
(satMOI_Backward.Y - satFlyBy_Forward.Y)^2 + ...
(satMOI_Backward.Z - satFlyBy_Forward.Z)^2)
errorVel2 = sqrt((satMOI_Backward.VX - satFlyBy_Forward.VX)^2 + ...
(satMOI_Backward.VY - satFlyBy_Forward.VY)^2 + ...
(satMOI_Backward.VZ - satFlyBy_Forward.VZ)^2)
```

Apply Patch Point Constraints

The **NonlinearConstraint** commands below apply the patch point constraints.

```
% Apply the collocation constraints constraints on final states
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.X=...
satFlyBy_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.X)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y=...
satFlyBy_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z=...
satFlyBy_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX=...
satFlyBy_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY=...
satFlyBy_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ=...
satFlyBy_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.X=...
satFlyBy_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.X)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y=...
satFlyBy_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z=...
satFlyBy_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX=...
satFlyBy_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY=...
satFlyBy_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ=...
satFlyBy_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ)
```

Apply Constraints on Mission Orbit

We can now apply constraints on the final mission orbit that cannot be applied until after propagation. The script snippet below applies the inclination constraint on the final mission orbit, and applies the apogee radius constraint on the final mission orbit after **MOI** is applied.

```
% Apply mission orbit constraints/others on segments after propagation
errorMOIInclination = satMOI_Forward.INC - conMOIInclination
%NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.INC = ...
% conMOIInclination)
    % Propagate satMOI_Forward to apogee
PenUp EarthView    % The next three lines handle discontinuity in plots
Propagate NearEarthProp(satMOI_Forward)
PenDown EarthView
If satMOI_Forward.Earth.TA > 180
    Propagate NearEarthProp(satMOI_Forward){satMOI_Forward.Earth.Periapsis}
Else
    Propagate BackProp NearEarthProp(satMOI_Forward)...
    {satMOI_Forward.Earth.Periapsis}
EndIf
Maneuver MOI(satMOI_Forward)
Propagate NearEarthProp(satMOI_Forward) {satMOI_Forward.Earth.Apoapsis}
%NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Forward.RadApo=conMOIApoapsis)
errorMOIRadApo = satMOI_Forward.Earth.RadApo - conMOIApoapsis
```

Apply Cost Function

The last script snippet applies the cost function and a Stop command. The **Stop** command is so that we can QA your script configuration and make sure the initial guess is providing reasonable results before attempting optimization.

```
% Apply cost function and
Cost = sqrt( MOI.Element1^2 + MOI.Element2^2 + MOI.Element3^2)
%Minimize NLPOpt(Cost)

% Report stuff at the end of the loop
Report debugData MOI.Element1
Report debugData satMOI_Forward.RMAG conMOIApoapsis conMOIInclination

Stop
```

Design the Trajectory

Overview

We are now ready to design the trajectory. We'll do this in a couple of steps:

1. Run the script configuration and verify your configuration.
2. Run the mission applying only the patch point constraints to provide a smooth trajectory.
3. Run the mission with all constraints applied generating an optimal solution.
4. Run the mission with an alternative initial guess.
5. Add a new constraint and rerun the mission.

Step 1: Verify Your Configuration

If your script is configured correctly, when you click **Save-Sync-Run** in the bottom of the script editor, you should see an **OrbitView** graphics window display the initial guess for the trajectory as shown below. In the graphics, **satTOI** is displayed in green, **satFlyBy_Backward** is displayed in orange, **satFlyBy_Foreward** is displayed in dark red, and **satMOI_Backward** is displayed in bright red, and **satMOI_Foreward** is displayed in blue.

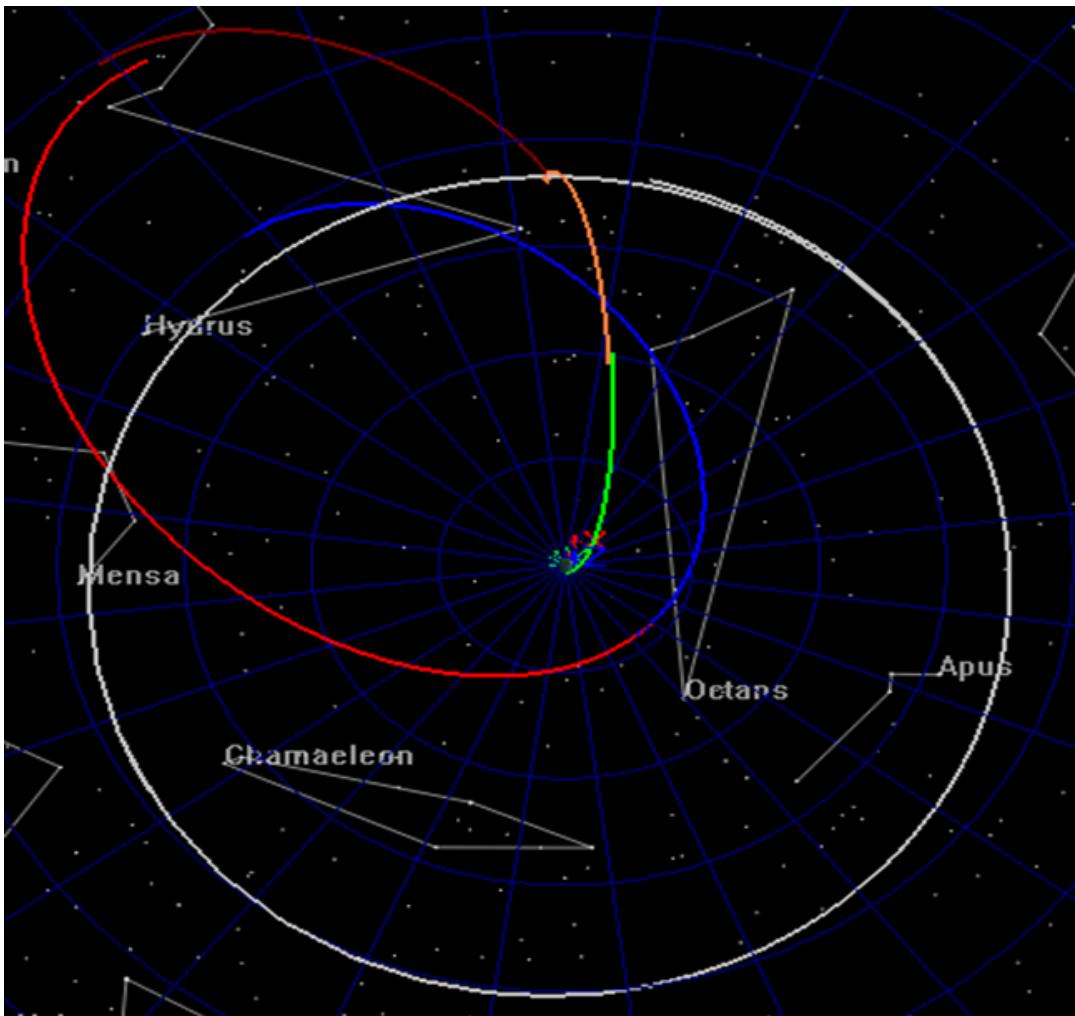


Figure 77. View of Discontinuous Trajectory

You can use the mouse to manipulate the **OrbitView** to see that the patch points are indeed discontinuous for the initial guess as shown below in the two screen captures. If your configuration does not provide you with similar graphics, compare your script to the one provided for this tutorial and address any differences.

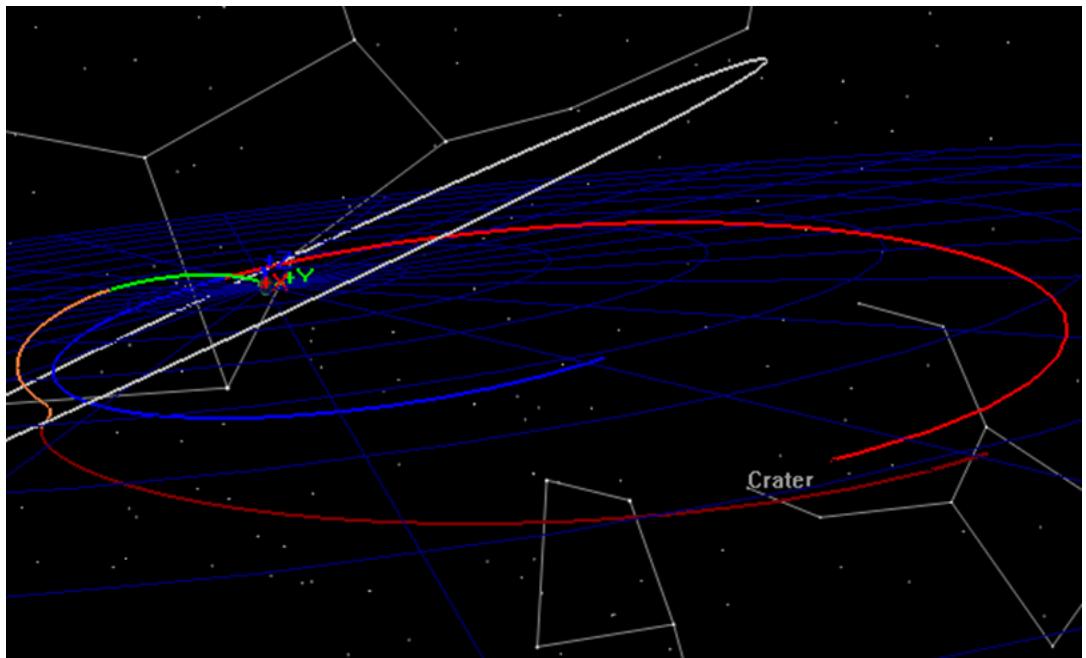


Figure 78. Alternate View (1) of Discontinuous Trajectory

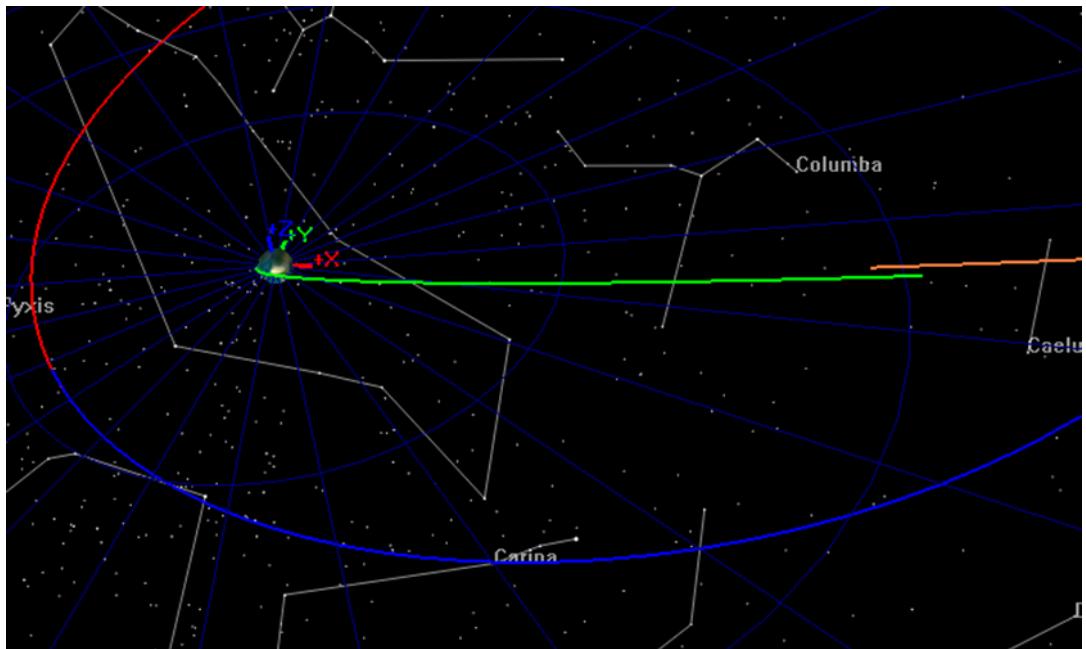


Figure 79. Alternate View (2) of Discontinuous Trajectory

Step 2: Find a Smooth Trajectory

At this point in the tutorial, your script is configured to eliminate the patch point discontinuities but does not apply mission constraints. We need to make a few small modifications before proceeding. We will turn off the **OrbitView** to improve the run time, and we will remove the **Stop** command so that the optimizer will attempt to find a solution.

1. Near the bottom of the script, comment out the **Stop** command.
2. In the configuration of **EarthView**, change **ShowPlot** to **false**.

3. Click Save Sync Run.

After a few optimizer iterations you should see “NLPOpt converged to within target accuracy” displayed in the GMAT message window and your XY plot graphics should appear as shown below. Let’s discuss the content of these windows. The upper left window shows the RSS history of velocity error at the two patch points during the optimization process. The lower left window shows the RSS history of the position error. The upper right window shows error in mission orbit inclination, and the lower right window shows error mission orbit apogee and perigee radii. You can see that in all cases the patch point discontinuities were driven to zero, but since other constraints were not applied there are still errors in some mission constraints.

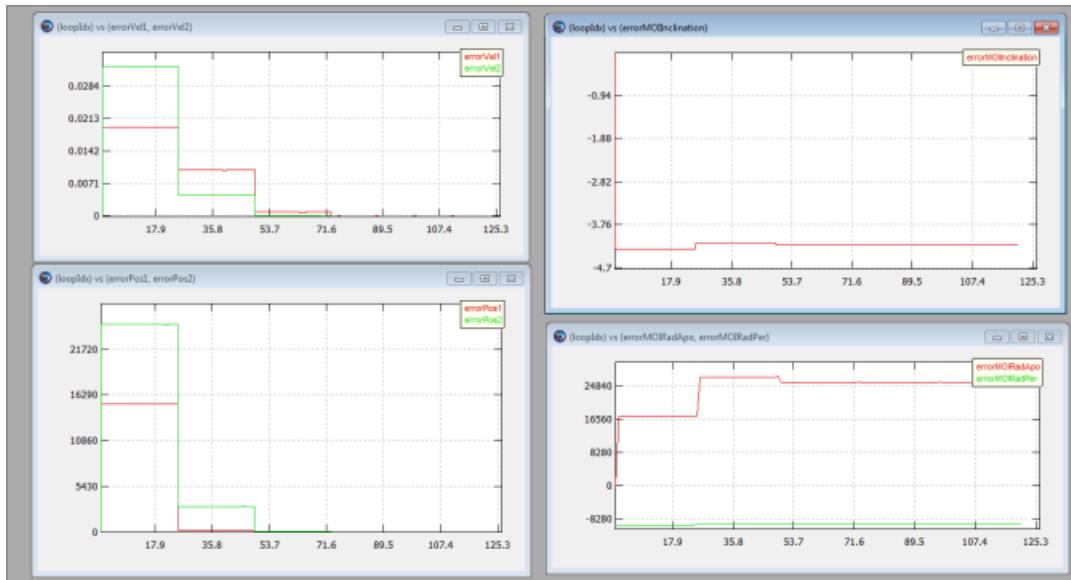


Figure 80. Smooth Trajectory Solution

Before proceeding to the next step, go to the message window and copy and paste the final values of the optimization variables to a text editor for later use:

Step 3: Find an Optimal Trajectory

At this point in the tutorial, your script is configured to eliminate the patch point discontinuities but does not apply constraints. We need to make a few small modifications to the script to find an solution that meets the constraints.

1. Remove the “%” sign from the all **NonlinearConstraint** commands and the **Minimize** command:

```
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.INC=conTOIIInclination)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satTOI.RadPer=conTOIPeriapsis)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Backward.RadPer = conMOIPeriapsis)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(launchRdotV=0)
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.INC = . . .
NonlinearConstraint NLPOpt(satMOI_Forward.RadApo=conMOIApoapsis)
Minimize NLPOpt(Cost)
```

2. Click **Save Sync Run**.

The screen capture below shows the plots after optimization has been completed. Notice that the constraint errors have been driven to zero in the plots

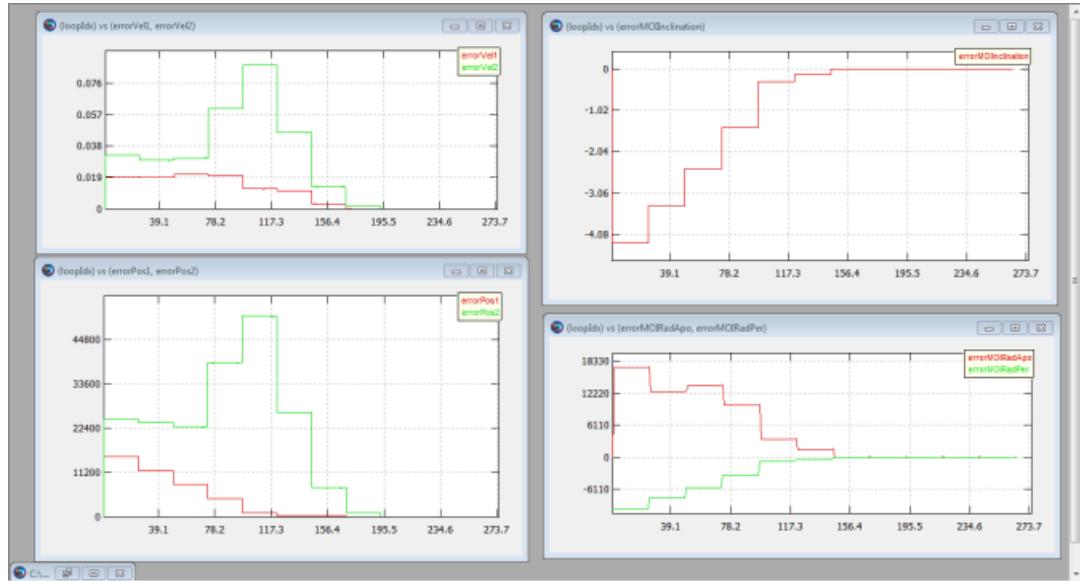


Figure 81. Optimal Trajectory Solution

Another way to verify that the constraints have been satisfied is to look in the message window where the final constraint variances are displayed as shown below. We could further reduce the variances by lowering the tolerance setting on the optimizer.

Equality Constraint Variances:

```

Delta satTOI.INC = 1.44773082411e-011
Delta satTOI.RadPer = 7.08496372681e-010
Delta satMOI_Backward.RadPer = -3.79732227884e-007
Delta launchRdotV = -1.87725390788e-014
Delta satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.X = 0.00037122167123
Delta satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y = 2.79954474536e-005
Delta satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z = 2.78138068097e-005
Delta satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX = -3.87579257577e-009
Delta satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY = 1.5329883335e-009
Delta satTOI.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ = -6.84140494256e-010
Delta satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.X = 0.0327844279818
Delta satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y = 0.0501471919124
Delta satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z = 0.0063349630509
Delta satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX = -7.5196416871e-008
Delta satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY = -7.48570442854e-008
Delta satMOI_Backward.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ = -6.01668809219e-009
Delta satMOI_Forward.EarthMJ2000Eq.INC = -1.25488952563e-010
Delta satMOI_Forward.RadApo = -0.000445483252406

```

Finally, let's look at the delta-V of the solution. In this case the delta-V is simply the value of **MOI.Element1** which is displayed in the message window with a value of -0.09171 km/s.

Step 4: Use a New Initial Guess

In Step 2 above, you saved the final solution for the smooth trajectory run. Let's use those values as the initial guess and see if we find a similar solution as found in the previous step. In the **ScriptEvent** that defines the initial guess, paste the values below, below the values already there. (don't overwrite the old values!). Once you have changed the guess, run the mission again.

```

launchEpoch = 27698.2503232
flybyEpoch = 27703.7774182

```

```

moiEpoch = 27723.6487435
satTOI.X = -6651.63393843
satTOI.Y = -229.372171037
satTOI.Z = -168.481408909
satTOI.VX = 0.244028352166
satTOI.VY = -9.56544906767
satTOI.VZ = 5.11103080924
satFlyBy_Foward.X = 869.368923086
satFlyBy_Foward.Y = -6284.53685414
satFlyBy_Foward.Z = -3598.94426638
satFlyBy_Foward.VX = 1.14614444527
satFlyBy_Foward.VY = -0.726070354598
satFlyBy_Foward.VZ = -0.617780594192
satMOI_Backward.X = -53541.9714485
satMOI_Backward.Y = -68231.6304631
satMOI_Backward.Z = -1272.77554803
satMOI_Backward.VX = 2.0799329871
satMOI_Backward.VY = -1.89082570193
satMOI_Backward.VZ = -0.284385092038

```

We see in this case the optimization converged and found essentially the same solution of -0.0907079 km/s

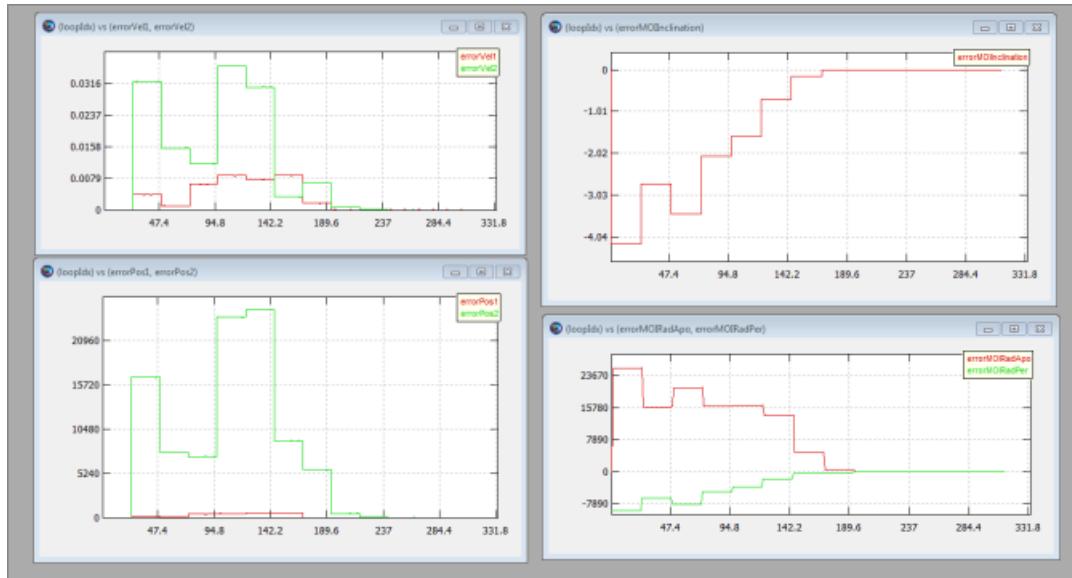


Figure 82. Solution Using New Guess

Step 5: Apply a New Constraint

We leave it as an exercise, to apply a constraint that the lunar flyby periapsis radius must be greater than or equal to 5000 km.

Mars B-Plane Targeting Using GMAT Functions

Audience	Advanced
Length	75 minutes
Prerequisites	Complete <i>Simulating an Orbit</i> , <i>Simple Orbit Transfer</i> , <i>Mars B-Plane Targeting</i> and a basic understanding of B-Planes and their usage in targeting is required.
Script and function Files	<code>Tut_UsingGMATFunctions.script</code> , <code>TargeterInsideFunction.gmf</code>

Objective and Overview



Note

One of the most challenging problems in space mission design is to design an interplanetary transfer trajectory that takes the spacecraft within a very close vicinity of the target planet. One possible approach that puts the spacecraft close to a target planet is by targeting the B-Plane of that planet. The B-Plane is a planar coordinate system that allows targeting during a gravity assist. It can be thought of as a target attached to the assisting body. In addition, it must be perpendicular to the incoming asymptote of the approach hyperbola. [Figure 83](#) and [Figure 84](#) show the geometry of the B-Plane and B-vector as seen from a viewpoint perpendicular to orbit plane. To read more on B-Planes, please consult the GMATMathSpec document. A good example involving the use of B-Plane targeting is a mission to Mars. Sending a spacecraft to Mars can be achieved by performing a Trajectory Correction Maneuver (TCM) that targets Mars B-Plane. Once the spacecraft gets close to Mars, then an orbit insertion maneuver can be performed to capture into Mars orbit.

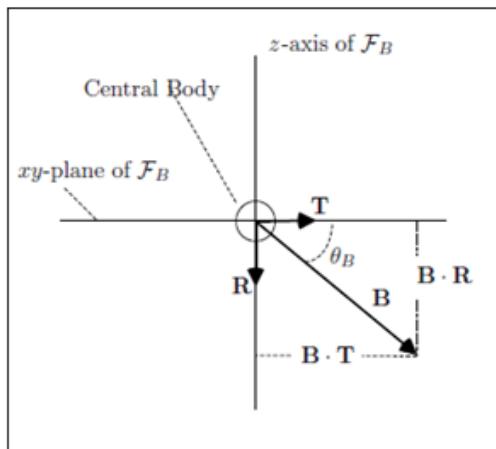


Figure 83. Geometry of the B-Plane as seen from a viewpoint perpendicular to the B-Plane

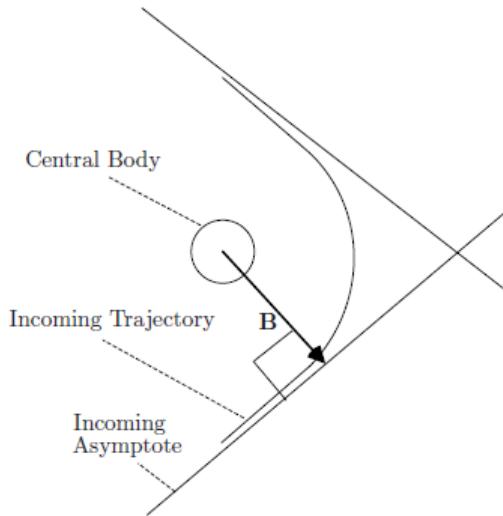


Figure 84. The B-vector as seen from a viewpoint perpendicular to orbit plane

In this tutorial, we will use GMAT to model a mission to Mars with the emphasis of how to use GMAT functions. Starting from an out-going hyperbolic trajectory around Earth, we will perform a TCM to target Mars B-Plane. Once we are close to Mars, we will adjust the size of the maneuver to perform a Mars Orbit Insertion (MOI) to achieve a final elliptical orbit with an inclination of 90 degrees. Meeting these mission objectives requires us to create two separate targeting sequences. In order to focus on the configuration of the two targeters, we will make extensive use of the default configurations for spacecraft, propagators, and maneuvers.

The first target sequence employs maneuvers in the Earth-based Velocity (V), Normal (N) and Bi-normal (B) directions and includes four propagation sequences. The purpose of the maneuvers in VNB directions is to target $B_{dot}T$ and $B_{dot}R$ components of the B-vector. $B_{dot}T$ is targeted to 0 km and $B_{dot}R$ is targeted to a non-zero value to generate a polar orbit that has inclination of 90 degrees. $B_{dot}R$ is targeted to -7000 km to avoid having the orbit intersect Mars, which has a radius of approximately 3396 km. The entire first target sequence will be created inside a GMAT function. In the **Mission** tree, this function will be called through GMAT's **CallGmatFunction** command. Additionally, we'll go ahead and declare pertinent objects (e.g. spacecraft, force models, subscribers, impulsive burns etc.) as global in both the main script and inside the function through GMAT's **Global** command.

The second target sequence employs a single, Mars-based anti-velocity direction (-V) maneuver and includes one propagation sequence. This single anti-velocity direction maneuver will occur at periapsis. The purpose of the maneuver is to achieve MOI by targeting position vector magnitude of 12,000 km at apoapsis. Unlike the first target sequence, the second target sequence will not be created inside a function.

The purpose behind this tutorial is to demonstrate how GMAT functions are created, populated, called-upon and used as part of practical mission design. In this tutorial, we'll deliberately put the entire first target sequence inside a GMAT function. Next in the Mission tree, we'll call and execute the function, then continue with the design of the second target sequence outside of the function. Key objects such as the spacecraft, force models, subscribers etc. will be declared global in order to assure continuous flow of data is plotted and reported to all the subscribers. The basic steps of this tutorial are:

1. Modify the **DefaultSC** to define spacecraft's initial state. The initial state is an out-going hyperbolic trajectory that is with respect to Earth.
2. Create and configure a **Fuel Tank** resource.
3. Create two **ImpulsiveBurn** resources with default settings.
4. Create and configure three **Propagators**: NearEarth, DeepSpace and NearMars
5. Create and configure **DifferentialCorrector** resource.
6. Create and configure three **DefaultOrbitView** resources to visualize Earth, Sun and Mars centered trajectories.
7. Create and configure single **ReportFile** resource that will be used in reporting data.
8. Create and configure three **CoordinateSystems**: Earth, Sun and Mars centered.
9. Create and configure single **GmatFunction** resource that will be called and executed in the **Mission** tree.
10. Create first **Target** sequence inside the GMAT function. This sequence will be used to target BdotT and BdotR components of the B-vector.
11. Create second **Target** sequence to implement MOI by targeting position magnitude at apoapsis.
12. Run the mission and analyze the results.

Configure Fuel Tank, Spacecraft properties, Maneuvers, Propagators, Differential Corrector, Coordinate Systems and Graphics

For this tutorial, you'll need GMAT open, with the default mission loaded. To load the default mission, click **New Mission** (💡) or start a new GMAT session. **DefaultSC** will be modified to set spacecraft's initial state as an out-going hyperbolic trajectory.

Create Fuel Tank

We need to create a fuel tank in order to see how much fuel is expended after each impulsive burn. We will modify **DefaultSC** resource later and attach the fuel tank to the spacecraft.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click the **Hardware** folder, point to **Add** and click **ChemicalTank**. A new resource called **ChemicalTank1** will be created.
2. Right-click **ChemicalTank1** and click **Rename**.
3. In the **Rename** box, type **MainTank** and click **OK**.
4. Double click on **MainTank** to edit its properties.
5. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 15. MainTank settings

Field	Value
Fuel Mass	1718
Fuel Density	1000
Pressure	5000
Volume	2

6. Click **OK** to save these changes.

Modify the DefaultSC Resource

We need to make minor modifications to **DefaultSC** in order to define spacecraft's initial state and attach the fuel tank to the spacecraft.

1. In the **Resources** tree, under **Spacecraft** folder, right-click **DefaultSC** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **MAVEN** and click **OK**.
3. Double-click on **MAVEN** to edit its properties. Make sure **Orbit** tab is selected.
4. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 16. MAVEN settings

Field	Value
Epoch Format	UTCGregorian
Epoch	18 Nov 2013 20:26:24.315
Coordinate System	EarthMJ2000Eq
State Type	Keplerian
SMA under Elements	-32593.21599272796
ECC under Elements	1.202872548116185
INC under Elements	28.80241266404142
RAAN under Elements	173.9693759331483
AOP under Elements	240.9696529532764
TA under Elements	359.9465533778069

5. Click on **Tanks** tab now.
6. Under **Available Tanks**, you'll see **MainTank**. This is the fuel tank that we created earlier.
7. We attach **MainTank** to the spacecraft **MAVEN** by bringing it under **Selected Tanks** box. Select **MainTank** under **Available Tanks** and bring it over to the right-hand side under the **Selected Tanks**.
8. Click **OK** to save these changes.

Create the Maneuvers

We'll need two **ImpulsiveBurn** resources for this tutorial. Below, we'll rename the default ImpulsiveBurn and create a new one. We'll also select the fuel tank that was created earlier in order to access fuel for the burns.

1. In the **Resources** tree, under the **Burns** folder, right-click **DefaultIB** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **TCM**, an acronym for Trajectory Correction Maneuver and click **OK** to edit its properties.
3. Double-Click **TCM** to edit its properties.
4. Check **Decrement Mass** under **Mass Change**.
5. For **Tank** field under **Mass Change**, select **MainTank** from drop down menu.
6. Click **OK** to save these changes.
7. Right-click the**Burns** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ImpulsiveBurn**. A new resource called **ImpulsiveBurn1** will be created.
8. Rename the new **ImpulsiveBurn1** resource to **MOI**, an acronym for Mars Orbit Insertion and click **OK**.
9. Double-click **MOI** to edit its properties.
10. For **Origin** field under **Coordinate System**, select **Mars**.
11. Check **Decrement Mass** under **Mass Change**.
12. For **Tank** field under **Mass Change**, select **MainTank** from the drop down menu.
13. Click **OK** to save these changes.

Create the Propagators

We'll need to add three propagators for this tutorial. Below, we'll rename the default **DefaultProp** and create two more propagators.

1. In the **Resources** tree, under the **Propagators** folder, right-click **DefaultProp** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **NearEarth** and click **OK**.
3. Double-click on **NearEarth** to edit its properties.
4. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 17. NearEarth settings

Field	Value
Initial Step Size under Integrator	600
Accuracy under Integrator	1e-013
Min Step Size under Integrator	0
Max Step Size under Integrator	600
Model under Gravity	JGM-2
Degree under Gravity	8
Order under Gravity	8
Atmosphere Model under Drag	None
Point Masses under Force Model	Add Luna and Sun
Use Solar Radiation Pressure under Force Model	Check this field

5. Click on **OK** to save these changes.
6. Right-click the **Propagators** folder and click **Add Propagator**. A new resource called **Propagator1** will be created.
7. Rename the new **Propagator1** resource to **DeepSpace** and click **OK**.
8. Double-click **DeepSpace** to edit its properties.
9. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 18. DeepSpace settings

Field	Value
Type under Integrator	PrinceDormand78
Initial Step Size under Integrator	600
Accuracy under Integrator	1e-012
Min Step Size under Integrator	0
Max Step Size under Integrator	864000
Central Body under Force Model	Sun
Primary Body under Force Model	None
Point Masses under Force Model	Add Earth , Luna , Sun , Mars , Jupiter , Neptune , Saturn , Uranus , Venus
Use Solar Radiation Pressure under Force Model	Check this field

10. Click **OK** to save these changes.
11. Right-click the **Propagators** folder and click **Add Propagator**. A new resource called **Propagator1** will be created.
12. Rename the new **Propagator1** resource to **NearMars** and click **OK**.
13. Double-click on **NearMars** to edit its properties.
14. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 19. NearMars settings

Field	Value
Type under Integrator	PrinceDormand78
Initial Step Size under Integrator	600
Accuracy under Integrator	1e-012
Min Step Size under Integrator	0
Max Step Size under Integrator	86400
Central Body under Force Model	Mars
Primary Body under Force Model	Mars
Model under Gravity	Mars-50C
Degree under Gravity	8
Order under Gravity	8
Atmosphere Model under Drag	None
Point Masses under Force Model	Add Sun
Use Solar Radiation Pressure under Force Model	Check this field

15. Click **OK** to save the changes.

Create the Differential Corrector

Two **Target** sequences that we will create later need a **DifferentialCorrector** resource to operate, so let's create one now. We'll leave the settings at their defaults.

1. In the **Resources** tree, expand the **Solvers** folder if it isn't already.
2. Right-click the **Boundary Value Solvers** folder, point to **Add**, and click **DifferentialCorrector**. A new resource called **DC1** will be created.
3. Rename the new **DC1** resource to **DefaultDC** and click **OK**.

Create the Coordinate Systems

The BdofT and BdotR constraints that we will define later under the first **Target** sequence require us to create a coordinate system. Orbit View resources that we will create later also need coordinate system resources to operate. We will create Sun and Mars centered coordinate systems. So let's create them now.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click the **Coordinate Systems** folder and click **Add Coordinate System**. A new Dialog box is created with a title **New Coordinate System**.
2. Type **SunEcliptic** under **Coordinate System Name** box.
3. Under **Origin** field, select **Sun**.
4. For **Type** under **Axes**, select **MJ2000Ec**.

5. Click **OK** to save these changes. You'll see that a new coordinate system **SunEcliptic** is created under **Coordinate Systems** folder.
6. Right-click the **Coordinate Systems** folder and click **Add Coordinate System**. A new Dialog Box is created with a title **New Coordinate System**.
7. Type **MarsInertial** under **Coordinate System Name** box.
8. Under **Origin** field, select **Mars**.
9. For **Type** under **Axes**, select **BodyInertial**.
10. Click **OK** to save these changes. You'll see that a new coordinate system **MarsInertial** is created under **Coordinate Systems** folder.

Create the Orbit Views

We'll need three **DefaultOrbitView** resources for this tutorial. Below, we'll rename the default **DefaultOrbitView** and create two new ones. We need three graphics windows in order to visualize spacecraft's trajectory centered around Earth, Sun and then Mars

1. In the **Resources** tree, under **Output** folder, right-click **DefaultOrbitView** and click **Rename**.
2. In the **Rename** box, type **EarthView** and click **OK**.
3. In the **Output** folder, delete **DefaultGroundTrackPlot**.
4. Double-click **EarthView** to edit its properties.
5. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 20. EarthView settings

Field	Value
View Scale Factor under View Definition	4
View Point Vector boxes, under View Definition	0, 0, 30000

6. Click **OK** to save these changes.
7. Right-click the **Output** folder, point to **Add**, and click **OrbitView**. A new resource called **OrbitView1** will be created.
8. **Rename** the new **OrbitView1** resource to **SolarSystemView** and click **OK**.
9. Double-click **SolarSystemView** to edit its properties.
10. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 21. SolarSystemView settings

Field	Value
From Celestial Object under View Object , add following Mars, Sun (Do not remove objects to Selected Celestial Object box	Earth)
Coordinate System under View Definition	SunEcliptic
View Point Reference under View Definition	Sun
View Point Vector boxes, under View Definition	0, 0, 5e8
View Direction under View Definition	Sun
Coordinate System under View Up Definition	SunEcliptic

11. Click **OK** to save these changes.
12. Right-click the **Output** folder, point to **Add**, and click **OrbitView**. A new resource called **OrbitView1** will be created.

13. Rename the new **OrbitView1** resource to **MarsView** and click **OK**.
14. Double-click **MarsView** to edit its properties.
15. Set the values shown in the table below.

Table 22. MarsView settings

Field	Value
From Celestial Object under View Object , add following Mars (You don't have to remove Earth) object to Selected Celestial Object box	Mars
Coordinate System under View Definition	MarsInertial
View Point Reference under View Definition	Mars
View Point Vector boxes , under View Definition	22000, 22000, 0
View Direction under View Definition	Mars
Coordinate System under View Up Definition	MarsInertial

16. Click **OK** to save the changes.

Create single Report File

We'll need a single **ReportFile** resource for this tutorial that we'll use to report data to.

1. Right-click the **Output** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ReportFile**. A new resource called **ReportFile1** will be created.
2. Rename the new **ReportFile1** resource to **rf** and click **OK**.
3. Double-Click **rf** to edit its properties.
4. Empty the **Parameter List** by clicking on the **Edit** button.
5. Click **OK** to save these changes.

Create a GMAT Function

We'll need a single **GMATFunction** resource for this tutorial. The first target sequence will be implemented inside this function.

1. Right-click the **Functions** folder, point to **Add**, point to **GMAT Function** and click **New**.
2. A new GMAT function panel will open. Type the following name for the function **TargeterInsideFunction** and click **OK** to save these changes.
3. Now open **TargeterInsideFunction** resource and paste the below shown first targeter sequence snippet into this function.
4. After pasting of the below snippet is done, click on **Save As** button and save your function. After saving your function, close **TargeterInsideFunction** resource by clicking on the **Close** button.

```
% Target Desired B-Plane Coordinates in this function:

function TargeterInsideFunction()

BeginMissionSequence

Global 'Make Objects Global' MAVEN DeepSpace_ForceModel DefaultDC ...
EarthView MainTank MarsView MOI NearEarth_ForceModel ...
NearMars_ForceModel rf SolarSystemView TCM
```

```

Target 'Target B-plane coordinates' DefaultDC {SolveMode = Solve, ...
  ExitMode = SaveAndContinue}
  Propagate 'Prop 3 days' NearEarth(MAVEN) {MAVEN.ElapsedDays = 3}
  Propagate 'Prop 12 Days to TCM' DeepSpace(MAVEN) {MAVEN.ElapsedDays = 12}
  Vary 'Vary TCM.V' DefaultDC(TCM.Element1 = 0.001, ...
  {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.002})
  Vary 'Vary TCM.N' DefaultDC(TCM.Element2 = 0.001, ...
  {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.002})
  Vary 'Vary TCM.B' DefaultDC(TCM.Element3 = 0.001, ...
  {Perturbation = 0.00001, MaxStep = 0.002})
  Maneuver 'Apply TCM' TCM(MAVEN)
  Propagate 'Prop 280 Days' DeepSpace(MAVEN) {MAVEN.ElapsedDays = 280}
  Propagate 'Prop to Mars Periapsis' NearMars(MAVEN) {MAVEN.Mars.Periapsis}
  Achieve 'Achieve BdotT' DefaultDC(MAVEN.MarsInertial.BdotT = 0, ...
  {Tolerance = 0.00001})
  Achieve 'Achieve BdotR' DefaultDC(MAVEN.MarsInertial.BdotR = -7000, ...
  {Tolerance = 0.00001})
EndTarget;

% Report MAVEN parameters to global 'rf' :
Report 'Report Parameters' rf MAVEN.UTCGregorian TCM.Element1 ...
TCM.Element2 TCM.Element3 MAVEN.MarsInertial.BdotT ...
MAVEN.MarsInertial.BdotR MAVEN.MarsInertial.INC

```

Reminder that the first target sequence will target desired B-Plane coordinates which will get the spacecraft **MAVEN** close to Mars. Note that we have declared all the pertinent objects as global at the beginning of the function. These same objects will also be declared global in the **Mission Sequence** as well. Notice that in this first target sequence, spacecraft **MAVEN** props for 3 days using **NearEarth** propagator. Next using the **DeepSpace** propagator, we propagate for 12 days and execute **TCM** impulsive maneuver. Again using the **DeepSpace** propagator, we propagate for another 280 days and finally propagate to Mars Periapsis. The desired constraints of the B-Plane coordinates are to be met at the Mars periapsis. The three components of the **TCM** impulsive burn are the controls that will help us achieve these two constraints. Note that the tolerances on the two B-Plane constraints are relatively tight.

Configure the Mission Sequence

Now we are ready to configure the **Mission Sequence**. We will first insert a **Global** command and declare the same objects as global that were declared global inside the **TargeterInsideFunction** function. Next we'll insert **CallGmatFunction** command which will call and initiate our **TargeterInsideFunction** function that contains our first target sequence. The first target sequence will solve for the **TCM** maneuver values required to achieve BdotT and BdotR components of the B-vector. BdotT will be targeted to 0 km and BdotR is targeted to a non-zero value in order to generate a polar orbit that will have an inclination of 90 degrees.

The second target sequence employs a single, Mars-based anti-velocity direction (-V) maneuver and includes one propagation sequence. This single anti-velocity direction maneuver will occur at periapsis. The purpose of the maneuver is to achieve MOI by targeting position vector magnitude of 12,000 km at apoapsis. The basic steps of this tutorial are:

Create Commands to Initiate the First Target Sequence

Now create the commands necessary to perform the first **Target** sequence. Figure 85 illustrates the configuration of the **Mission** tree after you have completed the steps in this section.

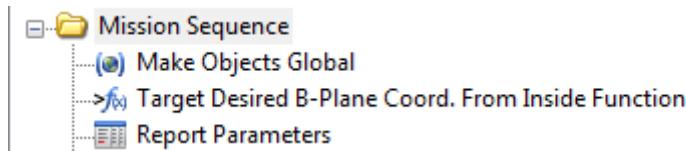


Figure 85. Mission Sequence for the First Target sequence

Do following steps to set-up for the first **Target** sequence:

1. Click on the **Mission** tab to show the **Mission** tree.
2. You'll see that there already exists a **Propagate1** command. We need to delete this command
3. Right-click on **Propagate1** command and click **Delete**.
4. Right-click on **Mission Sequence** folder, point to **Append**, and click **Global**. A new command called **Global1** will be created.
5. Right-click **Global1** and click **Rename**. In the **Rename** box, type **Make Objects Global** and click **OK**.
6. Right-click on **Mission Sequence** folder, point to **Append**, and click **CallGmatFunction**. A new command called **CallGmatFunction1** will be created.
7. Right-click **CallGmatFunction1** and click **Rename**. In the **Rename** box, type **Target Desired B-Plane Coord. From Inside Function** and click **OK**.
8. Right-click on **Mission Sequence** folder, point to **Append**, and click **Report**. A new command called **Report1** will be created.
9. Right-click **Report1** and click **Rename**. In the **Rename** box, type **Report Parameters** and click **OK**.

Configure the Mission Tree to Run the First Target Sequence

Now that the structure is created, we need to configure various parts of the first **Target** sequence to do what we want.

Configure the Make Objects Global Command

1. Double-click **Make Objects Global** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Please Select Objects to Make Global** check all the available object and make all available objects as global. Recall that same objects were declared as global inside **TargeterInsideFunction** function as well.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

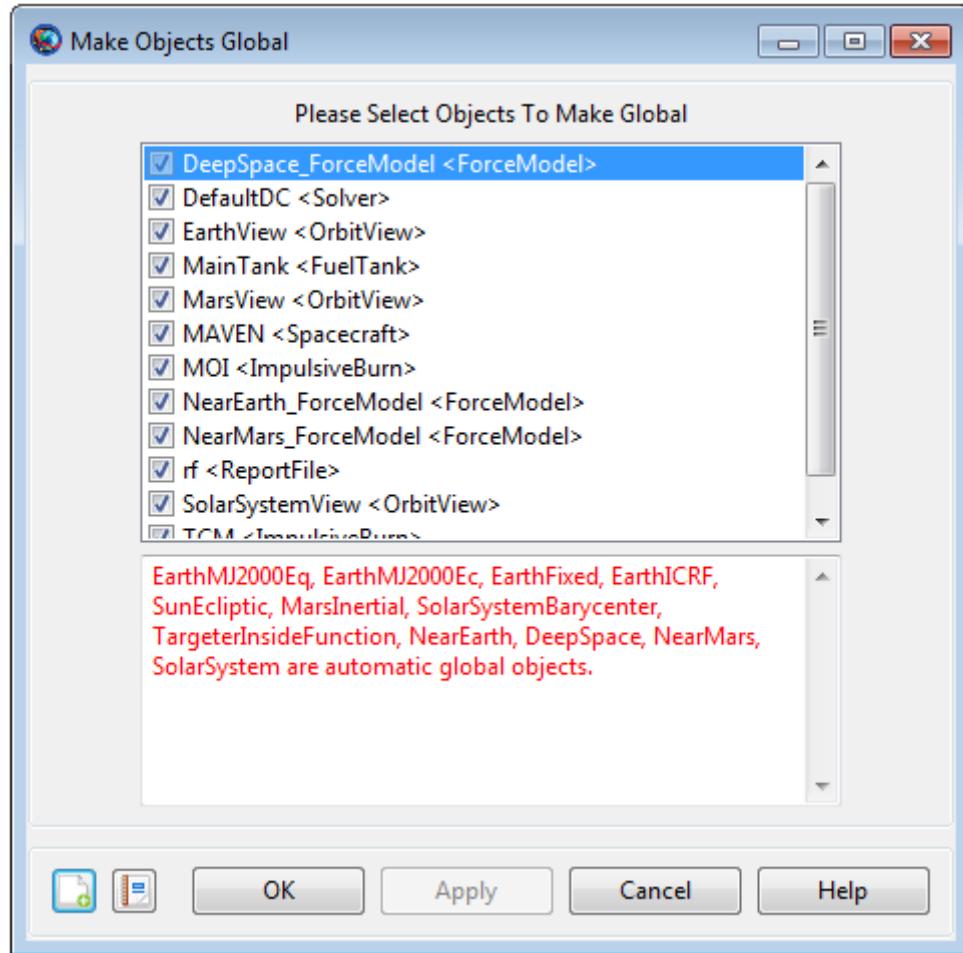


Figure 86. Make Objects Global Command Configuration

Configure the Target Desired B-Plane Coord. From Inside Function Command

1. Double-click **Target Desired B-Plane Coord. From Inside Function** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Function**, select **TargeterInsideFunction** from drop down menu. In this particular example, since we're not passing any input(s) or receiving any output(s) to and from the function, hence we won't be editing Input/Output menu.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

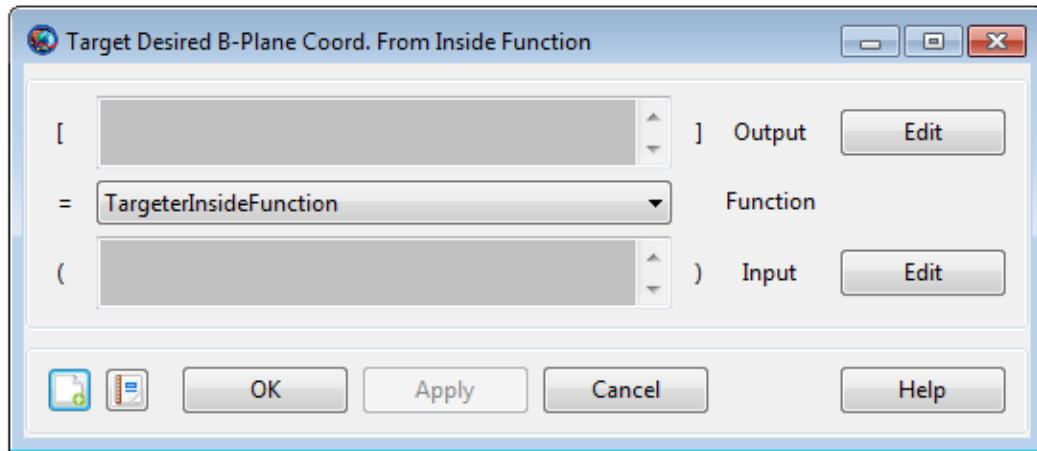


Figure 87. Target Desired B-Plane Coord. From Inside Function Command Configuration

Configure the Report Parameters Command

1. Double-click **Report Parameters** to edit its properties.
2. Under **ReportFile**, make sure **rf** is selected from the drop down menu.
3. Under **Parameter List** click on **View**. This opens up a new **ParameterSelectDialog** panel. Make sure to select the parameters that are shown in the below **Report Parameters** screenshot image.
4. Click **OK** to save these changes.

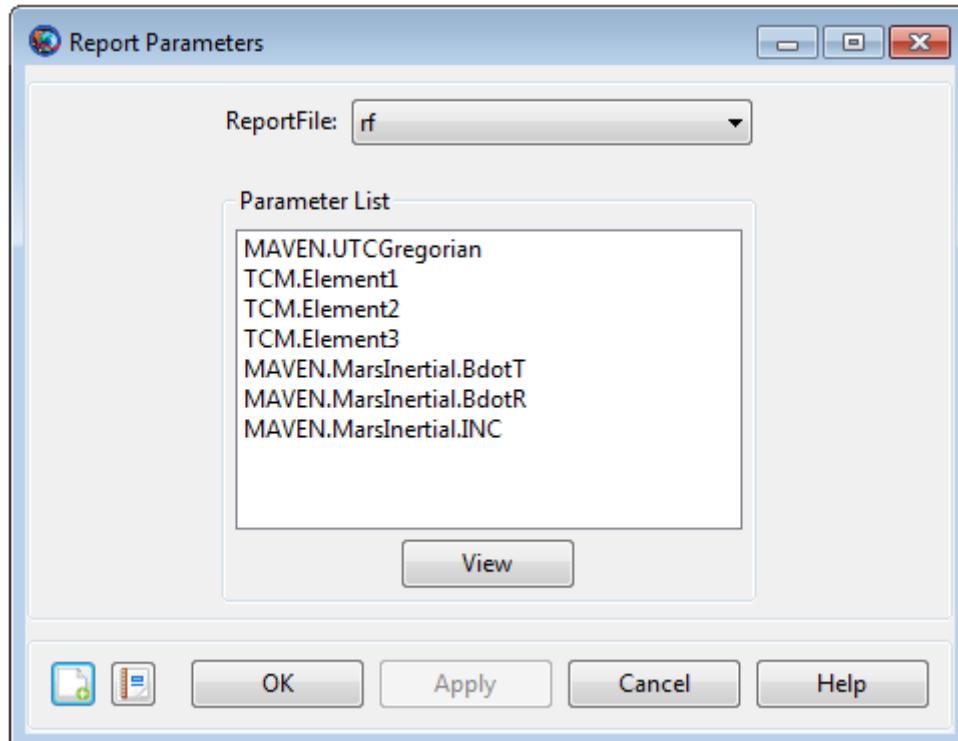


Figure 88. Report Parameters Command Configuration

Run the Mission with first Target Sequence

Before running the mission, click **Save** (💾) and save the mission to a file of your choice. Now click **Run** (▶). As the mission runs, you will see GMAT solve the targeting problem. Each iteration and perturbation is shown in **EarthView**, **SolarSystemView** and **MarsView** windows in light blue, and the final solution is shown in red. After the mission completes, the 3D views should appear as in the images shown below. You may want to run the mission several times to see the targeting in progress.

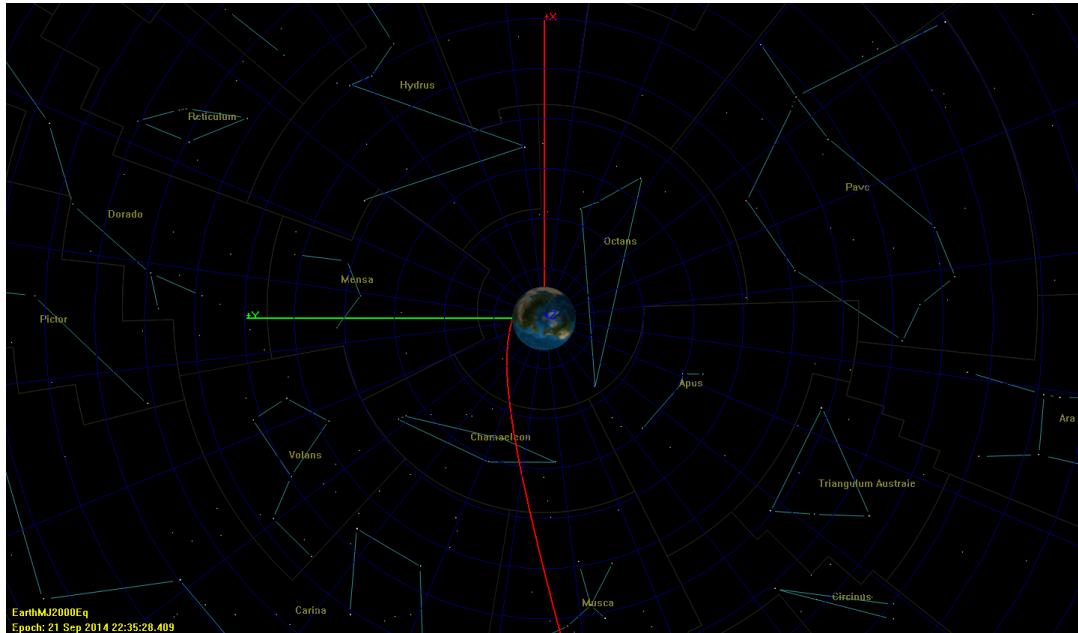


Figure 89. 3D View of departure hyperbolic trajectory (EarthView)

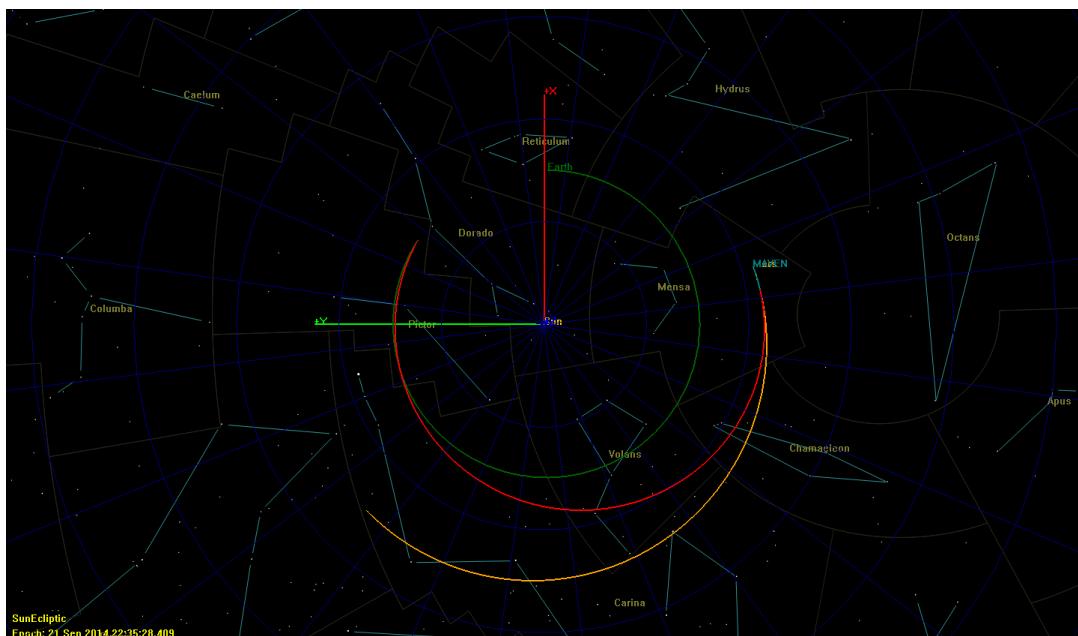


Figure 90. 3D View of heliocentric transfer trajectory (SolarSystemView)

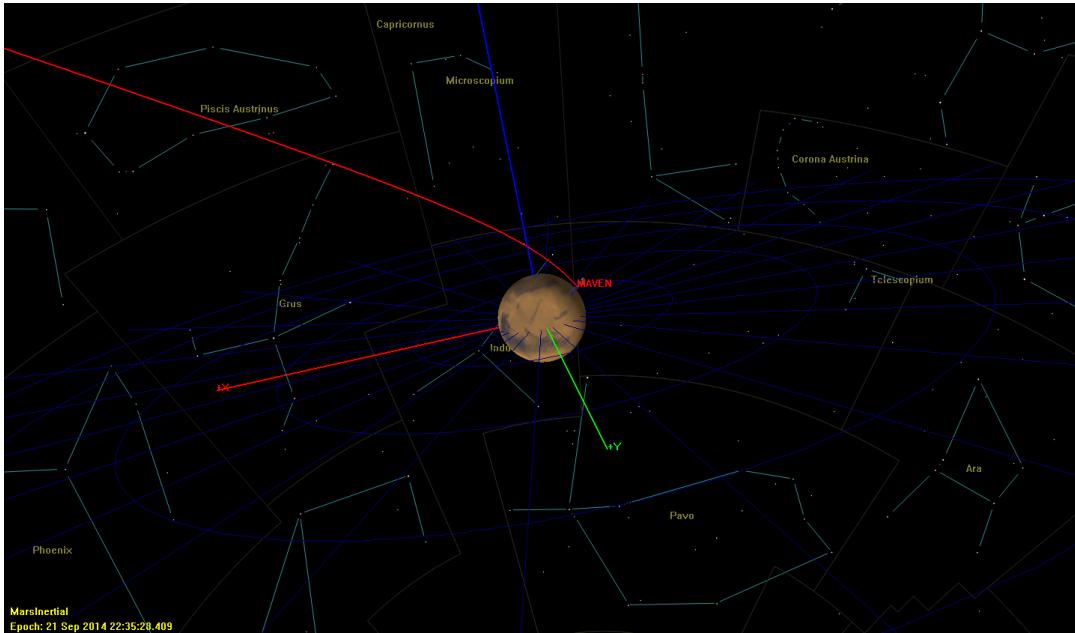


Figure 91. 3D View of approach hyperbolic trajectory. MAVEN stopped at periapsis (MarsView)

Now go to the **Output** tree and open **rf**. Recall that **rf** was declared as a global object both inside the function and in the main script. Notice that both the controls (i.e. **TCM** burn elements) and constraints (i.e. **BdotT**, **BdotR**) are reported as well as **MAVEN** inclination relative to **MarsInertial** coordinate system. The desired constraints that were set in the first targeter sequence have been successfully achieved.

Now go back to **Mission** tree and right click on **Target Desired B-Plane Coord. From Inside Function** command and click on **Command Summary** option. Under **Coordinate System** drop down menu, select **MarsInertial** and study the command summary. This command summary corresponds to the very last **Propagate** command (i.e. 'Prop to Mars Periapsis') from inside the GMAT function. Under **Hyperbolic Parameters**, notice the values of **BdotT** and **BdotR**. These are the constraints that have been achieved on the very last 'Prop to Mars Periapsis' **Propagate** command from the first targeter which was set up inside the GMAT function.

Create the Second Target Sequence

Recall that we still need to create second **Target** sequence in order to perform Mars Orbit Insertion maneuver to achieve the desired capture orbit. In the **Mission** tree, we will create the second **Target** sequence right after the first **Target** sequence which was defined inside the GMAT function **TargeterInsideFunction**.

Now let's create the commands necessary to perform the second **Target** sequence. [Figure 92](#) illustrates the configuration of the **Mission** tree after you have completed the steps in this section. Notice that in [Figure 92](#), the second **Target** sequence is created after the first **Target** sequence which was called via the **CallGmatFunction** command. We'll discuss the second **Target** sequence after it has been created.

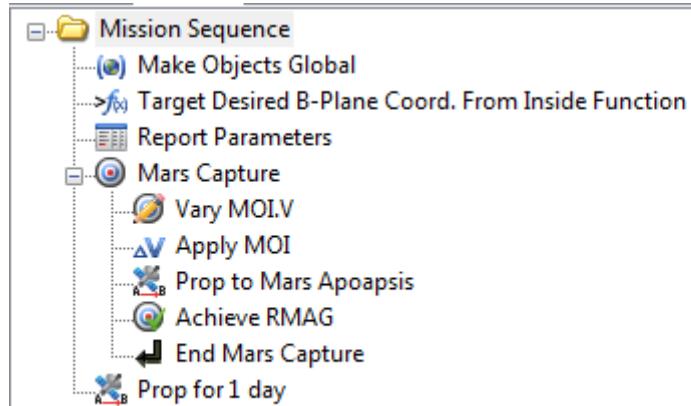


Figure 92. Mission Sequence showing first and second Target sequences

To create the second **Target** sequence:

1. Click on the **Mission** tab to show the **Mission** tree.
2. In the **Mission** tree, right-click on **Mission Sequence** folder, point to **Append**, and click **Target**. This will insert two separate commands: **Target1** and **EndTarget1**.
3. Right-click **Target1** and click **Rename**.
4. Type **Mars Capture** and click **OK**.
5. Right-click **Mars Capture**, point to **Append**, and click **Vary**. A new command called **Vary4** will be created.
6. Right-click **Vary4** and click **Rename**.
7. In the **Rename** box, type **Vary MOI.V** and click **OK**.
8. Complete the **Target** sequence by appending the commands in [Table 23](#).

Table 23. Additional Second Target Sequence Commands

Command	Name
Maneuver	Apply MOI
Propagate	Prop to Mars Apoapsis
Achieve	Achieve RMAG

Note



Let's discuss what the second **Target** sequence does. We know that a maneuver is required for the Mars capture orbit. We also know that the desired radius of capture orbit at apoapsis must be 12,000 km. However, we don't know the size (or ΔV magnitude) of the **MOI** maneuver that will precisely achieve the desired orbital conditions. You use the second **Target** sequence to solve for that precise maneuver value. You must tell GMAT what controls are available (in this case, a single maneuver) and what conditions must be satisfied (in this case, radius magnitude value). Once again, just like in the first **Target** sequence, here we accomplish this by using the **Vary** and **Achieve** commands. Using the **Vary** command, you tell GMAT what to solve for—in this case, the ΔV value for **MOI**. You use the **Achieve** command to tell GMAT what conditions the solution must satisfy—in this case, RMAG value of 12,000 km.

Create the Final Propagate Command

We need a **Propagate** command after the second **Target** sequence so that we can see our final orbit.

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **End Mars Capture**, point to **Insert After**, and click **Propagate**. A new **Propagate3** command will appear.
2. Right-click **Propagate6** and click **Rename**.
3. Type **Prop for 1 day** and click **OK**.
4. Double-click **Prop for 1 day** to edit its properties.
5. Under **Propagator**, replace **NearEarth** with **NearMars**.
6. Under **Parameter**, replace **MAVEN.ElapsedSeconds** with **MAVEN.ElapsedDays**.
7. Under **Condition**, replace the value **0.0** with **1**.
8. Click **OK** to save these changes

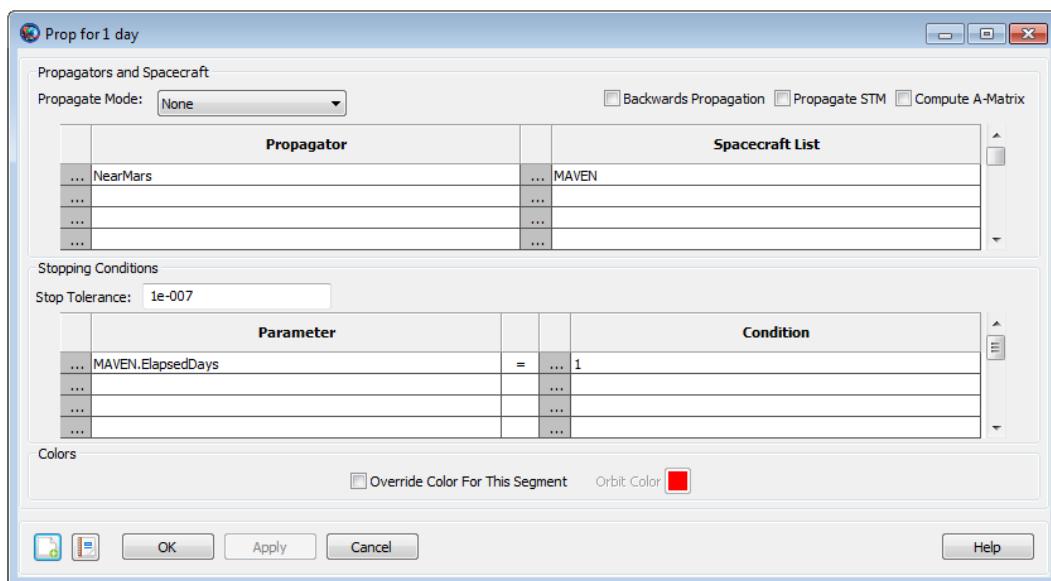


Figure 93. Prop for 1 day Command Configuration

Configure the second Target Sequence

Now that the structure is created, we need to configure various parts of the second **Target** sequence to do what we want.

Configure the Mars Capture Command

1. Double-click **Mars Capture** to edit its properties.
2. In the **ExitMode** list, click **SaveAndContinue**. This instructs GMAT to save the final solution of the targeting problem after you run it.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes

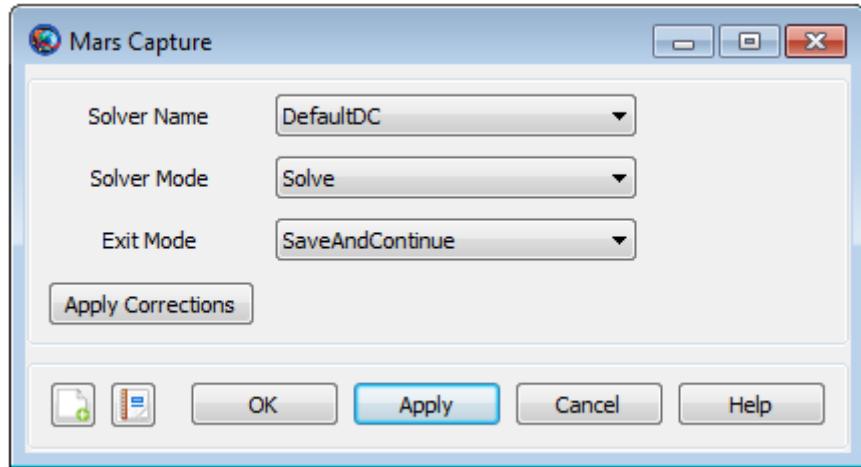


Figure 94. Mars Capture Command Configuration

Configure the Vary MOI.V Command

1. Double-click **Vary MOI.V** to edit its properties. Notice that the variable in the **Variable** box is **TCM.Element1**. We want **MOI.Element1** which is the velocity component of **MOI** in the local VNB coordinate system. So let's change that.
2. Next to **Variable**, click the **Edit** button.
3. Under **Object List**, click **MOI**.
4. In the **Object Properties** list, double-click **Element1** to move it to the **Selected Value(s)** list. See the image below for results.
5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. In the **Initial Value** box, type **-1.0**.
7. In the **Perturbation** box, type **0.00001**.
8. In the **Lower** box, type **-10e300**.
9. In the **Upper** box, type **10e300**.
10. In the **Max Step** box, type **0.1**.
11. Click **OK** to save these changes.

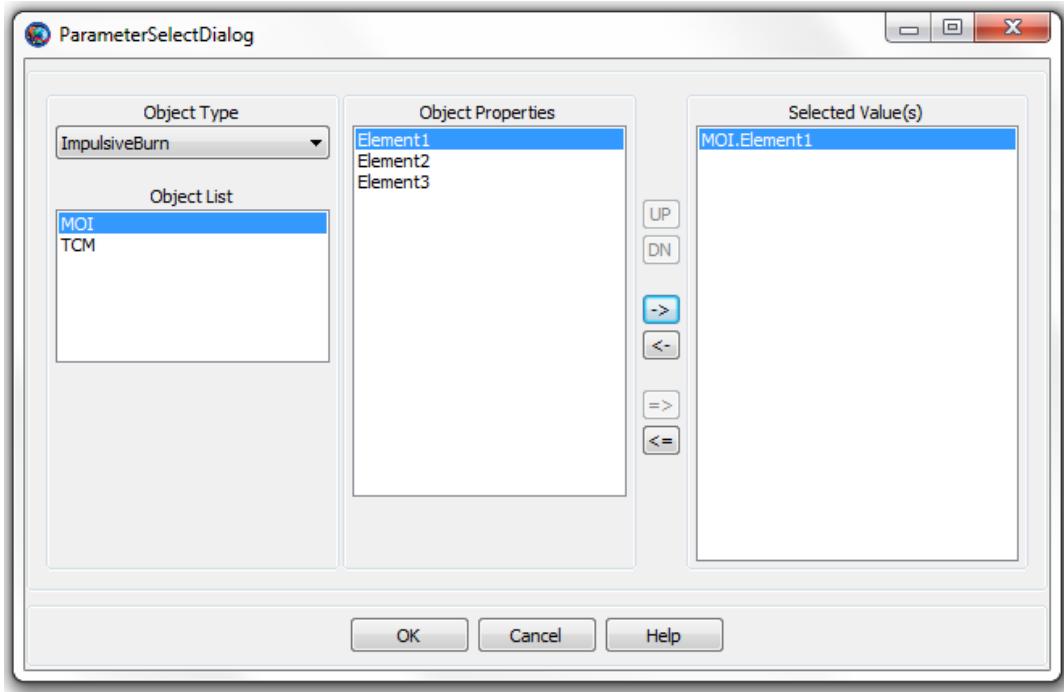


Figure 95. Vary MOI Parameter Selection

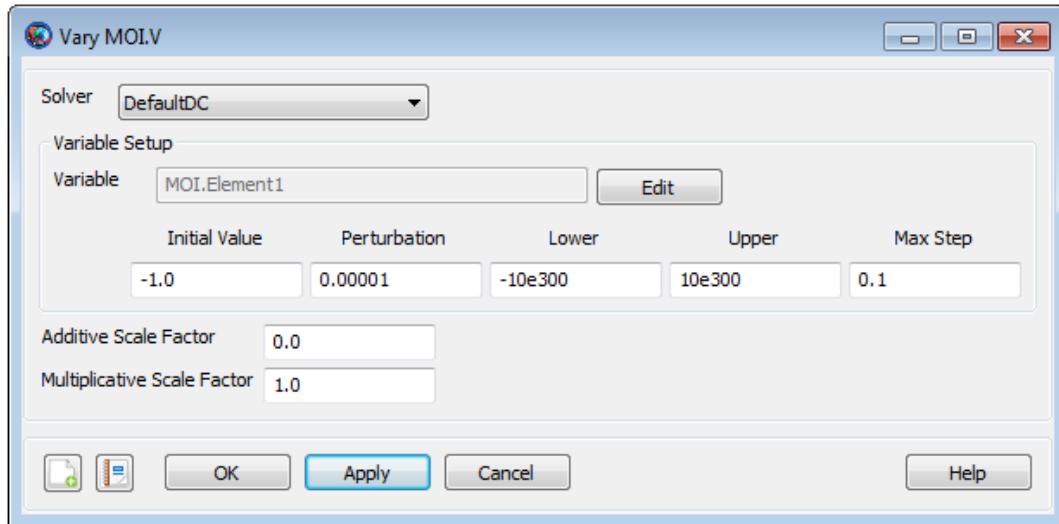


Figure 96. Vary MOI Command Configuration

Configure the Apply MOI Command

1. Double-click **Apply MOI** to edit its properties.
2. In the **Burn** list, click **MOI**.
3. Click **OK** to save these changes.

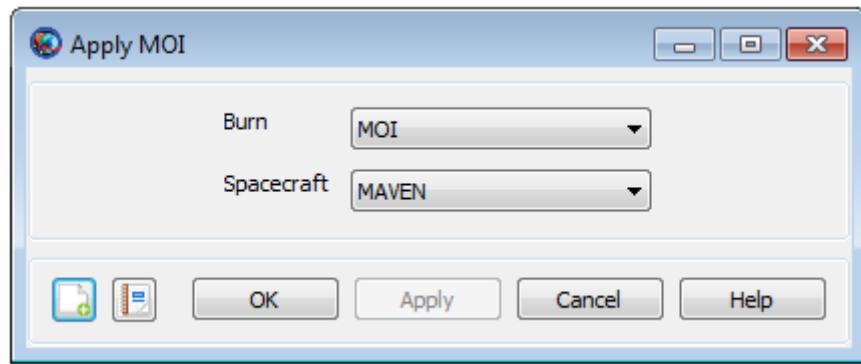


Figure 97. Apply MOI Command Configuration

Configure the Prop to Mars Apoapsis Command

1. Double-click **Prop to Mars Apoapsis** to edit its properties.
2. Under **Propagator**, replace **NearEarth** with **NearMars**.
3. Under **Parameter**, replace **MAVEN.ElapsedSeconds** with **MAVEN.Mars.Apoapsis**.
4. Click **OK** to save these changes.

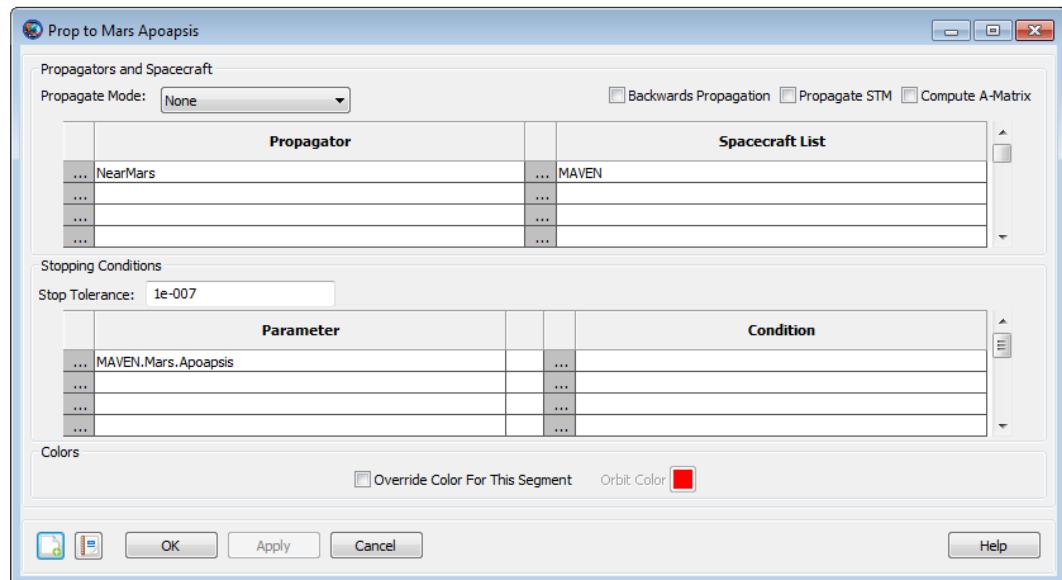


Figure 98. Prop to Mars Apoapsis Command Configuration

Configure the Achieve RMAG Command

1. Double-click **Achieve RMAG** to edit its properties.
2. Next to **Goal**, click the **Edit** button.
3. In the **Object Properties** list, click **RMAG**.
4. Under **Central Body**, select **Mars** and double-click on **RMAG**.
5. Click **OK** to close the **ParameterSelectDialog** window.
6. In the **Value** box, type **12000**.
7. Click **OK** to save these changes.

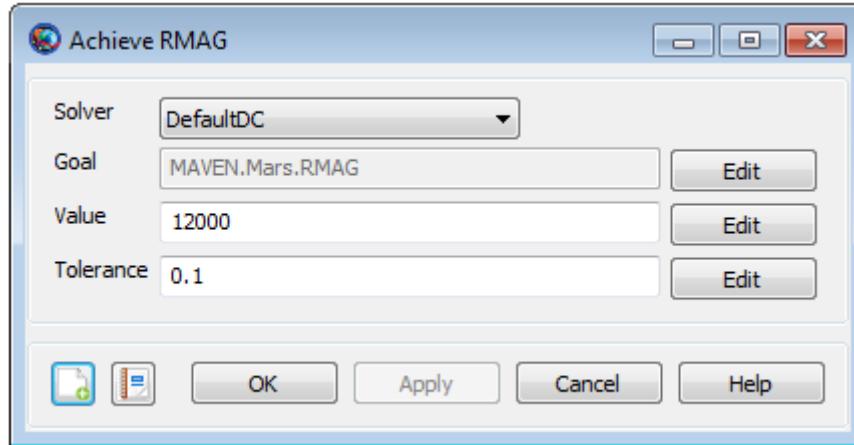


Figure 99. Achieve RMAG Command Configuration

Run the Mission with first and second Target Sequences

Before running the mission, click **Save** (💾). This will save the additional changes that we implemented in the **Mission** tree. Now click **Run** (▶). The first **Target** sequence will converge first after a few iterations.

As the mission runs, you will see GMAT solve the second **Target** sequence's targeting problem. Each iteration and perturbation is shown in **MarsView** windows in light blue, and the final solution is shown in red. After the mission completes, the **MarsView** 3D view should appear as in the image shown below. **EarthView** and **SolarSystemView** 3D views are same as before. You may want to run the mission several times to see the targeting in progress.

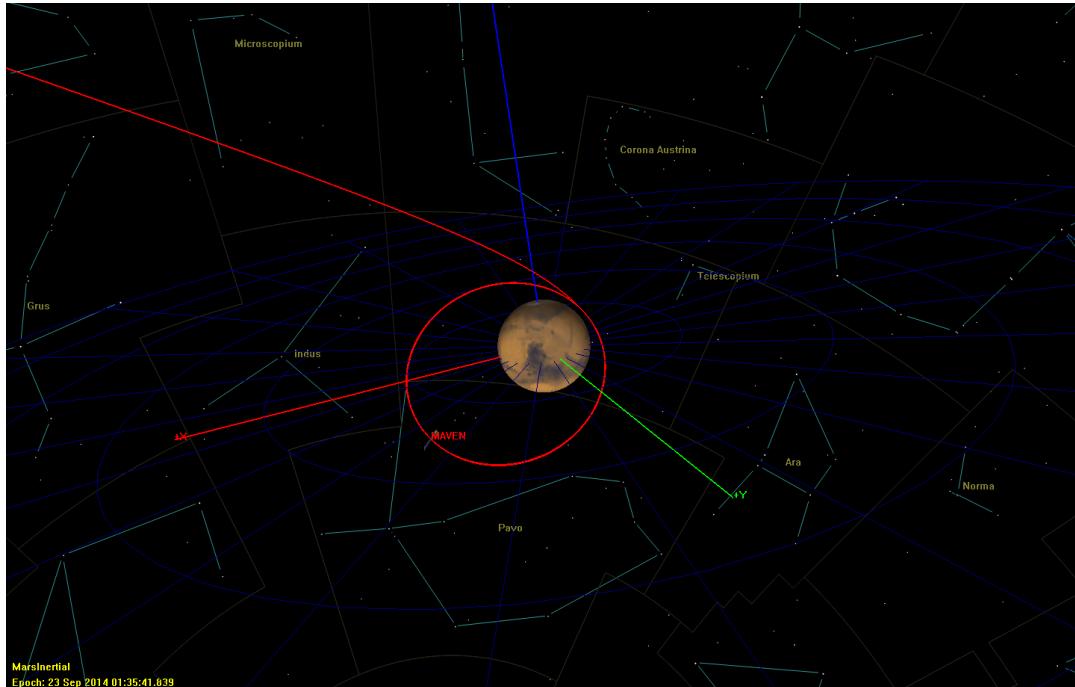


Figure 100. 3D view of Mars Capture orbit after MOI maneuver (MarsView)

If you want to know MOI maneuver's delta-V vector values and how much fuel was expended during the maneuver, do the following steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **Apply MOI**, and click on **Command Summary**.
2. Scroll down and under **Maneuver Summary** heading, values for delta-V vector are:

Delta V Vector:

Element 1: -1.6032580309280 km/s

Element 2: 0.0000000000000 km/s

Element 3: 0.0000000000000 km/s

3. Scroll down and under **Mass depletion from MainTank** heading, **Delta V** and **Mass Change** tells you MOI maneuver's magnitude and how much fuel was used for the maneuver:

Delta V: 1.6032580309280 km/s

Mass change: -1075.9520121897 kg

Just to make sure that the goal of second **Target** sequence was met successfully, let us access command summary for **Achieve RMAG** command by doing the following steps:

1. In the **Mission** tree, right-click **Achieve RMAG**, and click on **Command Summary**.
2. Under **Coordinate System**, select **MarsInertial**.
3. Under **Keplerian State** and **Spherical State** headings, see the values of **TA** and **RMAG**. You can see that the desired radius of the capture orbit at apoapsis was achieved successfully:

TA = 180.0000085377 deg

RMAG = 12000.017390989 km

Finding Eclipses and Station Contacts

Audience	Beginner
Length	30 minutes
Prerequisites	Complete <i>Simple Orbit Transfer</i>
Script File	<code>Tut_EventLocation.script</code>

Objective and Overview

In this tutorial we will modify an existing mission to add eclipse and station contact detection using the **EclipseLocator** and **ContactLocator** resources. We will start with the completed Simple Orbit Transfer mission and modify it to add these event reports.

The basic steps of this tutorial are:

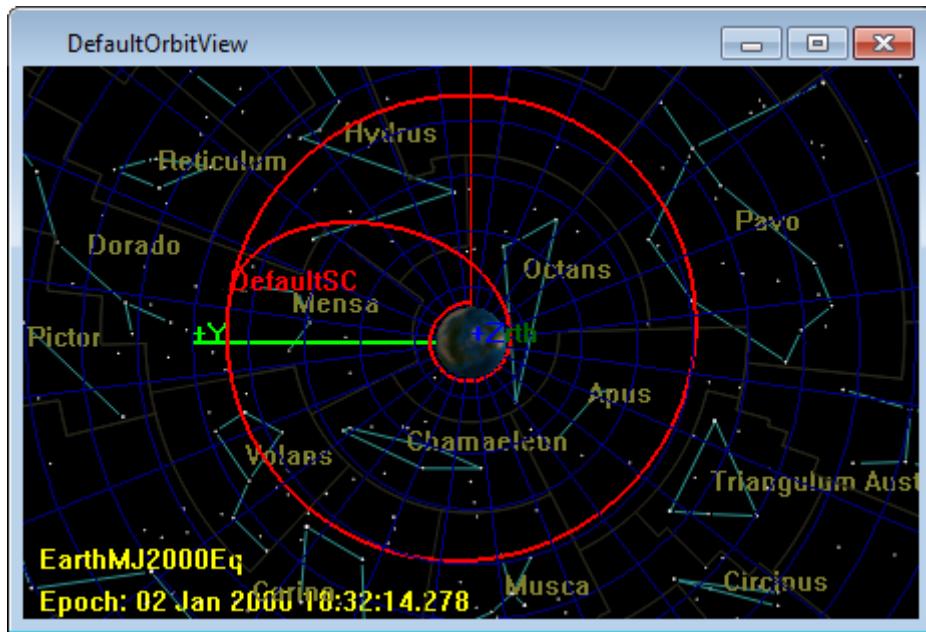
1. Load the Simple Orbit Transfer mission.
2. Configure GMAT for event location.
3. Add and configure an **EclipseLocator** to report eclipses.
4. Run the mission and analyze the eclipse report.
5. Add and configure a **GroundStation** and a **ContactLocator** to report contact times.
6. Run the mission and analyze the contact report.

Load the Mission

For this tutorial, we will start with a preexisting mission created during the Simple Orbit Transfer tutorial. You can either complete that tutorial prior to this one, or you can load the end result directly, as shown below.

1. Open GMAT.
2. Click **Open** in the toolbar and navigate to the GMAT **samples** directory.
3. Select `Tut_SimpleOrbitTransfer.script` and click **Open**.
4. Click **Run** (▶) to run the mission.

You should see the following result in the **DefaultOrbitView** window.



Configure GMAT for Event Location

GMAT's event location subsystem is based on the [NAIF SPICE library](#), which uses its own mechanism for configuration of the solar system. Instead of settings specified in GMAT via CelestialBody resources like Earth and Luna, SPICE uses "kernel" files that define similar parameters independently. This is discussed in detail in the [ContactLocator](#) and [EclipseLocator](#) references.

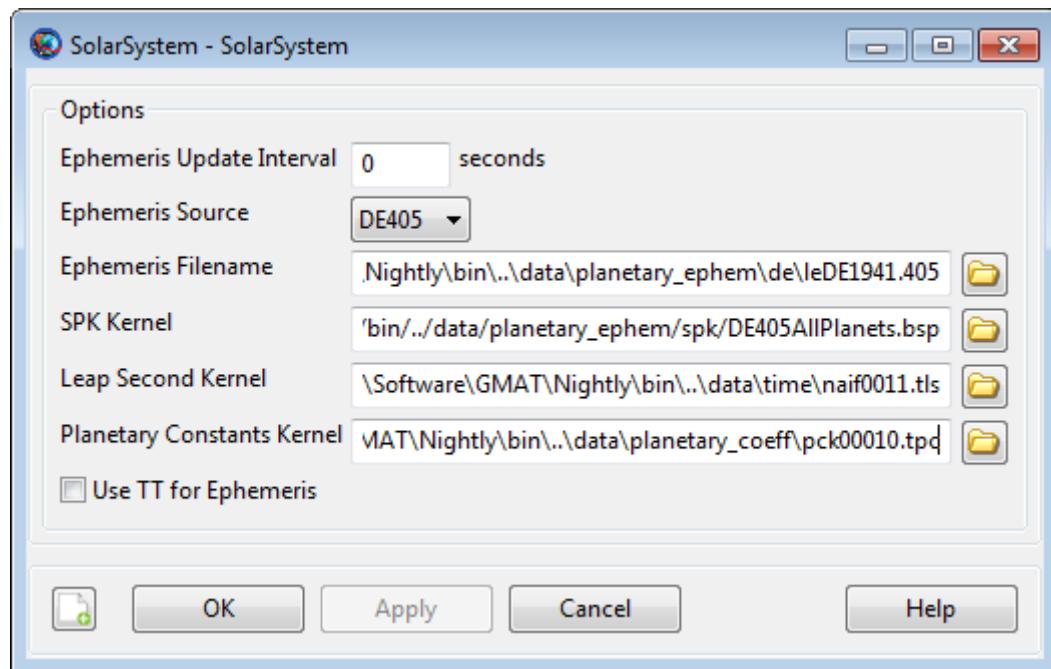
By default, GMAT offers general consistency between both configurations. But, it's useful to verify that the appropriate parameters are correct, and it's necessary for precise applications.

Verify SolarSystem Configuration

First, let's verify that the SolarSystem resource is configured properly for both configurations.

1. On the **Resources** tab, double-click the **SolarSystem** folder. This will display the **SolarSystem** configuration.
2. Scroll to the end of each input box to see the actual filenames being loaded.

You should see a configuration like this:



Note the following items:

- **Ephemeris Source:** This is set to use the DE405 planetary ephemeris, the default in GMAT. If you switch to another ephemeris version, the fields below will update accordingly.
- **Ephemeris Filename:** This is the DE-format ephemeris file used for propagation and parameter calculations in GMAT itself.
- **SPK Kernel:** This is the SPICE SPK file used for planetary ephemeris for SPK propagation and for event location. Note that this is set consistent with **Ephemeris Filename** (both DE405)
- **Leap Second Kernel:** This is the SPICE LSK file used to keep track of leap seconds in the UTC time system for the SPICE subsystem. This is kept consistent with GMAT's internal leap seconds file (tai-utc.dat) specified in the GMAT startup file.
- **Planetary Constants Kernel:** This is the SPICE PCK file used for default configuration for all the default celestial bodies. This file contains planetary shape and orientation information, similar to but independent from the settings in GMAT's **CelestialBody** resources (**Earth**, **Luna**, etc.).

These are already configured correctly, so we don't need to make any changes.

Configure CelestialBody Resources

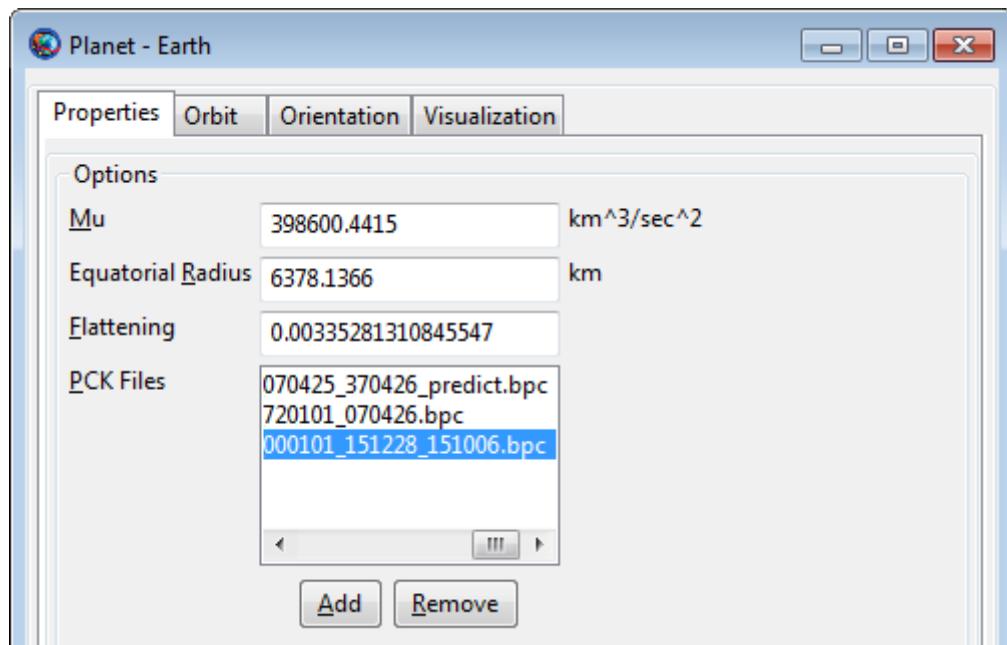
Next, let's configure the Earth model for precise usage with the **ContactLocator** resource. By default, the Earth size and shape differ by less than 1 m in equatorial and polar radii between the two subsystems. But we can make them match exactly by modifying GMAT's **Earth** properties.

1. On the **Resources** tab, expand the **SolarSystem** folder.
2. Double-click **Earth** to display the Earth configuration.
3. Note the various configuration options available:
 - **Equatorial Radius** and **Flattening** define the Earth shape for GMAT itself. **PCK Files** lists additional SPICE PCK files to load, in addition to the file shown above in the **SolarSystem Planetary Constants Kernel** box. In this case, these files provide high-fidelity Earth orientation parameters (EOP) data.

- On the **Orientation** tab, **Spice Frame Id** indicates the Earth-fixed frame to use for the SPICE subsystem, and **FK Files** provides additional FK files that define the frame. In this case, Earth is using the built-in ITRF93 frame, which is different but very close to GMAT's **EarthFixed** coordinate system. See the [CoordinateSystem](#) reference for details on that system.
4. Set **Equatorial Radius** to **6378.1366**.
 5. Set **Flattening** to **0.00335281310845547**.
 6. Click **OK**.

These two values were taken from the pck00010.tpc file referenced in the **SolarSystem** configuration. Setting them for **Earth** ensures that the position of the **GroundStation** we create later will be referenced to the exact same Earth definition throughout the mission. Note that the exact position may still differ between the two based on the different body-fixed frame definition and the different EOP data sources, but this residual difference is small.

Your Earth panel should look like this after these steps are complete:



Configure and Run the Eclipse Locator

Now we are ready to search for eclipses in our mission. We do this by creating an **EclipseLocator** resource that holds the search configuration. Then we can perform a search by running the **FindEvents** command, but GMAT does this automatically at the end of the mission unless you configure it otherwise. In this case, we will use the automatic option.

Create and Configure the EclipseLocator

First we create the **EclipseLocator**:

- On the **Resources** tab, right-click the **Event Locators** folder, point to **Add**, and click **EclipseLocator**.

This will result in a new resource called **EclipseLocator1**.



Next, we need to configure the new resource for our mission:

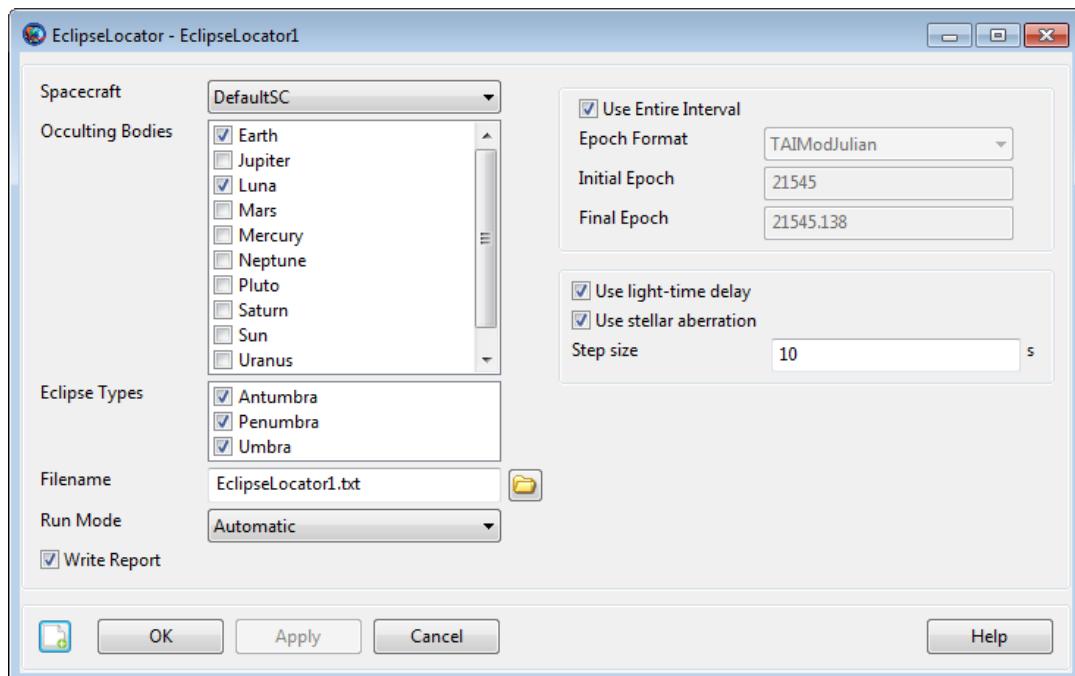
1. Double-click **EclipseLocator1** to edit the configuration.

Note the following default settings:

- **Spacecraft** is set to **DefaultSC**, the name of our spacecraft.
- **OccultingBodies** is set to **Earth** and **Luna**. These are the two bodies that will be searched for eclipses.
- **EclipseTypes** is set to search for all eclipse types (umbra or total, penumbra or partial, and antumbra or annular)
- **Run Mode** is set to **Automatic** mode, which means the eclipse search will be run automatically at the end of the mission.
- **Use Entire Interval** is checked, so the entire mission time span will be searched.
- Light-time delay and stellar aberration are both enabled, so eclipse times will be adjusted appropriately.
- **Step size** is set to 10 s. This is the minimum-duration eclipse (or gap between eclipses) that this locator is guaranteed to find.

2. Click **OK** to accept the default settings. They are fine for our purposes.

The final configuration should match the following screenshot.



Run the Mission

Now it's time to run the mission and look at the results.

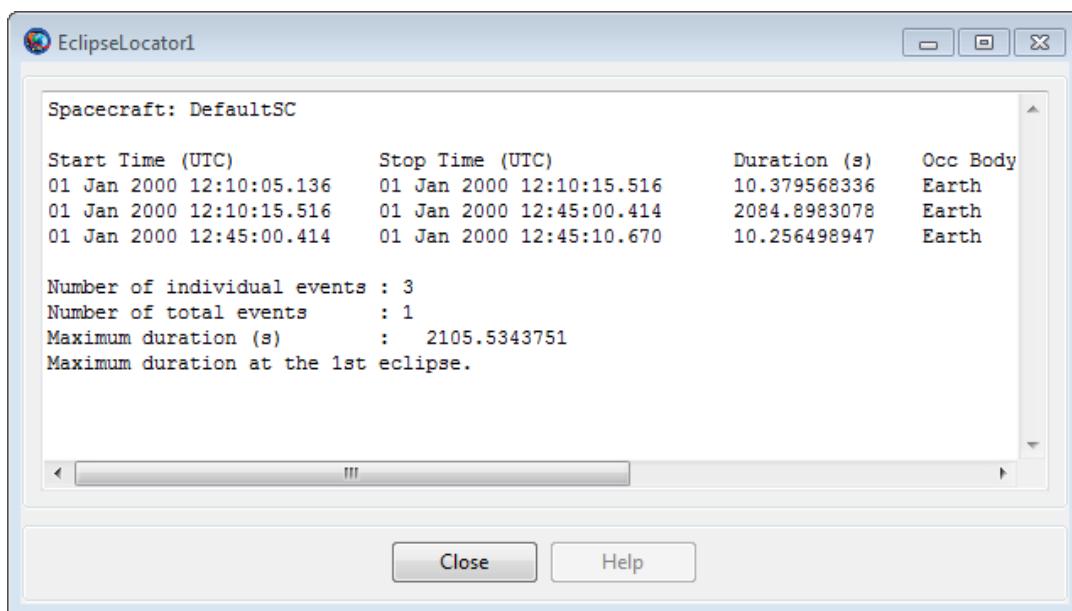
1. Click **Run** (▶) to run the mission.

The eclipse search will take a few seconds. As it progresses, you'll see the following message in the message window at the bottom of the screen:

```
Finding events for EclipseLocator EclipseLocator1 ...
Celestial body properties are provided by SPICE kernels.
```

2. When the run is complete, click the **Output** tab to view the available output.
3. Double-click **EclipseLocator1** to view the eclipse report.

You'll see a report that looks similar to this:



Three eclipses were found, all part of a single "total" eclipse event totalling about 35 minutes. A total event consists of all adjacent and overlapping portions, such as penumbra eclipses occurring adjacent to umbra eclipses as in this case.

- Click **Close** to close the report. The report text is still available as **EclipseLocator1.txt** in the GMAT output folder.

Configure and Run the Contact Locator

Finding ground station contact times is a very similar process, but we'll use the ContactLocator resource instead. First we need to add a GroundStation, then we can configure the locator to find contact times between it and our spacecraft.

Create and Configure a Ground Station

Let's create a ground station that will be in view from the final geostationary orbit. By looking at the DefaultGroundTrackPlot window, our spacecraft is positioned over the Indian Ocean. A ground station in India should be in view. We can choose the Hyderabad facility, which has the following properties:

- Latitude: 17.0286 deg
- Longitude: 78.1883 deg

- Altitude: 0.541 km

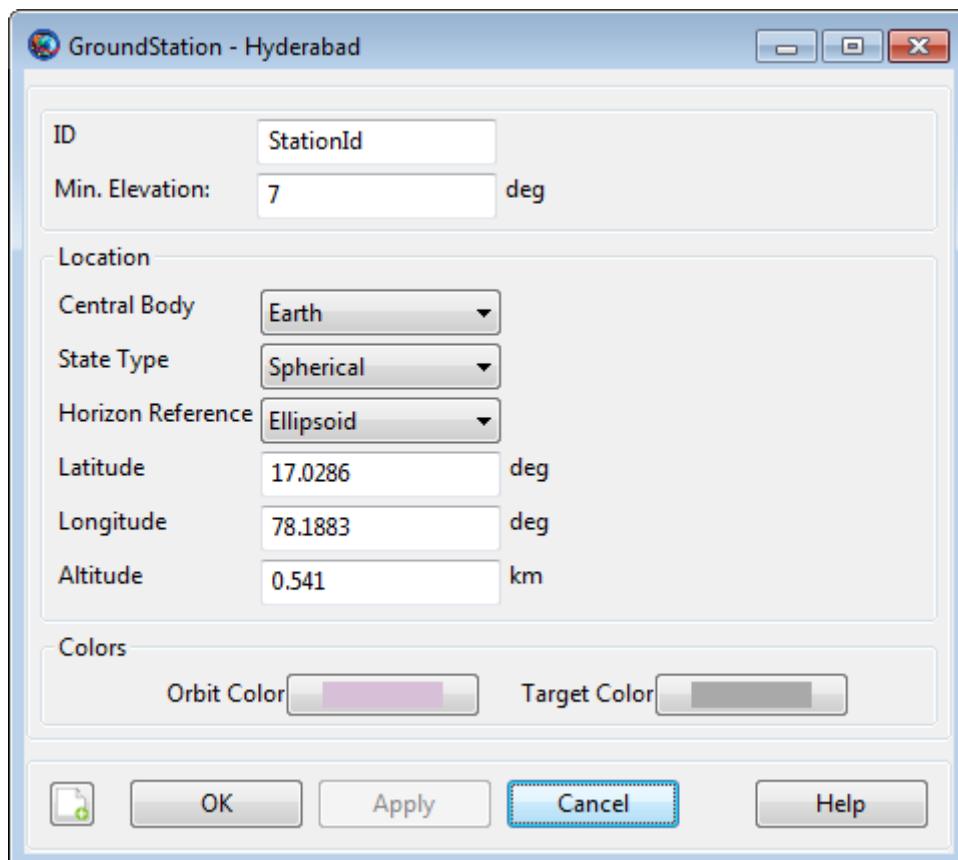
Let's create this ground station in GMAT:

1. First, close all graphics and solver windows, to allow full manipulation of resources.
2. On the **Resources** tab, right-click the **Ground Station** folder and click **Add Ground Station**. This will create a new resource called **GroundStation1**.
3. Rename **GroundStation1** to **Hyderabad**.
4. Double-click **Hyderabad** to edit its configuration.

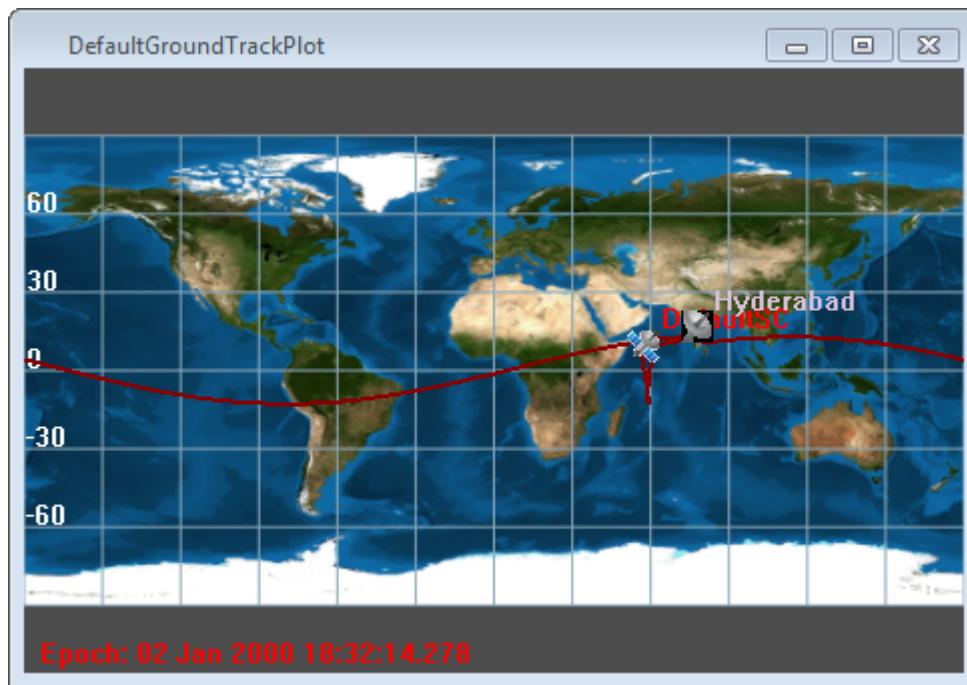
The following values are configured appropriately by default, so we won't change them:

- **Min. Elevation:** This is the minimum elevation angle from the ground station for a valid contact. The current value (7 deg) is appropriate for this case.
 - **Central Body:** Earth is the only allowed value at this time.
5. In the **State Type** list, select **Spherical**. This allows input in latitude, longitude, and altitude.
 6. In the **Horizon Reference** list, select **Ellipsoid**.
 7. In the **Latitude** box, type **17.0286**.
 8. In the **Longitude** box, type **78.1883**.
 9. In the **Altitude** box, type **0.541**.
 10. Click **OK** to accept these changes.

The configured **GroundStation** should look like the following screenshot:



If you add the **GroundStation** to the **DefaultGroundTrackPlot**, you can see the location visually:



Create and Configure the ContactLocator

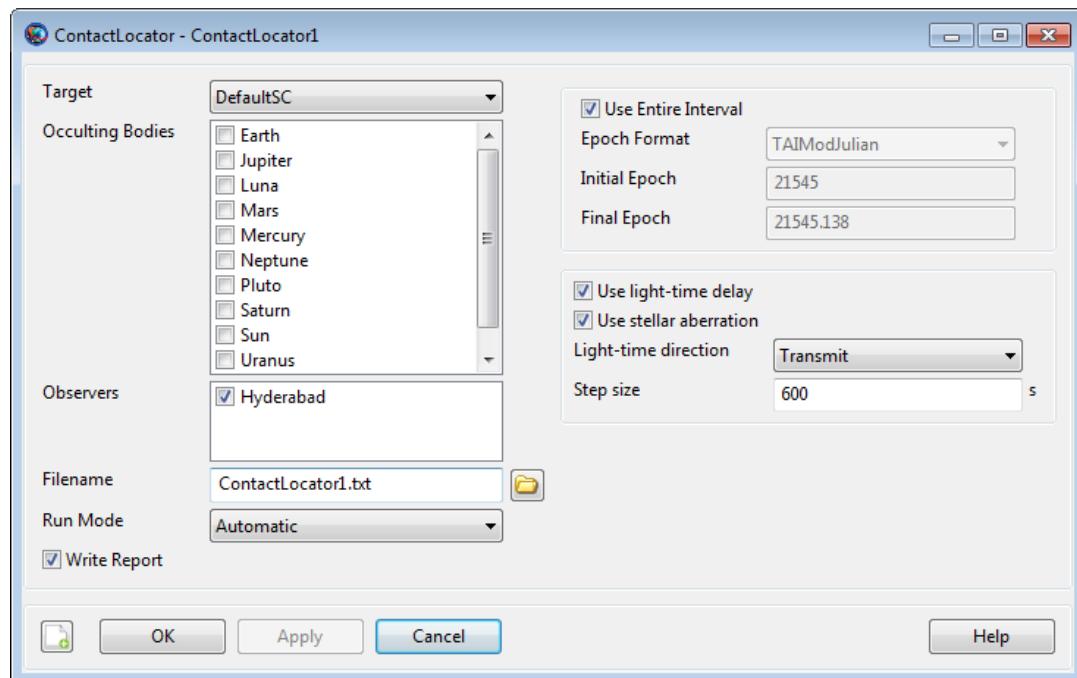
Now we can create a ContactLocator that will search for contact times between our spacecraft and the Hyderabad station.

1. On the **Resources** tab, right-click the **Event Locators** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ContactLocator**. This will create **ContactLocator1**.
2. Double-click **ContactLocator1** to edit the configuration.

Many of the default values are identical to the **EclipseLocator**, so we don't need to explain them again. There are a couple new properties that we'll note, but won't change:

- **Occulting Bodies:** These are celestial bodies that GMAT will search for occultations of the line of sight between the spacecraft and the ground station. Since our spacecraft is orbiting the Earth, we don't need to choose any occulting bodies. Note that Earth is considered automatically because it is the central body of the ground station.
 - **Light-time direction:** This is the signal sense of the ground station. You can choose to calculate light-time delay as if the ground station is transmitting, or if it is receiving.
3. In the **Observers** list, enable **Hyderabad**. This will cause GMAT to search for contacts to this station.
 4. In the **Step size** box, type **600**. Since we're not using third-body occultations, this step size can be increased significantly without missing events. See the **ContactLocator** documentation for details.
 5. Click **OK** to accept the changes.

When fully configured, the GroundStation1 window will look like the following screenshot:



Run the Mission

Now it's time to run the mission again and look at these new results.

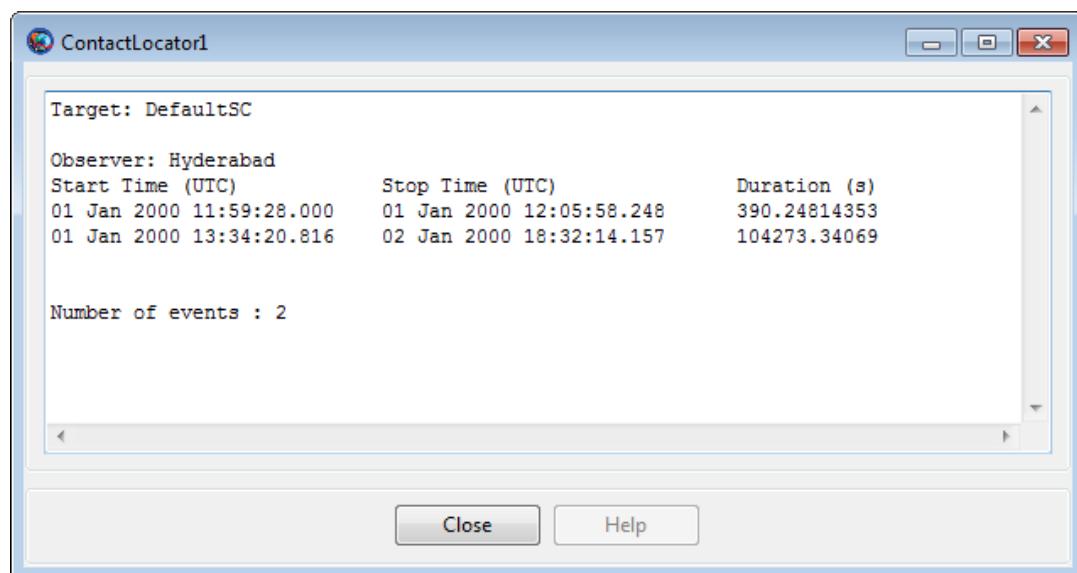
1. Click **Run** (▶) to run the mission.

The contact search will take much less time than the eclipse search, since we're using a larger step size. As it progresses, you'll see the following message in the message window at the bottom of the screen:

```
Finding events for ContactLocator ContactLocator1 ...
Celestial body properties are provided by SPICE kernels.
```

2. When the run is complete, click the **Output** tab to view the available output.
3. Double-click **ContactLocator1** to view the report.

You'll see a report that looks similar to this:



Notice that two contact intervals were found: one about 6 minutes long at the very beginning of the mission (it starts at the Spacecraft's initial epoch), and a second one about 29 hours long, starting once it gets into geosynchronous orbit and extending to the end of the simulation.

- Click **Close** to close the report. The report text is still available as **ContactLocator1.txt** in the GMAT **output** folder.

Further Exercises

To expand on this tutorial, try the following exercise:

- For a mission like this, you probably will want ground station coverage during both maneuvers. Try the following steps to make sure the coverage is adequate:
 - Change the colors of the **Propagate** commands, so you can see visually where the burns are located.
 - Add **GroundStation** resources near the locations of the burns on the ground track.
 - Confirm the burn epochs in the **Command Summary** for each **Maneuver** command.
 - Confirm in the contact report that these times occur during a contact interval.
 - Check the eclipse report, too: you may not want to perform a maneuver during an eclipse!

This tutorial shows you the basics of adding eclipse and station contact location to your mission. These resources have a lot of power, and there are many different ways to use them. Consult the [ContactLocator](#) and [EclipseLocator](#) documentation for details.

Electric Propulsion

Audience	Beginner
Length	15 minutes
Prerequisites	Complete Simulating an Orbit
Script File	<code>Tut_ElectricPropulsionModelling.script</code>

Objective and Overview

In this tutorial, we will use GMAT to perform a finite burn for a spacecraft using an electric propulsion system. Note that targeting and design using electric propulsion is identical to chemical propulsion and we refer you to the tutorial named [Target Finite Burn to Raise Apogee](#) for targeting configuration. This tutorial focuses only on configuration and modelling using electric propulsion systems.

The basic steps of this tutorial are:

1. Create and configure the **Spacecraft** hardware and **FiniteBurn** Resources
2. Configure the Mission Sequence. To do this, we will
 - a. Create **Begin/End FiniteBurn** commands with default settings.
 - b. Create a **Propagate** command to propagate while applying thrust from the electric propulsion system.
3. Run the mission

Create and Configure Spacecraft Hardware and Finite Burn

For this tutorial, you'll need GMAT open with the default mission loaded. To load the default mission, click **New Mission** (➕) or start a new GMAT session. We will use the default configurations for the spacecraft (**DefaultSC**) and the propagator (**DefaultProp**). **DefaultSC** is configured by default to a near-circular orbit, and **DefaultProp** is configured to use Earth as the central body with a nonspherical gravity model of degree and order 4. You may want to open the dialog boxes for these objects and inspect them more closely as we will leave them at their default settings.

Create a Thruster, Fuel Tank, and Solar Power System

To model thrust and fuel use associated with a finite burn, we must create an **ElectricThruster**, an **ElectricTank**, a power system, and then attach the newly created **ElectricTank** to the **ElectricThruster**, and attach all hardware to the spacecraft. We'll start by creating the hardware objects.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click on the **Hardware** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ElectricThruster**. A Resource named **ElectricThruster1** will be created.
2. In the **Resources** tree, right-click on the **Hardware** folder, point to **Add**, and click **ElectricTank**. A Resource named **ElectricTank1** will be created.
3. In the **Resources** tree, right-click on the **Hardware** folder, point to **Add**, and click **SolarPowerSystem**. A Resource named **SolarPowerSystem1** will be created.

Configure the Hardware

Now we'll configure the hardware models for this exercise.

1. Double-click **ElectricThruster1** to edit its properties.
2. In the **Mass Change** group box, check **Decrement Mass**.
3. In the **Mass Change** group box, select **ElectricTank1** for the **Tank**.
4. In the **Thrust Config** group box, select **ConstantThrustAndIsp** for **ThrustModel** and set **ConstantThrust** to 5.0 N.

Figure 101 below shows the **ElectricThruster1** configuration that we will use.

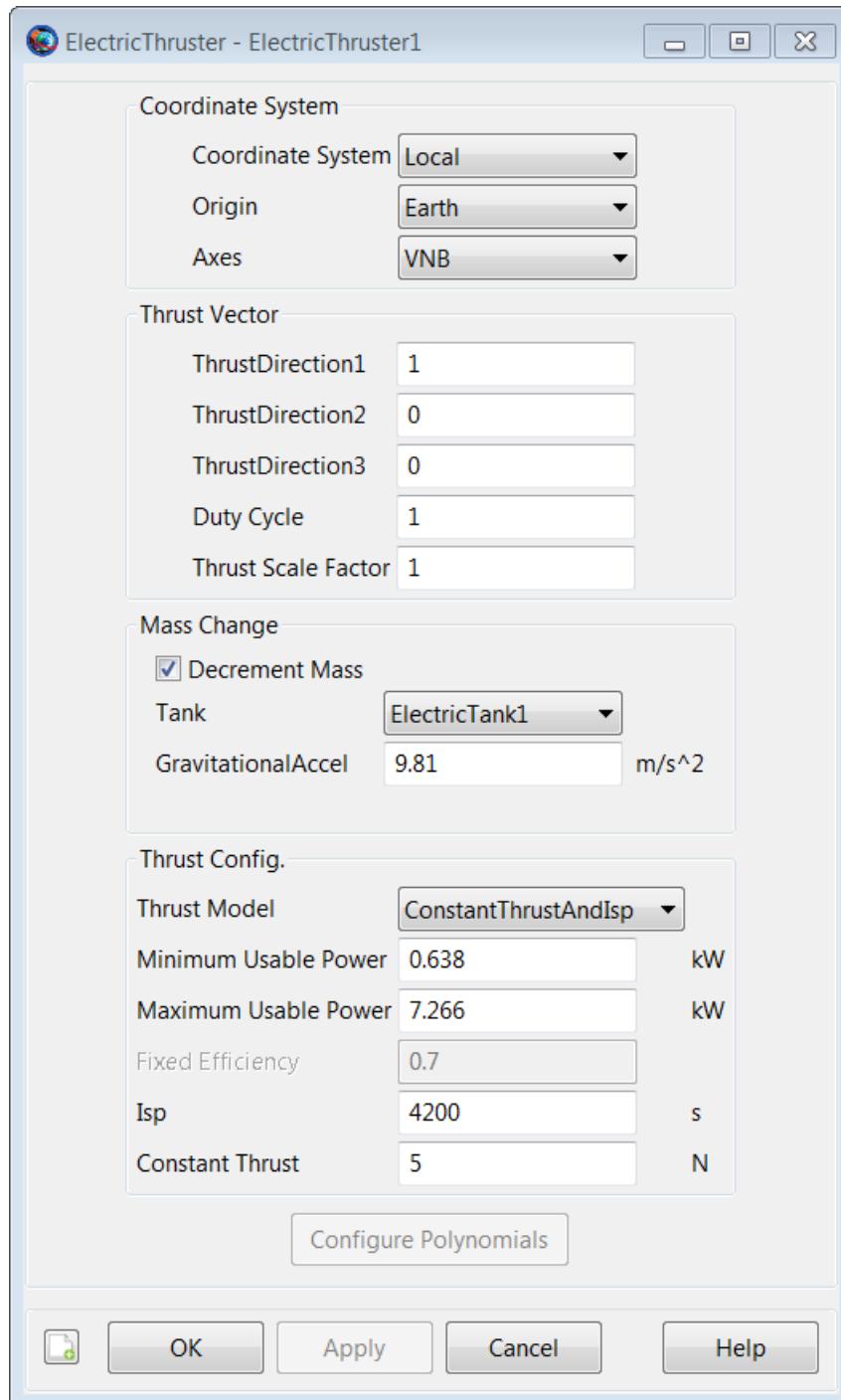


Figure 101. ElectricThruster1 Configuration

We will use the default tank settings. Figure 102 shows the finished **ElectricTank1** configuration.

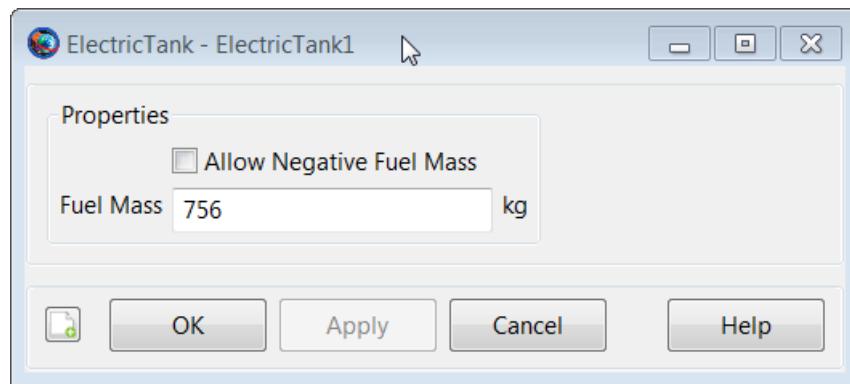


Figure 102. ElectricTank1 Configuration

1. Double-click **SolarPowerSystem1** to edit its properties.
2. In the **General** group box, click the **Select** button next to **ShadowBodies**.
3. Remove **Earth** from the **ShadowBodies** list.

Figure 103 shows the finished **SolarPowerSystem1** configuration.

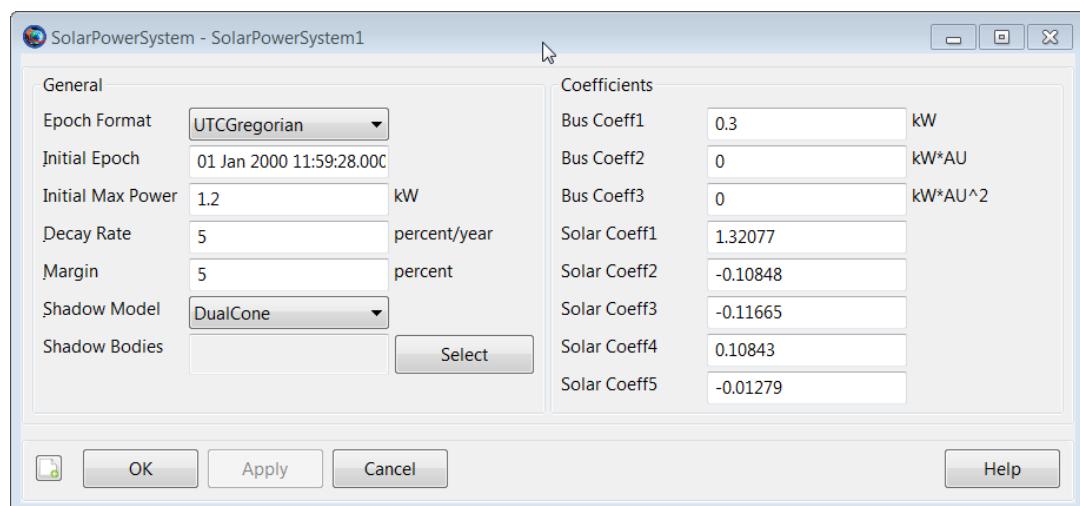


Figure 103. SolarPowerSystem1 Configuration

Attach Hardware to the Spacecraft

1. In the **Resources** tree, double-click **DefaultSC** to edit its properties.
2. Select the **Tanks** tab. In the **Available Tanks** column, select **ElectricTank1**. Then click the right arrow button to add **ElectricTank1** to the **SelectedTanks** list. Click **Apply**.
3. Select the **Actuators** tab. In the **Available Thrusters** column, select **ElectricThruster1**. Then click the right arrow button to add **ElectricThruster1** to the **SelectedThrusters** list. Click **OK**.
4. Select the **PowerSystem** tab. In the **PowerSystem** tab, select **SolarPowerSystem1**. Click **OK**.

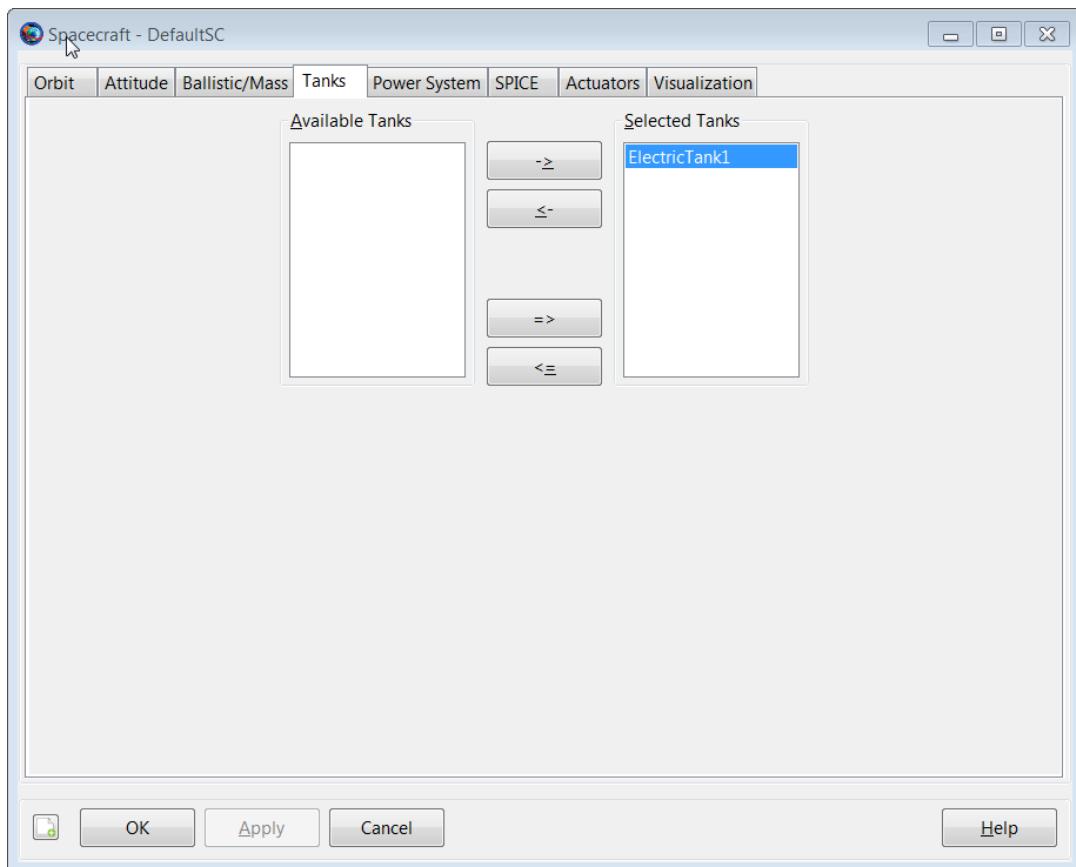


Figure 104. Attach ElectricTank1 to DefaultSC

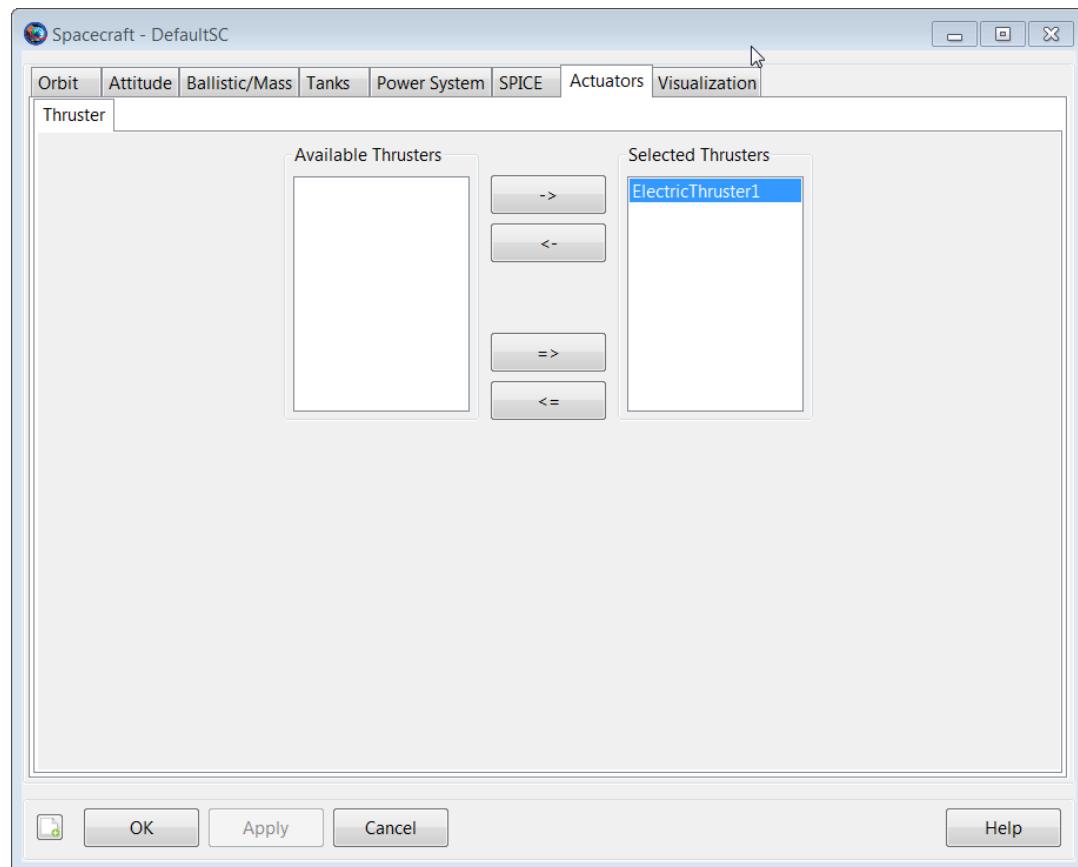


Figure 105. Attach ElectricThruster1 to DefaultSC

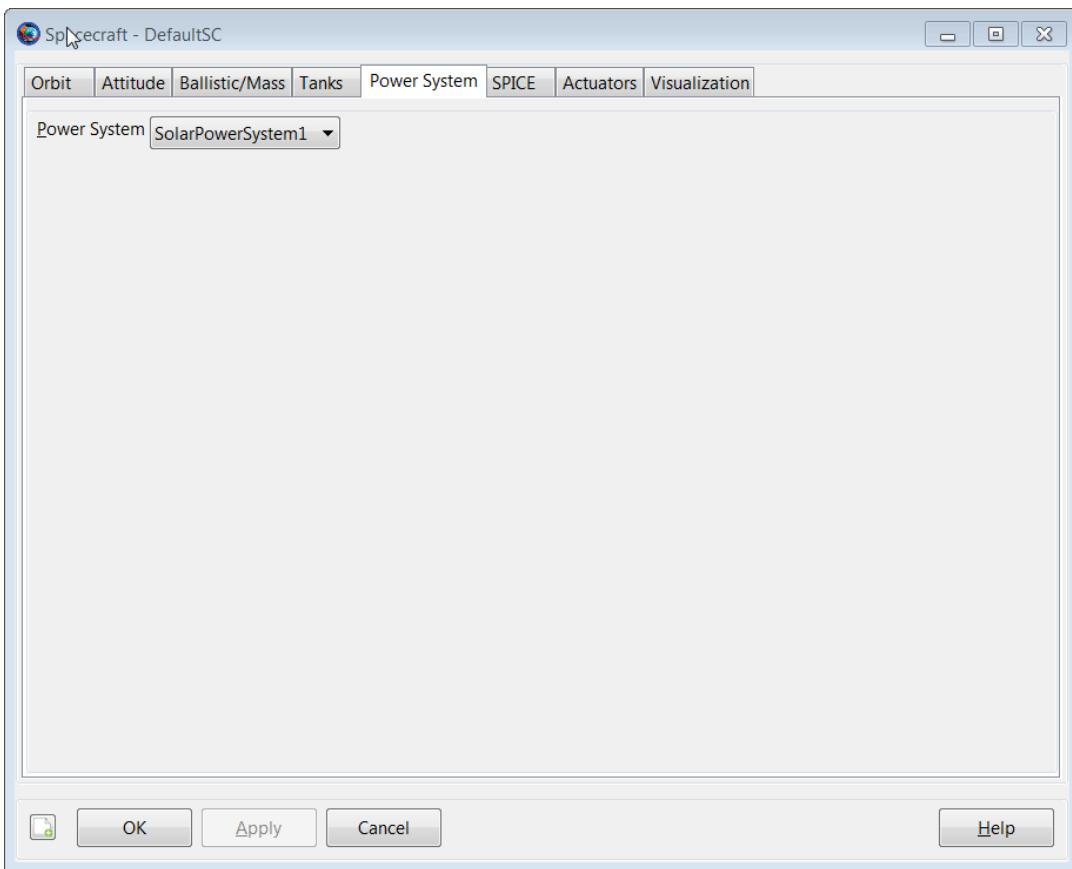


Figure 106. Attach SolarPowerSystem1 to DefaultSC

Create the Finite Burn Maneuver

We'll need a single **FiniteBurn** Resource for this tutorial.

1. In the **Resources** tree, right-click the **Burns** folder and add a **FiniteBurn**. A Resource named **FiniteBurn1** will be created.
2. Double-click **FiniteBurn1** to edit its properties.
3. Use the menu to the right of the **Thruster** field to select **ElectricThruster1** as the thruster associated with **FiniteBurn1**. Click **OK**.

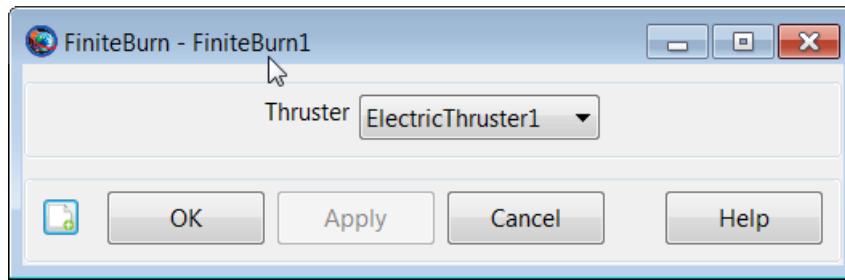


Figure 107. Creation of FiniteBurn Resource FiniteBurn1

Configure the Mission Sequence

Now we will configure the mission sequence to apply a finite maneuver using electric propulsion for a two day propagation. When we're done, the mission sequence will appear as shown below.

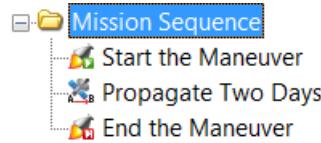


Figure 108. Final Mission Sequence

Create the Commands

1. In the Mission Tree, right click on **Propagate1**, select **Rename**, and enter **Propagate Two Days**.
2. Right click on the command named **Propagate Two Days**, select **Insert Before**, then select **BeginFiniteBurn**.
3. Right click on the command named **Propagate Two Days**, select **Insert After**, then select **EndFiniteBurn**.
4. Rename the command named **BeginFiniteBurn1** to **StartTheManeuver**.
5. Rename the command named **EndFiniteBurn1** to **EndTheManeuver**.

Note that for more complex analysis that has multiple **FiniteBurn** objects, you will need to configure the **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** commands to select the desired **FiniteBurn** Resource. As there is only one **FiniteBurn** Resource in this example, the system automatically selected the correct **FiniteBurn** Resource.

Configure the Propagate Command

Configure the **Propagate Two Days** command to propagate for DefaultSC.ElapsedDays = 2.0

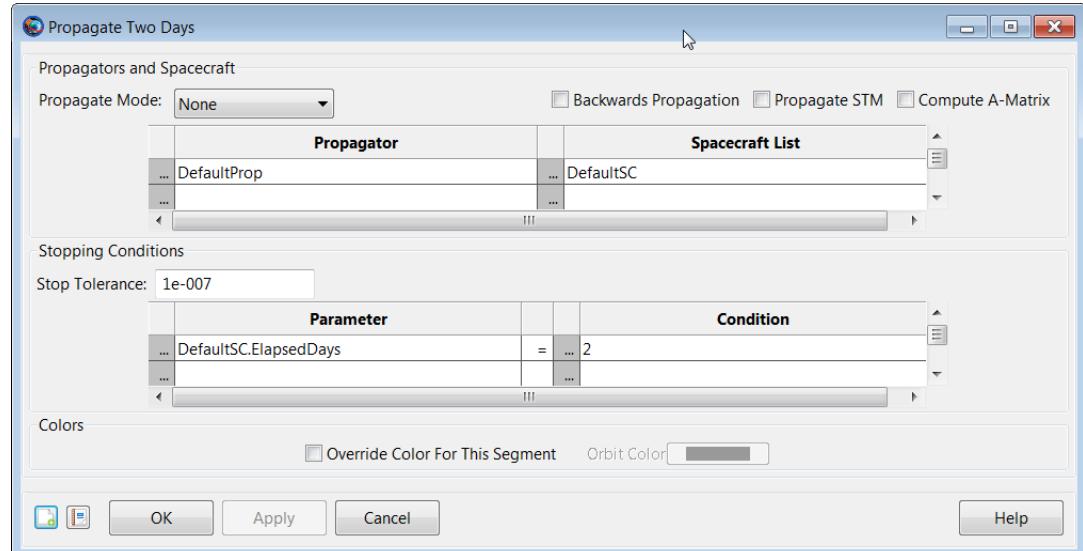


Figure 109. Prop To Perigee Command Configuration

Run the Mission

Before running the mission, click **Save** to save the mission to a file of your choice. Now click **Run**. As the mission runs, you will see the orbit spiral way from Earth. Note we exaggerated the thrust level so that an appreciable change in the orbit occurs in two days.

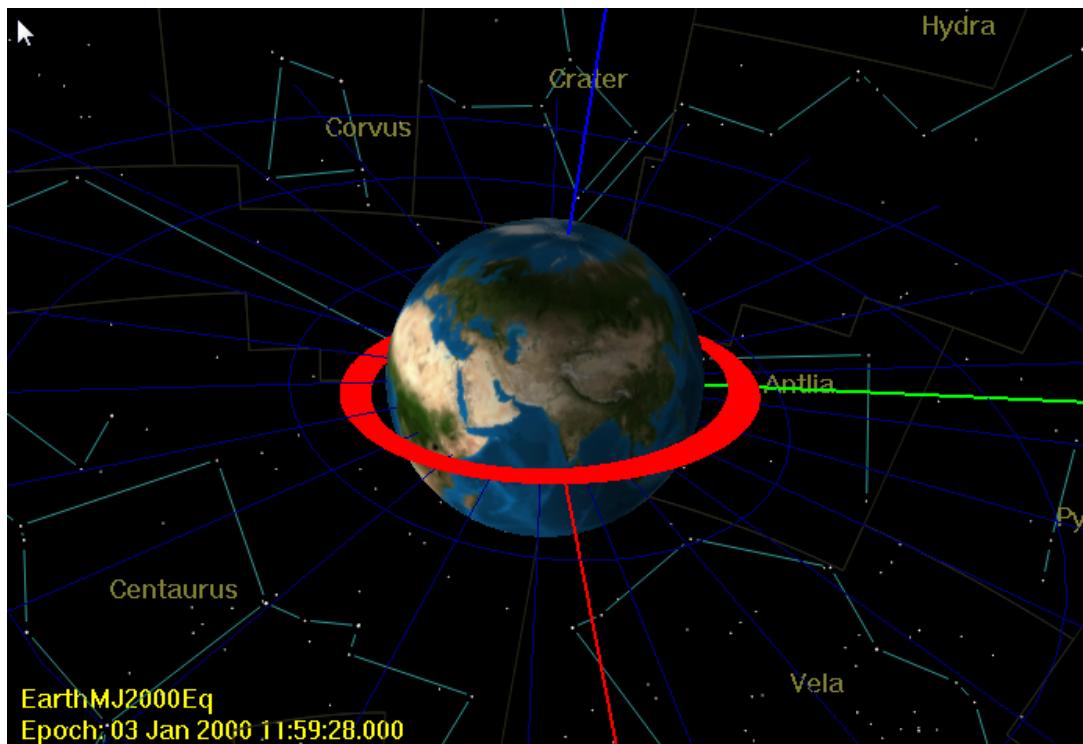


Figure 110. 3D View of Finite Electric Maneuver

Reference Guide

The [Reference Guide](#) contains individual topics that describe each of GMAT's resources and commands. When you need detailed information on syntax or application-specific examples for specific features, go here. It also includes system-level references that describe the script language syntax, parameter listings, external interfaces, and configuration files.

The [Resources](#) section provides general information on GMAT Resources such as **Spacecraft**, **Propagators**, **Coordinate Systems**, and **EphemerisFiles** to name just a few. Go here for details regarding syntax, options, variable ranges and data types, defaults, and expected behavior. Each section contains detailed, copy-and-paste ready examples.

The [Commands](#) section provides general information on GMAT Commands such as **Maneuver**, **Assignment**, **Optimize**, and **Propagate** to name just a few. Go here for details regarding syntax, options, variable ranges and data types, defaults, and expected behavior. Each section contains detailed, copy-and-paste ready examples.

The [System](#) section provides information on system configuration, external interfaces, the script language, and the command line interface.

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Array

A user-defined one- or two-dimensional array variable

Description

The **Array** resource is used to store a one- or two-dimensional set of numeric values, such as a vector or a matrix. Individual elements of an array can be used in place of a literal numeric value in most commands.

Arrays must be dimensioned at the time of creation, using the following syntax:

```
Create Array anArray[rows, columns]
```

If only one dimension is specified, a row vector is created.

Array values are initialized to zero at creation. Values can be assigned individually using literal numeric values or (in the Mission Sequence) **Variable** resources, **Array** resource elements, resource parameters of numeric type, or **Equation** commands that evaluate to scalar numeric values.

```
anArray(row, column) = value
```

If only one dimension is specified during assignment, *row* is assumed to be 1.

An **Array** can also be assigned as a whole in the Mission Sequence using another **Array** resource or an **Equation** that evaluates to an array. Both sides of the assignment must be identically-sized.

```
anArray = array expression
```

See Also: [String](#), [Variable](#)

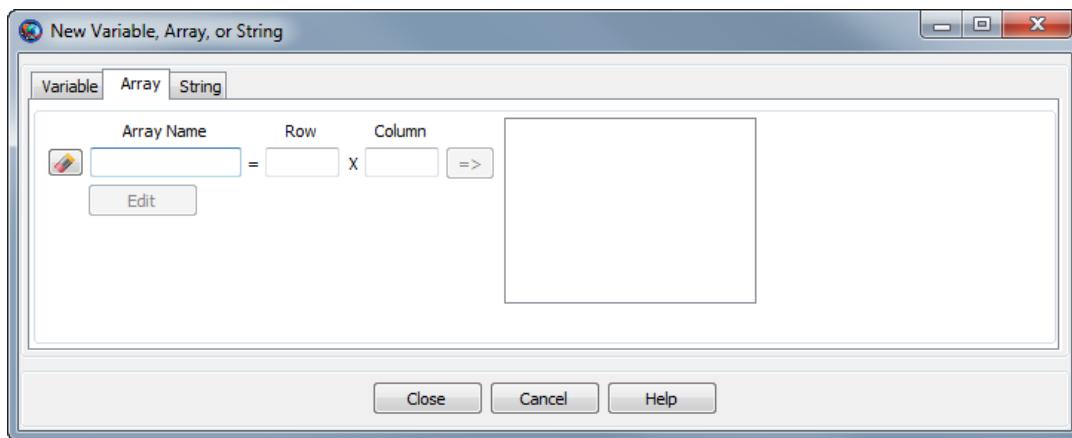
Fields

The **Array** resource has no fields; instead, the resource elements themselves are set to the desired values.

Field	Description												
<i>rows</i>	<p>The number of rows (during creation), or the row being addressed. The total size of the array is <i>rows</i> × <i>columns</i>. This field is required.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Integer</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>$1 \leq \text{rows} \leq 1000$</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Integer	Allowed Values	$1 \leq \text{rows} \leq 1000$	Access	set	Default Value	1	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Field	Description
<i>value</i>	The value of the array element being addressed.
Data Type	Real number
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{value} < \infty$
Access	set, get
Default Value	0.0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

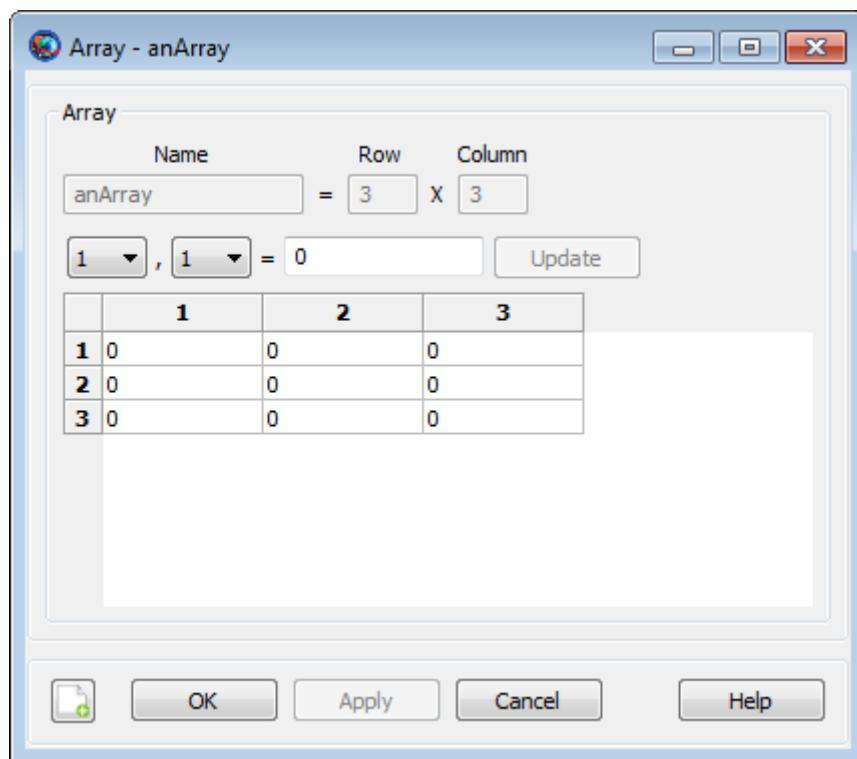
GUI



The GMAT GUI lets you create multiple **Array** resources at once without leaving the window. To create an **Array**:

1. In the **Array Name** box, type the desired name of the array.
2. In the **Row** and **Column** boxes, type the desired number of rows and columns, respectively. To create a one-dimensional array, set **Row** to 1.
3. Click the **=>** button to create the array and add it to the list on the right.
4. Click the **Edit** button to edit the array element values.

You can create multiple **Array** resources this way. To edit an existing array in this window, click it in the list on the right. Click **Edit** to change the element values, or edit the **Row** and **Column** values. You must click the **=>** button again to save changes to the size of the array.



You can edit the elements of an **Array** by either clicking **Edit** while creating an array, or by double-clicking the array in the resources tree in the main GMAT window. The edit window allows you to change array elements individually using the row and column lists and clicking **Update**, or by directly entering data in the table in the lower portion of the window. The data table recognizes a few different mouse and keyboard controls:

- Click a cell once to select it
- Click a selected cell again, double-click an unselected cell, or press F2 to edit the value
- Use the arrow keys to select adjacent cells
- Click the corner header cell to select the entire table
- Drag the column and row separators to adjust the row height or column width
- Double-click the row or column separators in the heading to auto-size the row height or column width

Remarks

GMAT **Array** resources store an arbitrary number of numeric values organized into one or two dimensions, up to a maximum of 1000 elements per dimension. Internally, the elements are stored as double-precision real numbers, regardless of whether or not fractional portions are present. **Array** resources can be created and assigned using one or two dimension specifiers. This example shows the behavior in each case:

```
% a is a row vector with 3 elements
Create Array a[3]
a(1) = 1    % same as a(1, 1) = 1
a(2) = 2    % same as a(1, 2) = 2
a(3) = 3    % same as a(1, 3) = 3

% b is a matrix with 5 rows and 3 columns
Create Array b[5, 3]
b(1) = 1    % same as b(1, 1) = 1
```

```
b(2) = 2    % same as b(1, 2) = 2
b(3) = 3    % same as b(1, 3) = 3
b(4) = 4    % error: b(1, 4) does not exist
b(4, 3) = 4 % row 4, column 3
```

Examples

Creating and reporting an array:

```
Create ReportFile aReport
Create Variable i idx1 idx2
Create Array fib[9]

BeginMissionSequence

fib(1) = 0
fib(2) = 1
For i=3:9
    idx1 = i-1
    idx2 = i-2
    fib(i) = fib(idx1) + fib(idx2)
EndFor
Report aReport fib
```

Barycenter

The center of mass of selected celestial bodies

Description

A **Barycenter** is the center of mass of a set of celestial bodies. GMAT contains two barycenter resources: a built-in **SolarSystemBarycenter** resource and the **Barycenter** resource that allows you to build a custom **Barycenter** such as the Earth-Moon barycenter. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

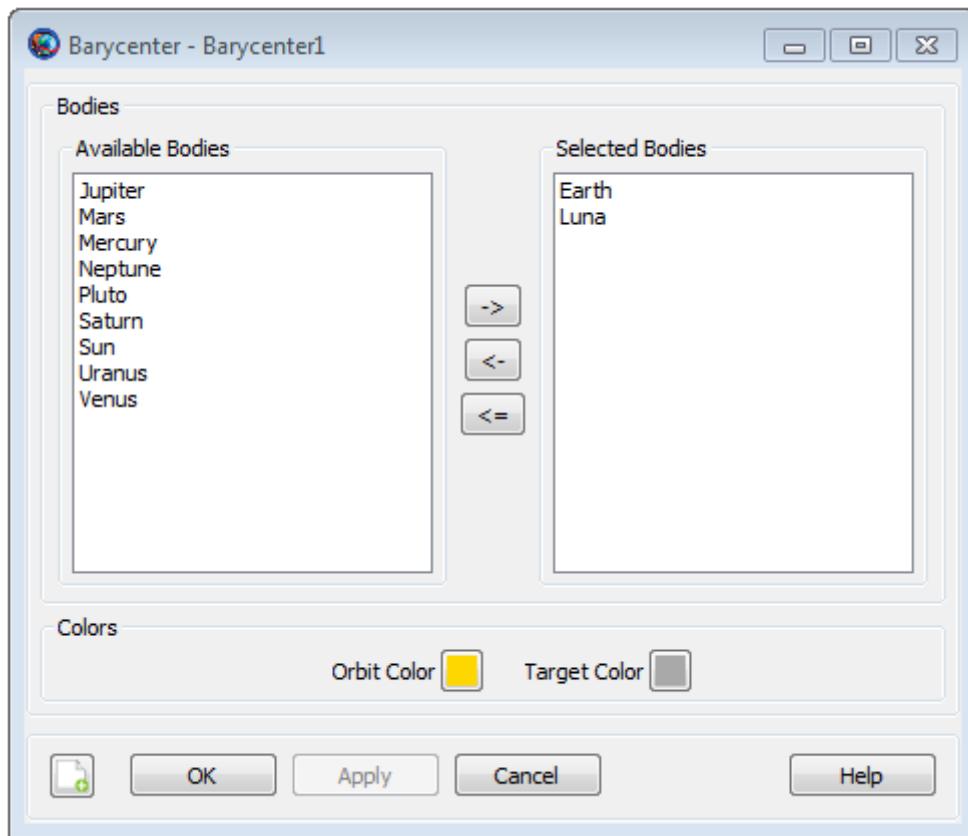
See Also: [LibrationPoint](#), [CoordinateSystem](#), [CelestialBody](#), [SolarSystem](#), [Color](#)

Fields

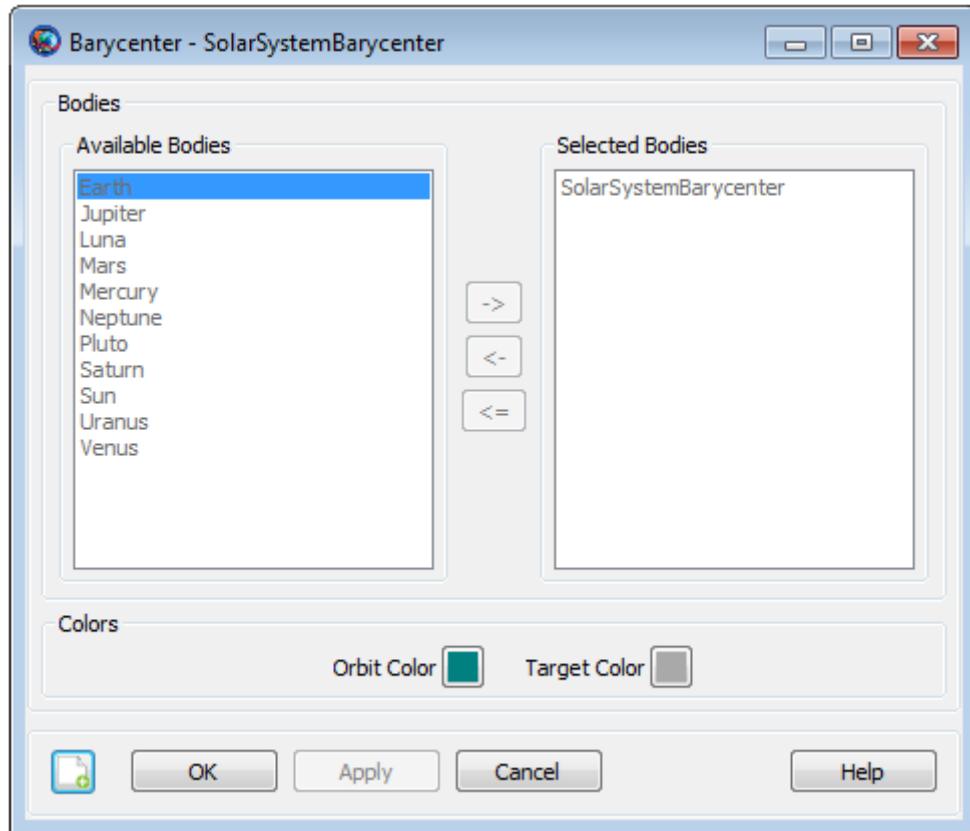
Field	Description												
BodyNames	<p>The list of CelestialBody resources included in the Barycenter. Providing empty brackets sets the bodies to the default list described below.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>String array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>array of celestial bodies. You cannot add bodies to the built-in SolarSystemBarycenter resource. A CelestialBody can only appear once in the BodyNames list.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Earth, Luna</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String array	Allowed Values	array of celestial bodies. You cannot add bodies to the built-in SolarSystemBarycenter resource. A CelestialBody can only appear once in the BodyNames list.	Access	set	Default Value	Earth, Luna	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Access	set												
Default Value	Earth, Luna												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
OrbitColor	<p>Allows you to set available colors on user-defined Barycenter object orbits. The barycenter orbits are drawn using the OrbitView graphics resource. Colors on Barycenter object can be set through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting a barycenter's orbit color to red can be done in the following two ways: Barycenter.OrbitColor = Red or Barycenter.OrbitColor = [255 0 0]. This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Integer Array or String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Gold</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Integer Array or String	Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.	Access	set	Default Value	Gold	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.												
Access	set												
Default Value	Gold												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												

Field	Description
TargetColor	Allows you to select available colors for Barycenter object's perturbing orbital trajectories that are drawn during iterative processes such as Differential Correction or Optimization. The target color can be identified through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting a barycenter's perturbing trajectory color to yellow can be done in following two ways: Barycenter.TargetColor = Yellow or Barycenter.TargetColor = [255 255 0] . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.
Data Type	Integer Array or String
Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.
Access	set
Default Value	DarkGray
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI



The **Barycenter** dialog box allows you to define the celestial bodies included in a custom **Barycenter**. All celestial bodies, including user-defined bodies, are available for use in a **Barycenter** and appear in either the **Available Bodies** list or the **Selected Bodies** list. The example above illustrates the default configuration which contains **Earth** and **Luna**.



The **SolarSystemBarycenter** dialog box shown above is a built-in object and you cannot modify its configuration. See the Remarks section for details regarding the model for the **SolarSystemBarycenter**.

Remarks

Built-in SolarSystemBarycenter Object

The built-in **SolarSystemBarycenter** is modelled using the ephemerides selected in the **SolarSystem.EphemerisSource** field. For example, if you select **DE421** for **SolarSystem.EphemerisSource**, then the barycenter location is computed by calling the DE421 ephemeris routines. For DE and SPICE ephemerides, the model for the solar system barycenter includes the planets and several hundred minor planets and asteroids. Note that you cannot add bodies to the **SolarSystemBarycenter**.

Custom Barycenter Objects

You can create a custom barycenter using the **Barycenter** resource. The position and velocity of a **Barycenter** is a mass-weighted average of the position and velocity of the included celestial bodies. In the equations below m_i , r_i , and v_i are respectively the mass, position, and velocity of the i^{th} body in the barycenter, and r_b and v_b are respectively the position and velocity of the barycenter.

$$\mathbf{r}_b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \mathbf{r}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_b = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \mathbf{v}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i}$$

Setting Colors On Barycenter Orbits

GMAT allows you to assign colors to barycenter orbits that are drawn using the **OrbitView** graphics resource. GMAT also allows you to assign colors to perturbing barycenter orbital trajectories which are drawn during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. The **Barycenter** object's **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields are used to assign colors to both orbital and perturbing trajectories. See the [Fields](#) section to learn more about these two fields. Also see [Color](#) documentation for discussion and examples on how to set colors on a barycenter orbit.

Examples

Define the state of a spacecraft in **SolarSystemBarycenter** coordinates.

```
Create CoordinateSystem SSB
SSB.Origin = SolarSystemBarycenter
SSB.Axes   = MJ2000Eq

Create ReportFile aReport

Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = SSB
aSpacecraft.X   = -27560491.88656896
aSpacecraft.Y   = 132361266.8009069
aSpacecraft.Z   = 57419875.95483227
aSpacecraft.VX  = -29.78491261798486
aSpacecraft.VY  = 2.320067257851091
aSpacecraft.VZ  = -1.180722388963864

BeginMissionSequence

Report aReport aSpacecraft.EarthMJ2000Eq.X aSpacecraft.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y ...
      aSpacecraft.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z
```

Report the state of a spacecraft in **SolarSystemBarycenter** coordinates.

```
Create CoordinateSystem SSB
SSB.Origin = SolarSystemBarycenter
```

```
SSB.Axes = MJ2000Eq

Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence

Report aReport aSpacecraft.SSB.X aSpacecraft.SSB.Y aSpacecraft.SSB.Z ...
    aSpacecraft.SSB.VX aSpacecraft.SSB.VY aSpacecraft.SSB.VZ
```

Create an Earth-Moon **Barycenter** and use it in a Sun-Earth-Moon **LibrationPoint**.

```
Create Barycenter EarthMoonBary
EarthMoonBary.BodyNames = {Earth,Luna}

Create LibrationPoint SunEarthMoonL2
SunEarthMoonL2.Primary = Sun
SunEarthMoonL2.Secondary = EarthMoonBary
SunEarthMoonL2.Point = L2

Create CoordinateSystem SEML2Coordinates
SEML2Coordinates.Origin = SunEarthMoonL2
SEML2Coordinates.Axes = MJ2000Eq

Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
GMAT aSpacecraft.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
GMAT aSpacecraft.EPOCH = '09 Dec 2005 13:00:00.000'
GMAT aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = SEML2Coordinates
GMAT aSpacecraft.X = -32197.88223741966
GMAT aSpacecraft.Y = 211529.1500044117
GMAT aSpacecraft.Z = 44708.57017366499
GMAT aSpacecraft.VX = 0.03209516489451751
GMAT aSpacecraft.VY = 0.06086386504053736
GMAT aSpacecraft.VZ = 0.0550442738917212

Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence

Report aReport aSpacecraft.EarthMJ2000Eq.X aSpacecraft.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y ...
    aSpacecraft.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z
```


CelestialBody

A celestial body model

Description

The **CelestialBody** resource is a model of a celestial body containing settings for the physical properties, as well as the models for the orbital motion and orientation. GMAT contains built-in models for the Sun, the 8 planets, Earth's moon, and Pluto. You can create a custom **CelestialBody** resource to model a planet, asteroid, comet, or moon. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

See Also: [SolarSystem](#), [Barycenter](#), [LibrationPoint](#), [CoordinateSystem](#), [Color](#)

Fields

Field	Description
3DModelFile	Allows you to load 3D models for your celestial body. Models must be in .3ds model formats.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values .3ds model formats only</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value empty</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
3DModelOffsetX	This field lets you translate a celestial body in +X or -X axis of central body's coordinate system.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values -3.5 <= Real <= 3.5</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0.000000</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
3DModelOffsetY	This field lets you translate a celestial body in +Y or -Y axis of central body's coordinate system.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values -3.5 <= Real <= 3.5</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0.000000</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

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3DModelOffsetZ	<p>This field lets you translate a celestial body in +Z or -Z axis of central body's coordinate system.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 339 795 375">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="870 339 927 375">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 377 795 413">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="870 377 1108 413">-3.5 <= Real <= 3.5</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 415 795 451">Access</td><td data-bbox="870 415 911 451">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 453 795 489">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="870 453 981 489">0.000000</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 491 795 527">Units</td><td data-bbox="870 491 933 527">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 530 795 565">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="870 530 1006 565">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	-3.5 <= Real <= 3.5	Access	set	Default Value	0.000000	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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3DModelRotationX	<p>Allows you to perform a fixed rotation of a celestial body's attitude w.r.t X-axis of central body's coordinate system.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 678 795 714">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="870 678 927 714">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 716 795 752">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="870 716 1124 752">-180 <= Real <= 180</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 754 795 790">Access</td><td data-bbox="870 754 911 790">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 792 795 828">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="870 792 981 828">0.000000</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 831 795 866">Units</td><td data-bbox="870 831 933 866">Deg.</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="589 869 795 905">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="870 869 1006 905">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	-180 <= Real <= 180	Access	set	Default Value	0.000000	Units	Deg.	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												

Field	Description
CentralBody	The central body of the celestial body. The central body field is used primarily by the GUI.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Comet, Planet, Asteroid, or Moon</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value For Comet, Planet, Asteroid, the default is Sun. For Moon, the default is Earth.</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
EquatorialRadius	The body's equatorial radius.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values Real > 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 6378.1363</p> <p>Units km</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
FileName	Path and/or name of texture map file used in OrbitView graphics.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values A file of the following format: .jpeg, .bmp, .png, .gif, .tif, .pcx, .pnm, .tga, or .xpm</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value '../ data/graphics/tex- ture/GenericCelestialBody.jpg'</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Flattening	The body's polar flattening.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values Real ≥ 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0.0033527</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
FrameSpiceKernelName	List of SPICE FK files to load for this body. Used to define celestial body properties for use with ContactLocator and Eclipse-Locator . See Remarks .
	<p>Data Type String array</p> <p>Allowed Values Paths to valid SPICE FK files</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Varies for built-in bodies. Empty for user-defined bodies.</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
Mu	The body's gravitational parameter.
	Data Type
	Real
	Allowed Values
	Real > 0
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	398600.4415
	Units
	km^3/s^2
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
NAIFId	NAIF Integer ID for body.
	Data Type
	Integer
	Allowed Values
	Integer
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	-123456789
	Units
	N/A
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
NutationUpdateInterval	The time interval between updates for Earth nutation matrix. If NutationUpdateInterval = 3600, then GMAT only updates nutation on an hourly basis.
	Data Type
	Real
	Allowed Values
	Real >= 0
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	60
	Units
	sec.
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
OrbitColor	Allows you to set available colors on built-in or user-defined CelestialBody objects that are drawn on the 3D OrbitView graphics displays. Colors on a CelestialBody object can be set through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting a celestial body's orbit color to red can be done in the following two ways: CelestialBody.OrbitColor = Red or Celestialbody.OrbitColor = [255 0 0] . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.
	Data Type
	Integer Array or String
	Allowed Values
	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	Orchid for user-defined Planet , Pink for user-defined Comet , Salmon for user-defined Asteroid and Tan for user-defined Moon
	Units
	N/A
	Interfaces
	GUI, script

Field	Description
OrbitSpiceKernelName	List of SPK kernels. Providing empty brackets unloads previously loaded kernels.
	<p>Data Type Reference array</p> <p>Allowed Values valid array of SPK kernels</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value N/A</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
OrientationEpoch	The reference epoch for orientation data.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values $6116.0 \leq \text{Epoch} \leq 58127.5$</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 21545.0</p> <p>Units A1 Modified Julian Epoch</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
PlanetarySpiceKernel-Name	List of SPICE PCK files to load for this body. Used to define celestial body properties for use with ContactLocator and Eclipse-Locator . See Remarks .
	<p>Data Type String array</p> <p>Allowed Values Paths to valid SPICE PCK files</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Varies for built-in bodies. Empty for user-defined bodies.</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
PosVelSource	The model for user-defined body orbit ephemerides. GMAT currently only supports a single ephemeris model for custom bodies (SPICE) and this is set using PosVelSource field. The default for PosVelSource is SPICE and it is not necessary to configure this field in the current version of GMAT. This field has no effect for built-in bodies.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values SPICE</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value DE405 for built-in bodies. SPICE for user-defined bodies.</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
RotationConstant	The body's spin angle at the orientation epoch.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values Real</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 190.147</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
RotationDataSource	<p>For Earth default is FK5IAU1980, for Luna default is DE405, for selected built in bodies IAU2000, and for selected built in bodies and all user defined bodies, default is IAUSimplified.</p>
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	IAUSimplified , DE405 , FK5IAU1980 , IAU2000 . See discussion below for more details as not all options are allowed for all bodies.
Access	set
Default Value	For Earth default is FK5IAU1980 , for Luna default is DE405 , for selected built in bodies IAU2000 , and for selected built in bodies and all user defined bodies, default is IAUSimplified .
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
RotationRate	The body's spin rate.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	Real
Access	set
Default Value	360.9856235
Units	deg/day
Interfaces	GUI, script
SpiceFrameId	SPICE ID of body-fixed frame. Used to define celestial body properties for use with ContactLocator and EclipseLocator . See Remarks .
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	Valid SPICE frame ID (text or numeric)
Access	set
Default Value	Varies for built-in bodies. Empty for user-defined bodies.
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
SpinAxisDECCConstant	The declination of the body's spin axis at the orientation epoch.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	Real
Access	set
Default Value	90
Units	deg
Interfaces	GUI, script

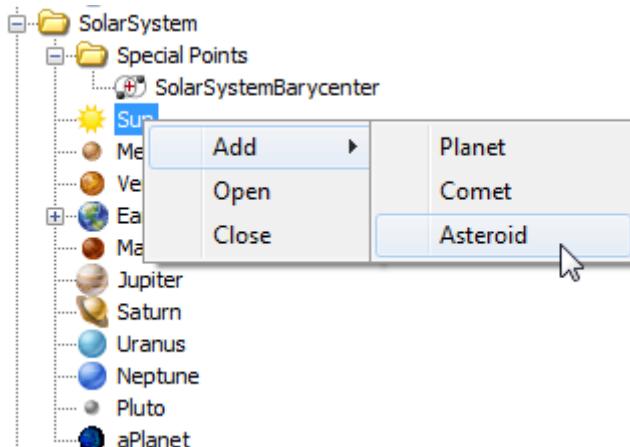
Field	Description
SpinAxisDECRate	The rate of change of the body's spin axis declination.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values Real</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value -0.5570</p> <p>Units deg/century</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
SpinAxisRAConstant	The right ascension of the body's spin axis at the orientation epoch.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values Real</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value -0.641</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
SpinAxisRARate	The rate of change of the body's right ascension.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values Real</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value -0.641</p> <p>Units deg/century</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
TargetColor	Allows you to set available colors on CelestialBody object's perturbing orbital trajectories that are drawn during iterative processes such as Differential Correction or Optimization. The target color can be identified through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting a celestial body's perturbing trajectory color to yellow can be done in following two ways: Celestialbody.TargetColor = Yellow or Celestialbody.TargetColor = [255 255 0] . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.
	<p>Data Type Integer Array or String</p> <p>Allowed Values Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Dark Gray for built-in or user-defined Planet, Comet, Asteroid and Moon</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description	
TextureMapFileName	Allows you to load a texture map file for your celestial body.	
	Data Type	String
	Allowed Values	texture map files in jpeg format
	Access	set
	Default Value	'GenericCelestialBody.jpg'
	Units	N/A
	Interfaces	GUI, script

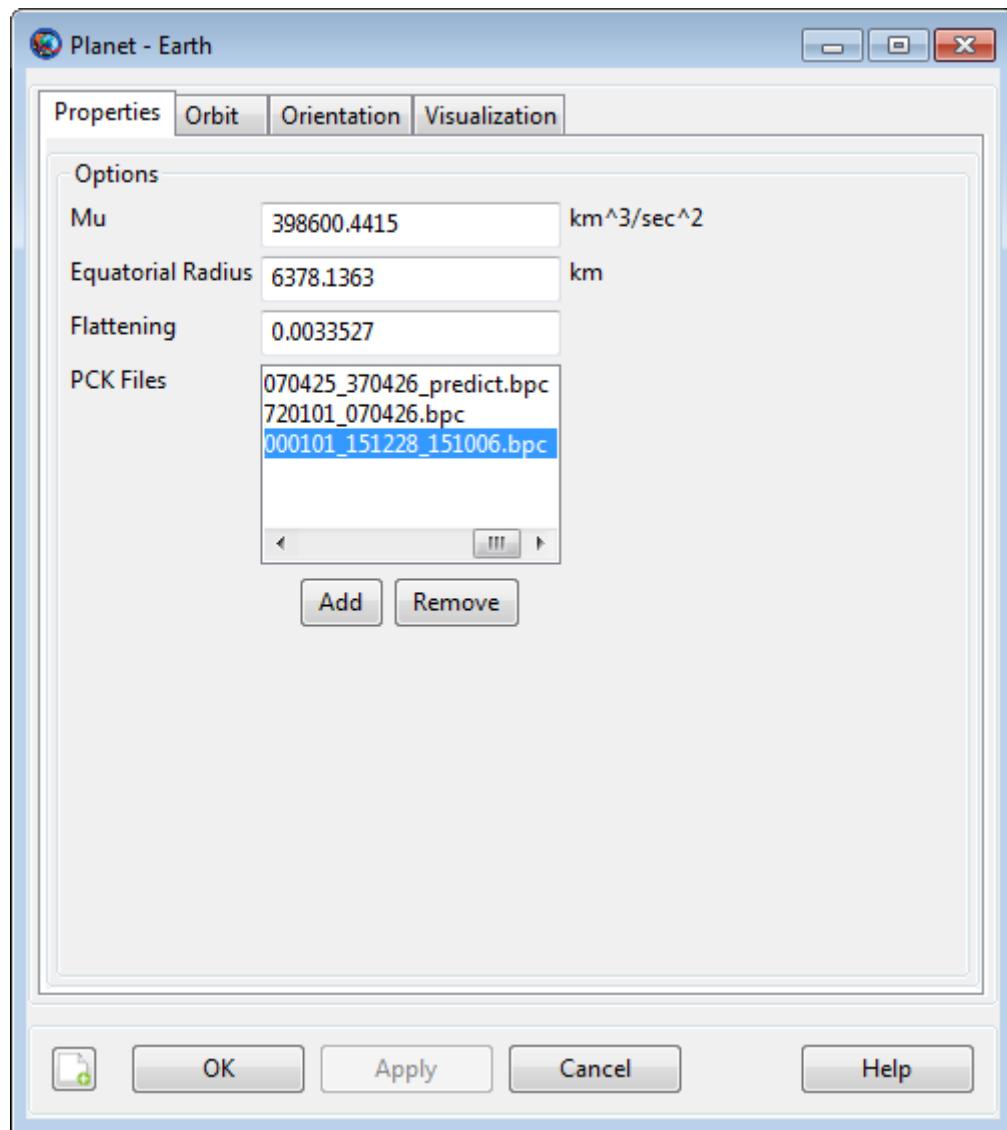
GUI

The **CelestialBody** GUI has three tabs that allow you to set the physical properties, orbital properties, and the orientation model. **CelestialBody** resources can be used in **ForceModels**, **CoordinateSystems**, **LibrationPoints**, and **Barycenters**, among others. For a built-in **CelestialBody**, the **Orbit** and **Orientation** tabs are largely inactive and the behavior is discussed below. To create a custom **Asteroid** - as an example of how to create a custom **CelestialBody** - perform the following steps.

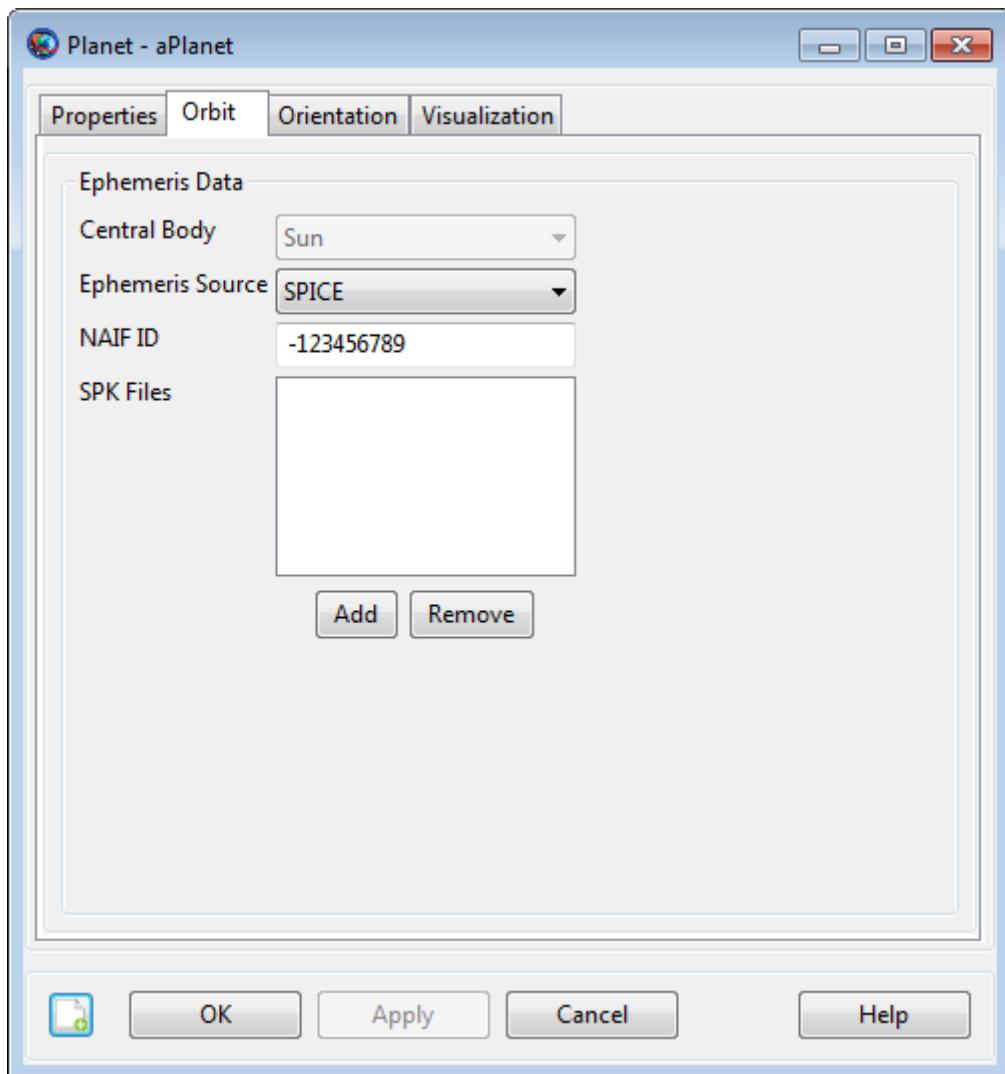
1. In the **Resource Tree**, expand the **SolarSystem** folder.
2. Right-click **Sun** and select **Add -> Asteroid**.
3. In the **New Asteroid** dialog box, type the desired name.



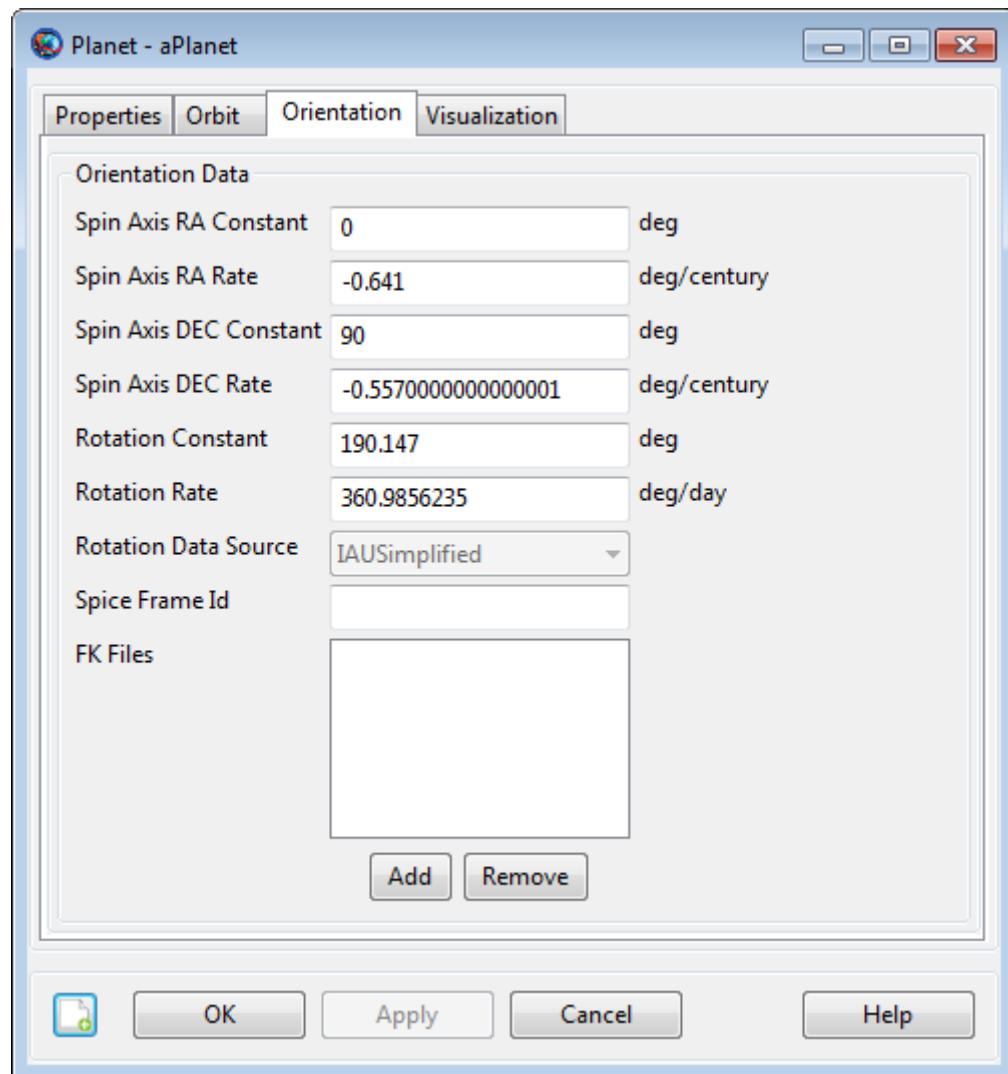
The **CelestialBody** Properties tab is shown below. GMAT models all bodies as spherical ellipsoids and you can set the **Equatorial Radius**, **Flattening**, and **Mu** (gravitational parameter) on this dialog box, as well as the texture map used in **OrbitView** graphics displays.



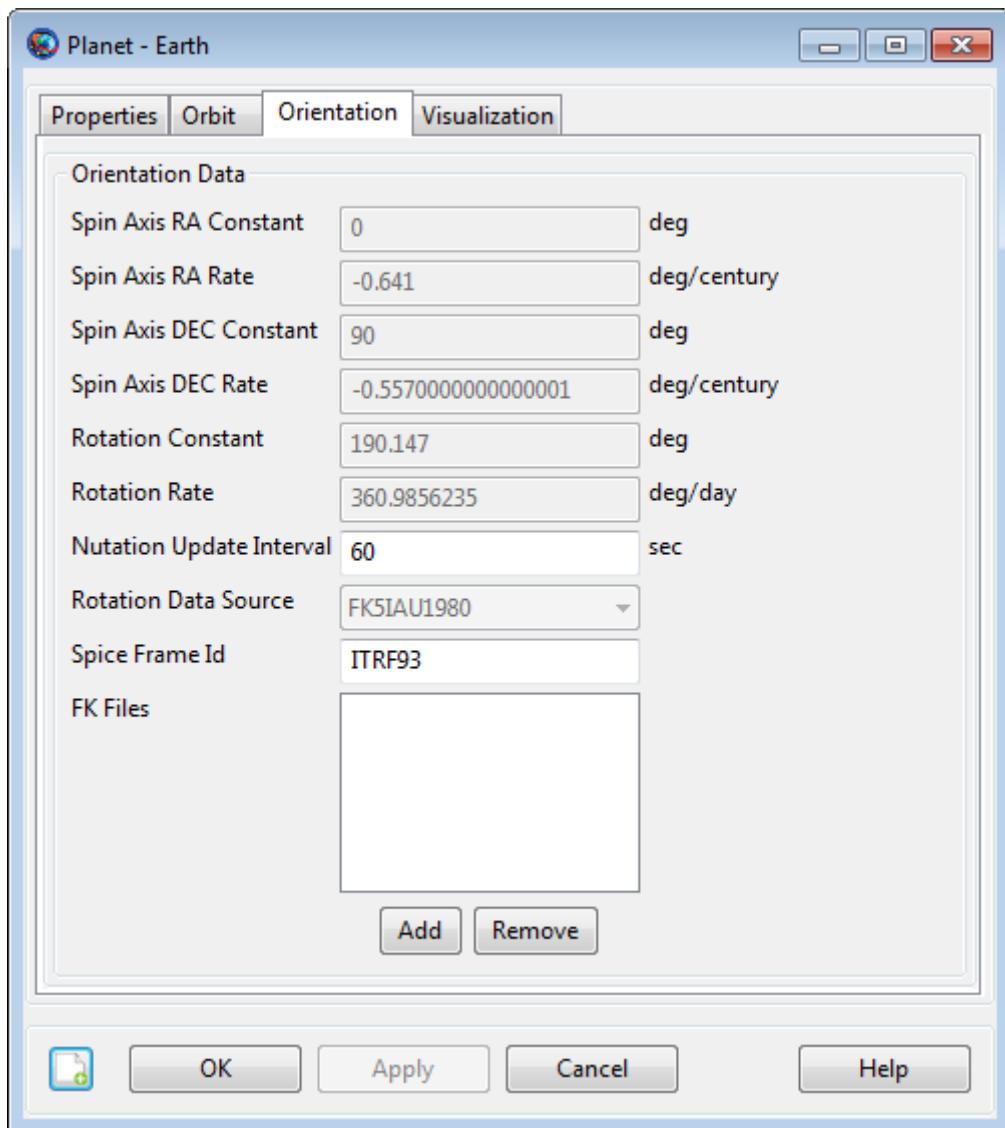
The **CelestialBody Orbit** tab is shown below for creating a custom **CelestialBody**. Settings on this panel are inactive for built-in celestial bodies and the ephemeris for built-in bodies is configured on the **SolarSystem** dialog. The **CentralBody** field is populated automatically when the object is created and is always inactive. To configure **SPICE** ephemerides for a custom body, provide a list of SPK files and the **NAIF ID**. See the discussion below for more information on configuring **SPICE** files.



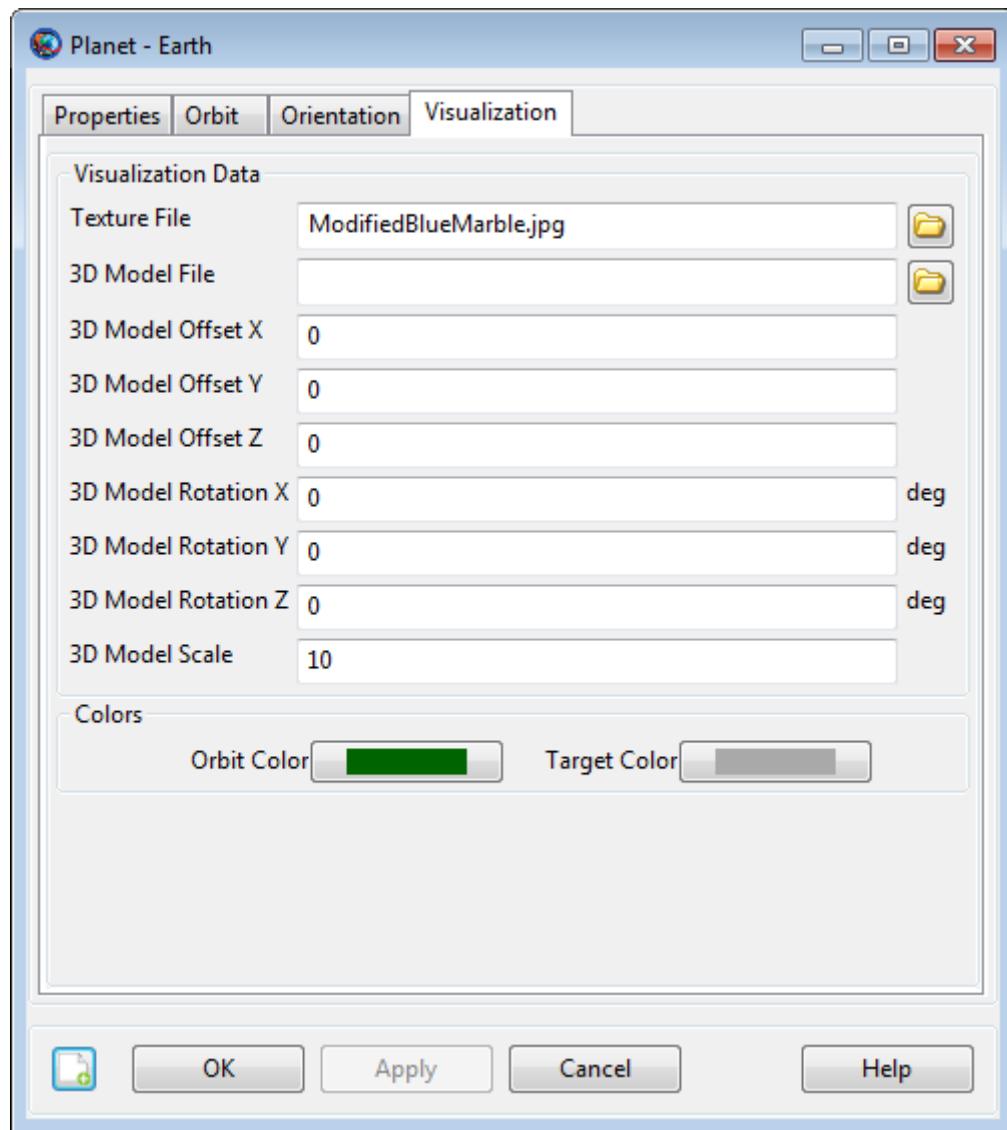
The **CelestialBody Orientation** tab is shown below. Most settings on this panel are inactive for built-in celestial bodies and exceptions for the Earth and Earth's moon are described further below. To define the orientation for a celestial body you provide a reference epoch, the initial orientation at the reference epoch, and angular rates. See the discussion below for a more detailed description of the orientation model.



The Earth and Earth's moon have unique fields to configure their orientation models. The Earth has an extra field called **NutationUpdateInterval** that can be used when lower fidelity, higher performance simulations are required.



The **CelestialBody Visualization** tab is shown below for creating a custom **CelestialBody**. On the visualization tab, you can set data such as 3d model of a celestial body, texture file, translation and rotation of a celestial body on all three axes, scale of the 3D model as well as assign orbit and target colors to the orbit of the body.

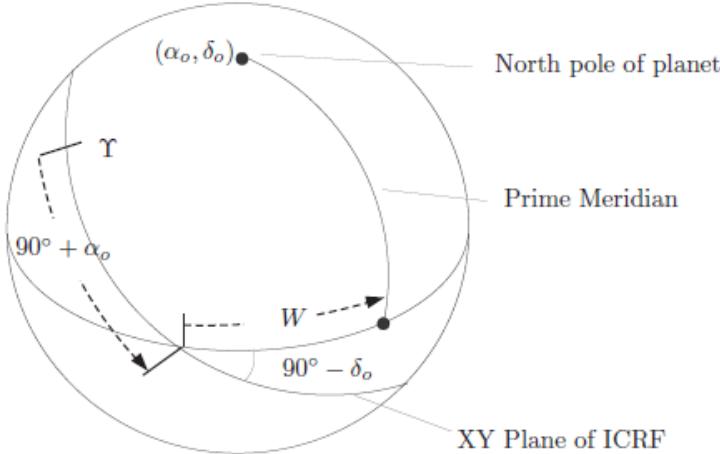


Remarks

Celestial body orientation model

The orientation of built-in celestial bodies is modeled using high fidelity theories on a per-body basis. The orientation of Earth is modeled using IAU-1976/FK5. The orientation of the Moon is modeled using lunar librations from the DE405 file. The remaining built-in celestial body orientations are modeled using data published by the IAU/IAG in "Report of the IAU/IAG Working Group on Cartographic Coordinates and Rotational Elements of the Planets and Satellites: 2000".

The orientation of a custom **CelestialBody** is modeled by providing three angles and their rates based on IAU/IAG conventions. The figure below illustrates the angles. The angles α_0 , δ_0 , and W , are respectively the **SpinAxisRAConstant**, **SpinAxisDECConstant**, and **RotationConstant**. The angular rates are respectively **SpinAxisRARate**, **SpinAxisDECRate**, and **RotationRate**. All angles are referenced to the X-Y plane of the **ICRF** axis system. The constant values **SpinAxisRAConstant**, **SpinAxisDECConstant**, and **RotationConstant** are defined to be the values at the epoch defined in **OrientationEpoch**.



Below is an example illustrating how to configure a **CelestialBody** according to the IAU 2006 recommended values for Vesta. Note the orientation epoch typically used by the IAU is 01 Jan 2000 12:00:00.00000 TDB and this must be converted to A1ModJulian which can easily be performed using the **Spacecraft Orbit** dialog box.

```
Create Asteroid Vesta
Vesta.CentralBody      = Sun
% Note that currently the only available
% format for OrientationEpoch is A1ModJulian
Vesta.OrientationEpoch = 21544.99962789878
Vesta.SpinAxisRAConstant = 301.9
Vesta.SpinAxisRARate   = 0.9
Vesta.SpinAxisDECConstant = 90.9
Vesta.SpinAxisDECRate   = 0.0
Vesta.RotationConstant = 292.9
Vesta.RotationRate     = 1617.332776
```

Note: The orientation models available for Earth and Luna have additional fields for configuration. Earth has an additional field called **NutationUpdateInterval** that controls the update frequency for the Nutation matrix. For high fidelity applications, **NutationUpdateInterval** should be set to zero. The **RotationDataSource** field for Earth and Luna defines the theory used for the rotation of those bodies. Currently, only FK5IAU1980 and DE405 are available for Earth and Luna respectively and the field is displayed for information purposes only. Future versions of GMAT will support DE421 for Luna and IAU-2000A theory for Earth.

Setting colors on orbits of celestial bodies

GMAT allows you to assign colors to orbits of celestial bodies that are drawn in the **OrbitView** graphics display windows. GMAT also allows you to assign colors to perturbing celestial body orbital trajectories drawn during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. The **CelestialBody** object's **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields are used to assign colors to both orbital and perturbing trajectories. See the [Fields](#) section for description of these two fields. Also see [Color](#) documentation for discussion and examples on how to set colors on a celestial body.

Configuring orbit ephemerides

The ephemerides for built-in celestial bodies is specified by the **SolarSystem.EphemerisSource** field and the same source is used for all built-in bodies. Ephemerides for a custom **CelestialBody**

are provided by SPICE files. Archives of available SPICE files can be found at the [JPL NAIF site](#) and the [Solar System Dynamics site](#). JPL provides utilities to create custom SPICE files in the event existing kernels don't satisfy requirements for your application. To create custom SPICE kernels, see the [documentation provided by JPL](#). The list of NAIF IDs for celestial bodies is located [here](#).

Note that the DE files model the barycenter of planetary systems. So for Jupiter, when using **DE405** for example, you are modeling Jupiter's location as the barycenter of the Jovian system. SPICE kernels differentiate the barycenter of a planetary system from the location of the individual bodies. So when using **SPICE** to model Jupiter, you are modeling the location of Jupiter using Jupiter's center of mass.

To specify the SPICE kernels for a custom **CelestialBody**, use the **NAIFId**, **CentralBody**, and **SourceFileName** fields. GMAT is distributed with an SPK file for CERES which has **NAIF ID** 2000001. Here is how to configure a **CelestialBody** to use the CERES SPICE ephemeris data.

```
Create CelestialBody Ceres
Ceres.CentralBody = Sun
Ceres.SourceFilename = '../data/planetary_ephem/spk/ceres_1900_2100.bsp'
```

Note: GMAT currently only supports a single ephemeris model for custom bodies (SPICE) and this is set using PosVelSource field. The default for PosVelSource is SPICE and it is not necessary to configure this field in the current version of GMAT.



Warning

NAIF distributes SPICE kernels for many celestial bodies and each kernel is consistent with a particular primary ephemeris release such as DE421. For high precision analysis, it is important to ensure that the ephemerides used for a custom celestial body are consistent with the ephemeris source selection in the **SolarSystem.EphemerisSource** field. SPICE kernels are typically distributed with a ".cmt" file and in that file the line that contains the ephemeris model looks like this:

Planetary Ephemeris Number: DE-0421/LE-0421

Configuring physical properties

GMAT models all celestial bodies as spherical ellipsoids. To define the physical properties use the **Flattening**, **EquatorialRadius**, and **Mu** fields.

Configuring for event location

GMAT's event location subsystem (consisting of **ContactLocator** and **EclipseLocator**) uses celestial body definitions from the SPICE toolkit. Properties such as radius, flattening, ephemeris, and orientation must be configured separately for use with the event locators.

CelestialBody shape and orientation are configured via SPICE PCK files, loaded from two sources in the following order:

1. **SolarSystem.PCKFilename**
2. **Sun.PlanetarySpiceKernelName** (in list order), followed by **Mercury**, **Venus**, **Earth**, **Mars**, **Jupiter**, **Saturn**, **Uranus**, **Neptune**, **Pluto**, **Luna**
3. User-defined bodies

Data loaded last takes precedence over data loaded first, if there is a conflict. Note that because the SPICE kernel pool is shared for the entire run, a PCK file loaded for **Pluto** may override data loaded by **Sun**, if the file contains conflicting data. Note that this order isn't absolute—coordinate systems that with an SPK-defined origin load differently, for example. To determine the exact load order, see the **GmatLog.txt** file.



Note

GMAT's SPICE kernel load order is based on many factors, and can be unpredictable. Therefore, it is important that the kernels referenced by a mission be consistent. For example, NAIF's **de421.bsp** and **mar085.bsp** are consistent, because they are both based on the DE421 model. Inconsistent kernels can cause unpredictable behavior based on the order in which they are loaded.

The body-fixed frame for a **CelestialBody** is defined on the **Orientation** tab by the **SpiceFrameId** and **SpiceFrameKernelFile** fields. The **SpiceFrameId** contains the SPICE ID for the body-fixed frame, which may be built-in or defined via external FK files. External FK files can be loaded by adding them to the **SpiceFrameKernelFile** list for each body. These files are loaded just after **PlanetarySpiceKernelName** for each body. The list of built-in frames is available as an appendix in the [SPICE documentation](#). GMAT's default frames are:

- Earth: **ITRF93**
- Luna: **MOON_PA**
- Other default bodies: **IAU_CelestialBody**

The Earth ITRF93 frame is defined by three high-fidelity orientation PCK files, shown below. More information on these files can be found in the NAIF [aareadme.txt](#) file.

- **earth_start_end_predict.bpc**: long-term low-fidelity EOP predictions
- **earth_start_end.bpc**: long-term low-fidelity historical EOP
- **earth_start_end_filedate.bpc**: near-term high-fidelity EOP history and predictions

The Luna MOON_PA frame is defined by an orientation PCK file and a frame-defining FK file, shown below. More information can be found in the NAIF PCK [aareadme.txt](#) file and the FK [aareadme.txt](#) file. Other versions of the MOON_PA frame are available from NAIF.

- **moon_pa_de421_1900-2050.bpc**: Moon orientation consistent with DE421 PA frame
- **moon_080317.tf**: MOON_PA frame definition

Examples

Configure a **CelestialBody** to model Saturn's moon Titan. Note you must obtain the SPICE kernel named "**sat288.bsp**" from [here](#) and place it in the directory identified in the script snippet below

```
Create Moon Titan
Titan.NAIFId          = 606
Titan.OrbitSpiceKernelName = { ...
    '../data/planetary_ephem/spk/sat288.bsp' ...
}
Titan.SpiceFrameId     = 'IAU_TITAN'
Titan.EquatorialRadius = 2575
Titan.Flattening       = 0
```

```
Titan.Mu          = 8978.5215
Titan.PosVelSource = 'SPICE'
Titan.CentralBody    = 'Saturn'
Titan.RotationDataSource = 'IAUSimplified'
Titan.OrientationEpoch = 21545
Titan.SpinAxisRAConstant = 36.41
Titan.SpinAxisRARate   = -0.036
Titan.SpinAxisDECCConstant = 83.94
Titan.SpinAxisDECRate  = -0.004
Titan.RotationConstant = 189.64
Titan.RotationRate     = 22.5769768
```


CoordinateSystem

An axis and origin pair

Description

A **CoordinateSystem** in GMAT is defined as an origin and an axis system. You can select the origin of a **CoordinateSystem** from various points such as a **CelestialBody**, **Spacecraft**, **GroundStation**, or **LibrationPoint** to name a few. GMAT supports numerous axis systems such as J2000 equator, J2000 ecliptic, **ICRF**, **ITRF**, **Topocentric**, and **ObjectReferenced** among others. **CoordinateSystems** are tightly integrated into GMAT to enable you to define, report, and visualize data in coordinate systems relevant to your application. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

See Also: [Spacecraft](#), [Calculation Parameters](#), [OrbitView](#)

Fields

Field	Description
Align- mentVec- torX	The x component of the AlignmentVector expressed in the local frame (for example, expressed in the LocalAlignedConstrained frame). Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of AlignmentVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	1
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script
Align- mentVec- torY	The y component of the AlignmentVector expressed in the local frame (for example, expressed in the LocalAlignedConstrained frame). Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of AlignmentVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui, script
Align- mentVec- torZ	The z component of the AlignmentVector expressed in the local frame (for example, expressed in the LocalAlignedConstrained frame). Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of AlignmentVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script

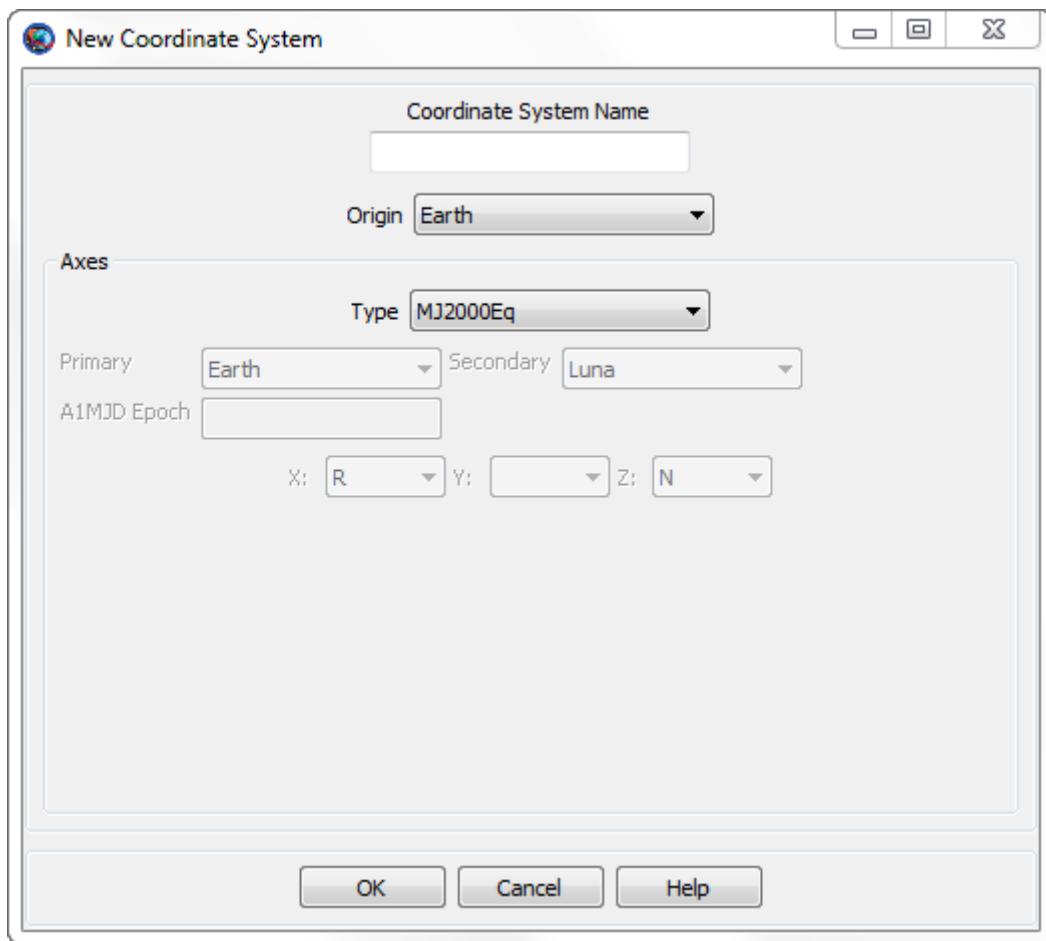
Field	Description
Axes	The axes of the CoordinateSystem .
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	MJ2000Eq, MJ2000Ec, ICRF, ITRF, MODEq, MODEc, TODEq, TODEc, MOEEq, MOEC, TOEEq, TOEEc, ObjectReferenced, Equator, BodyFixed, BodyInertial, GSE, GSM, Topocentric, BodySpinSun
Access	set
Default Value	MJ2000Eq
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
ConstraintVectorX	The x component of the ConstraintVector expressed in the local frame (for example, expressed in the LocalAlignedConstrained frame). Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of ConstraintVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script
ConstraintVectorY	The y component of the ConstraintVector expressed in the local frame (for example, expressed in the LocalAlignedConstrained frame). Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of ConstraintVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script
ConstraintVectorZ	The z component of the ConstraintVector expressed in the local frame (for example, expressed in the LocalAlignedConstrained frame). Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of ConstraintVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	1
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script

Field	Description
ConstraintReferenceVectorX	The x component of the ConstraintReferenceVector expressed in the ConstraintCoordinateSystem . Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of ConstraintReferenceVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script
ConstraintReferenceVectorY	The y component of the ConstraintReferenceVector expressed in the ConstraintCoordinateSystem . Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of ConstraintReferenceVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script
ConstraintReferenceVectorZ	The z component of the ConstraintReferenceVector expressed in the ConstraintCoordinateSystem . Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ (norm of ConstraintReferenceVector $\geq 1e-9$)
Access	set
Default Value	1
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script
ConstraintCoordinateSystem	The coordinate system for the ConstraintReferenceVector . Used for the following axis systems: LocalAlignedConstrained .
Data Type	Resource
Allowed Values	CoordinateSystem
Access	set
Default Value	EarthMJ2000Eq
Units	N/A
Interfaces	gui,script

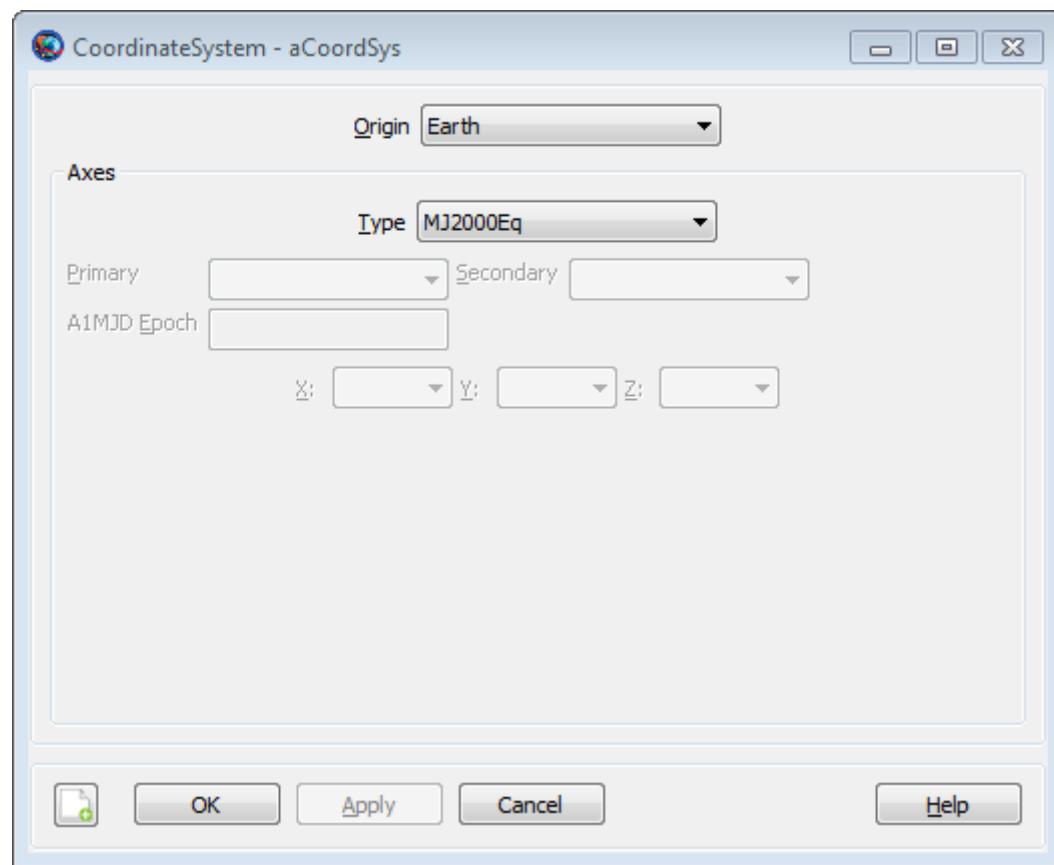
Field	Description
Epoch	The reference epoch for the CoordinateSystem . This field is only used for TOE and MOE axis types.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values A1 Modified Julian epoch.</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 21545</p> <p>Units Modified Julian Date</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Origin	The origin of the CoordinateSystem .
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values CelestialBody, Spacecraft, LibrationPoint, Barycenter, SolarSystemBarycenter, GroundStation</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Earth</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Primary	The primary body for an ObjectReferenced axis system. This field is only used if Axes = ObjectReferenced . See the discussion below for more information on how Primary and Secondary are used to compute ObjectReferenced axes.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values CelestialBody, Spacecraft, LibrationPoint, Barycenter, SolarSystemBarycenter, GroundStation</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Earth</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ReferenceObject	The reference object for a LocalAlignedConstrained axis system. The axes are computed such that the AlignmentVector in the body frame is aligned with the vector pointing from the Origin to the ReferenceObject .
	<p>Data Type Resource</p> <p>Allowed Values A Resource that has coordinates. For example: CelestialBody, Spacecraft, LibrationPoint, Barycenter, SolarSystemBarycenter, GroundStation.</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Luna</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces gui,script</p>

Field	Description
Secondary	The secondary body for an ObjectReferenced axis system. This field is only used if Axes = ObjectReferenced . See the discussion below for more information on how Primary and Secondary are used to compute ObjectReferenced axes.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	CelestialBody , Spacecraft , LibrationPoint , Barycenter , SolarSystemBarycenter , GroundStation
Access	set
Default Value	Luna
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
XAxis	The x-axis definition for an ObjectReferenced axis system. This field is only used if Axes = ObjectReferenced . See the discussion below for more information on how the axes are computed for ObjectReferenced axis systems.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	R , V , N , -R , -V , -N , or empty
Access	set
Default Value	R
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
YAxis	The y-axis definition for an ObjectReferenced axis system. This field is only used if Axes = ObjectReferenced . See the discussion below for more information on how the axes are computed for ObjectReferenced axis systems.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	R , V , N , -R , -V , -N , or empty
Access	set
Default Value	No Default
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
Zaxis	The z-axis for an ObjectReferenced axis system. This field is only used if Axes = ObjectReferenced . See the discussion below for more information on how the axes are computed for ObjectReferenced axis systems.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	R , V , N , -R , -V , -N , or empty
Access	set
Default Value	N
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

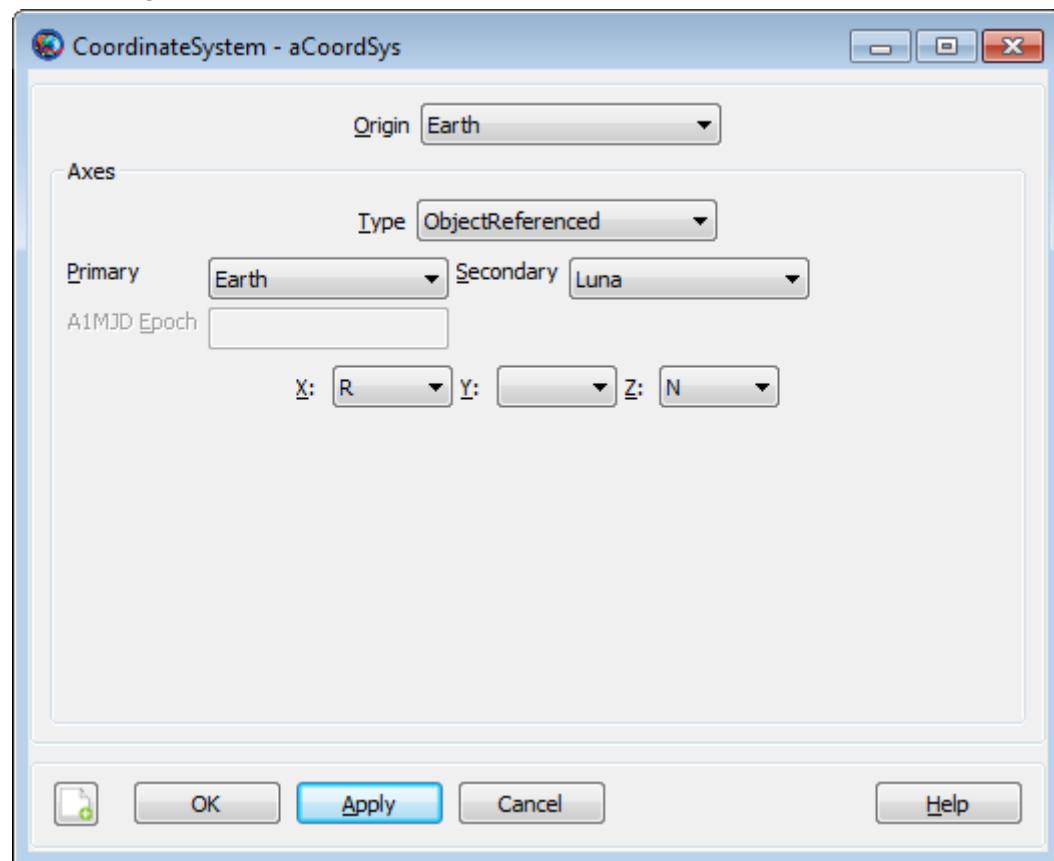
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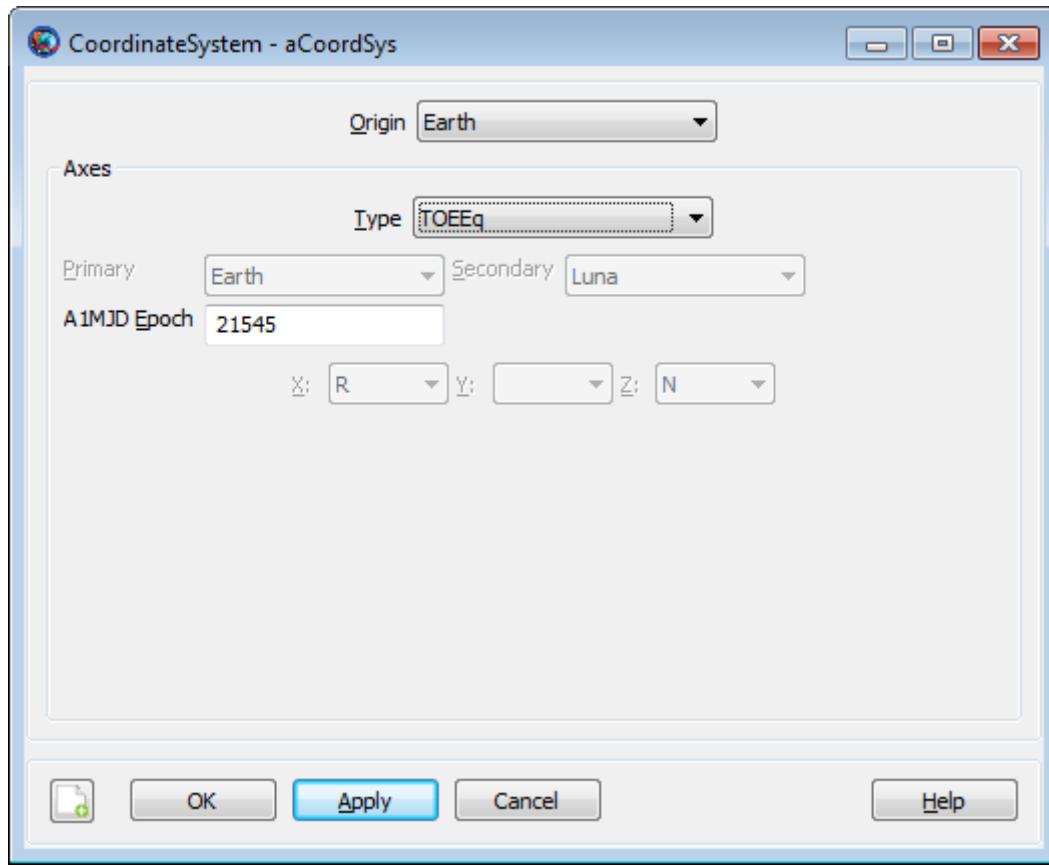
The **New Coordinate System** dialog box shown above appears when you add a new coordinate system in the **Resource Tree**. You provide a name for the new **CoordinateSystem** in the **Coordinate System Name** box and configure the **CoordinateSystem** by selecting the **Origin** and **Axes** types along with other settings. Some settings, such as **Primary** and **Secondary**, are only active for particular **Axes** types and those dependencies are described below.



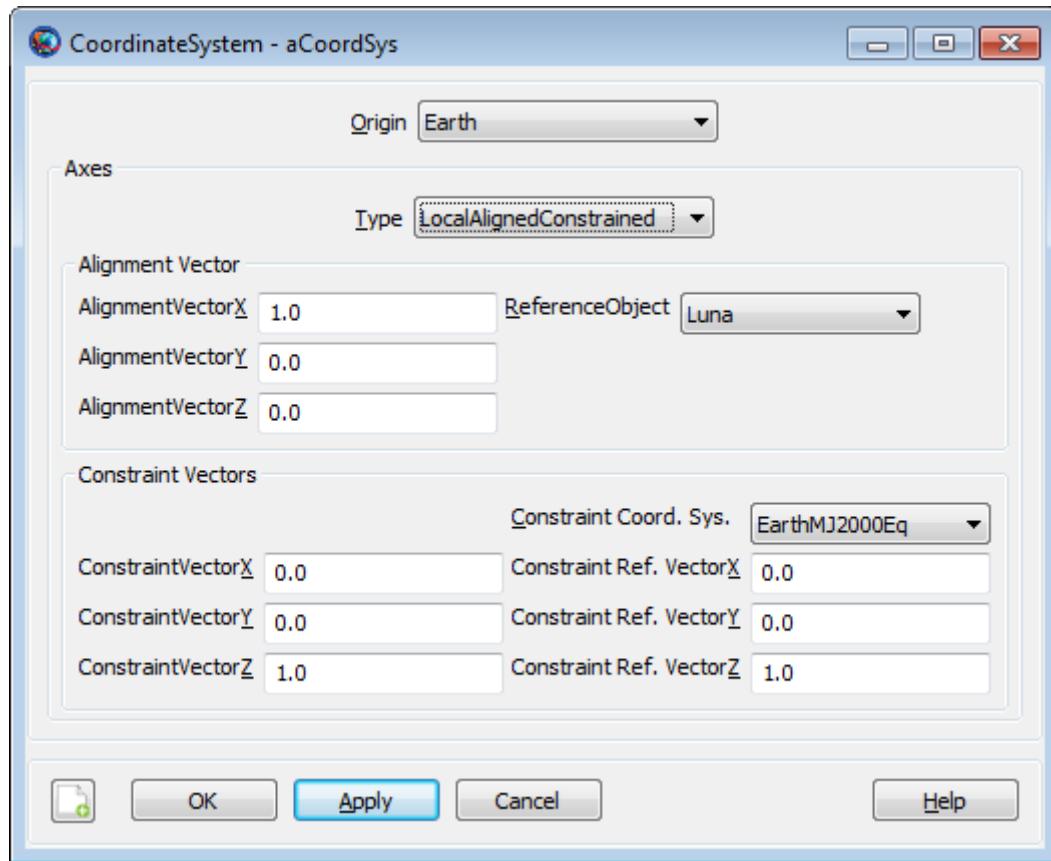
When editing an existing **CoordinateSystem**, you use the **CoordinateSystem** dialog box. The default configuration is shown above.



If you select **ObjectReferenced** for the **Axes** type, then the **Primary**, **Secondary**, **X**, **Y**, and **Z** fields are activated. You can use the **ObjectReferenced** axis system to define coordinates based on the motion of two space objects such as **Spacecraft**, **CelestialBodies**, or **Barycenters** to name a few. See the discussion below for a detailed definition of the **ObjectReferenced** axis system.



If you select **TOEEq**, **TOEEc**, **MOEEq**, or **MOEEc** as the axis type, then the **A1Mjd Epoch** field is activated. Use the **A1Mjd Epoch** field to define the reference epoch of the coordinate system.



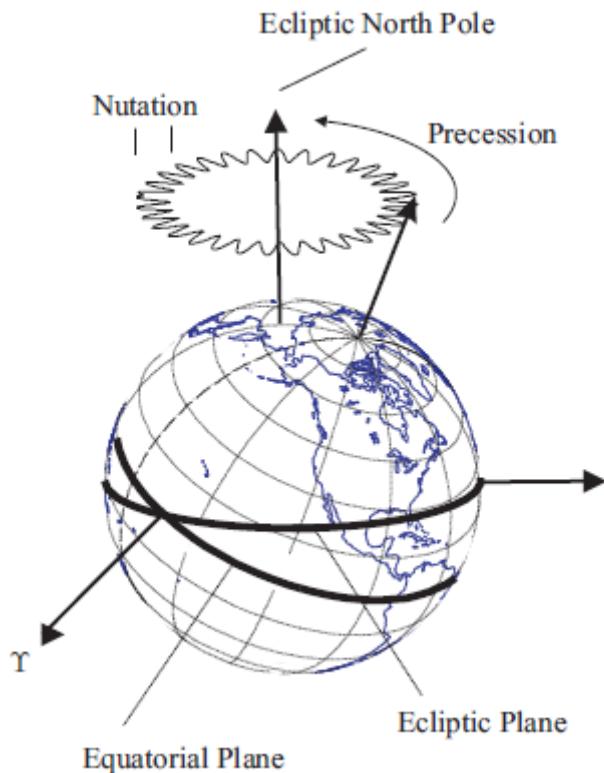
If you select **LocalAlignedConstrained** as the axes **Type**, then **CoordinateSystem** dialog displays the fields illustrated above for configuring the axes.

Remarks

Computation of J2000-Based Axes using IAU76/FK5 Reduction

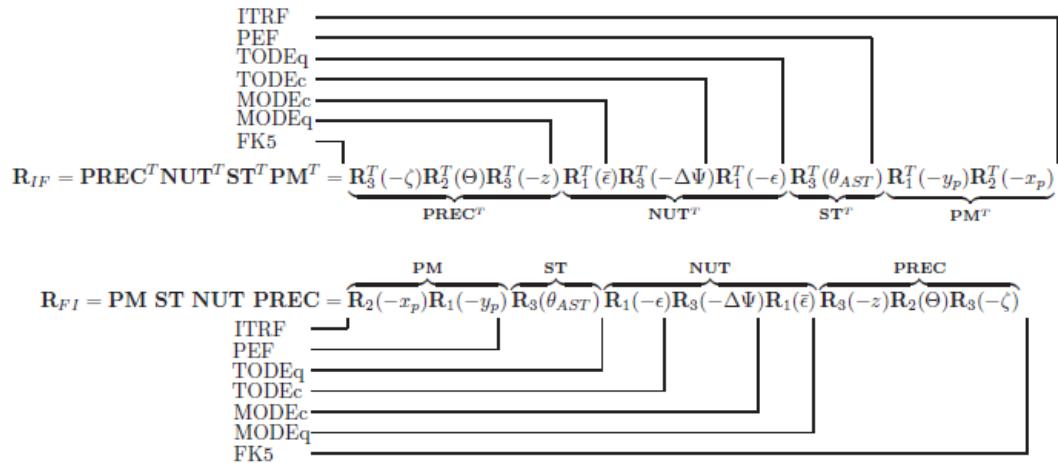
FK5 reduction is the transformation that rotates a vector expressed in the **MJ2000Eq** system to the **EarthFixed CoordinateSystem**. There are many coordinate systems that are intermediate rotations in FK5 reduction and this section describes how the following axes types are computed: **MJ2000Eq**, **MJ2000Ec**, **EarthFixed**, **MODEq**, **MODEc**, **TODEq**, **TODEc**, **MODEq**, **MODEc**, **TODEq**, and **TODEc** axes systems.

The time varying orientation of the Earth is complex due to interactions between the Earth and its external environment (the Sun and Moon and Planets) and internal dynamics. The orientation cannot currently be modelled to the accuracy required by many space applications and FK5 reduction is a combination of dynamical modelling along with daily corrections from empirical observations. The figure below illustrates components of motion of the Earth with respect to inertial space. The primary components of the motion of the Earth with respect to inertial space are Precession, Nutation, Sidereal time and, Polar Motion.



The principal moment of inertia is defined as the Celestial Ephemeris Pole. Due to the fact that Earth's mass distribution changes with time, the Celestial Ephemeris Pole is not constant with respect to the Earth's surface. Precession is defined as the coning motion that the Celestial Ephemeris Pole makes around the ecliptic north pole. The other principal component of the motion of the Celestial Ephemeris Pole is called nutation and is the oscillation in the angle between the Celestial Ephemeris Pole and the north ecliptic pole. The theory of Precession and Nutation come from dynamical models of the Earth's motion. The Sidereal time is the rotation of the Earth about the Celestial Ephemeris Pole. The sidereal time model is a combination of theory and observation. The Earth's spin axis direction is not constant with respect to the Earth's crust and its motion is called Polar Motion. A portion of polar motion is due to complicated dynamics, and a portion is due to unmodelled errors in nutation. Polar motion is determined from observation.

The True of Date (TOD) systems and Mean of Date (MOD) systems are intermediate coordinate systems in FK5 reduction and are commonly used in analysis. The details of the computations are contained in the GMAT mathematical specification and the figure below is included here for summary purposes. The following abbreviations are used in the figure. PM: Polar Motion, ST: Sideral Time, NUT: Nutation, PREC: Precession, ITRF: International Terrestrial Reference Frame (Earth Fixed), PEF: Pseudo Earth Fixed, TODEq: True of Date Equator, TODEc: True of Date Ecliptic, MODEc: Mean of Date Ecliptic, MODEq: Mean of Date Equator, FK5: J2000 Equatorial Inertial (IAU-1976/1980).



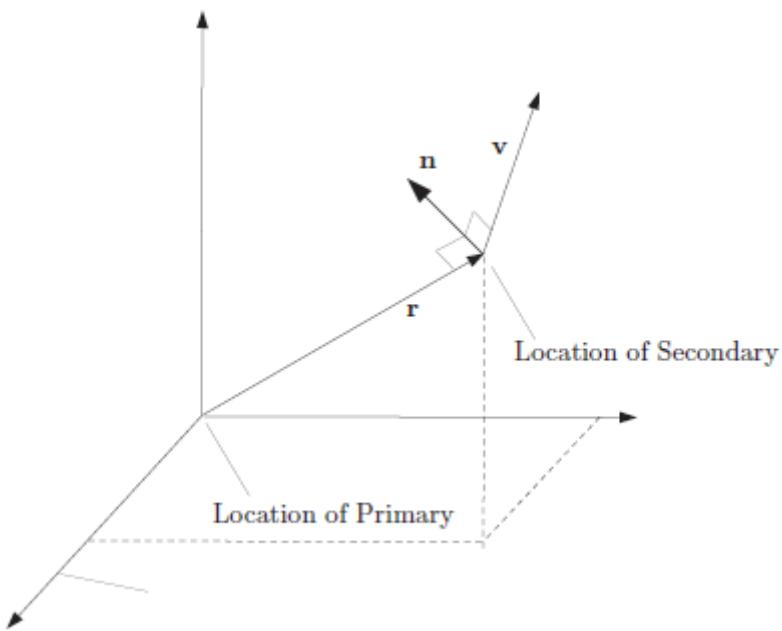
Computation of ICRF and ITRF Axes using IAU2000 Conventions

The computation for the International Celestial Reference Frame (**ICRF**) and the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF) are computed using the IAU 2000A theory with the 2006 update to precession. GMAT uses the Celestial Intermediate Origin (CIO) method of transformation which avoids issues associated with precession and nutation. In the CIO model, the Celestial Intermediate Pole unit vector is modeled using the variables X and S and the CIO locator, s. For performance reasons, GMAT interpolates X, Y, and s, from precomputed values stored in the file named ICRF_Table.txt distributed with GMAT.

GMAT models the rotation from **ICRF** to **MJ200Eq** by rotating through the **EarthFixed** frame which is identical for both the old (1976) and new (2000) theories. For performance reasons, the conversion from **ICRF** to **MJ200Eq** is interpolated from pre-computed values of the Euler axis and angle between those frames. Note that GMAT does not currently support the IAU2000 body fixed frame for Earth and that model will be included in a future release.

Computation of ObjectReference Axis System

An **ObjectReferenced** axis system is defined by the motion of one object with respect to another object. The figure below defines the six principal directions of an **Object Referenced** axis system. One is the relative position of the secondary object with respect to the primary object, denoted by \mathbf{r} , expressed in the inertial frame. The second is the relative velocity, denoted here by \mathbf{v} , of the secondary object with respect to the primary, expressed in the inertial frame. The third direction is the vector normal to the direction of motion which is denoted by \mathbf{n} and is calculated using $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}$. The remaining three directions are the negative of the first three yielding the complete set: $\{\mathbf{R}, -\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{V}, -\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{N}, -\mathbf{N}\}$.



You define an **Object Referenced** axis system by defining two axes from the three available [X, Y, and Z] using the six available options {R,-R, V,-V, N,-N}. Given two directions, GMAT constructs an orthogonal, right-handed **CoordinateSystem**. For example, if you choose the x-axis to be in the direction of R and the z-axis to be in the direction of N, GMAT completes the right-handed set by setting the y-axis in the direction of NxR. If you choose permutations that result in a non-orthogonal or left-handed **CoordinateSystem**, GMAT will throw an error message.



Warning

GMAT currently assumes that terms involving the cross and dot product of acceleration are zero when computing **ObjectReferenced** rotation matrices.

Overview of Built-in Coordinate Systems

Name	Origin	Axes	Description
EarthMJ2000Eq	Earth	MJ2000Eq	An Earth equator inertial system based on IAU-1976/ FK5 theory with 1980 update to nutation.
EarthMJ2000Ec	Earth	MJ2000Ec	An Earth ecliptic inertial system based on IAU-1976/ FK5 theory with 1980 update to nutation.
EarthFixed	Earth	BodyFixed	An Earth fixed system based on IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update to nutation.
EarthICRF	Earth	ICRF	An Earth equator inertial system based on IAU-2000 theory with 2006 update to precession.

Description of Axes Types

Axes Name	Origin	Base Type	Description
	Limi-tations		
MJ2000Eq	None	IAU-1976 FK5	An inertial coordinate system. The nominal x-axis points along the line formed by the intersection of the Earth's mean equatorial plane and the mean ecliptic plane (at the J2000 epoch), in the direction of Aries. The z-axis is normal to the Earth's mean equator at the J2000 epoch and the y-axis completes the right-handed system. The mean planes of the ecliptic and equator, at the J2000 epoch, are computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
MJ2000Ec	None	IAU-1976 FK5	An inertial coordinate system. The x-axis points along the line formed by the intersection of the Earth's mean equator and the mean ecliptic plane at the J2000 epoch. The z-axis is normal to the mean ecliptic plane at the J2000 Epoch and the y-axis completes the right-handed set. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
ICRF	None	IAU-2000	An inertial coordinate system. The axes are close to the mean Earth equator and pole at the J2000 epoch, and at the Earth's surface, the RSS difference between vectors expressed in MJ2000Eq and ICRF is less than 1 m. Note that since MJ2000Eq and ICRF are imperfect realizations of inertial systems, the transformation between them is time varying. This axis system is computed using IAU-2000A theory with 2006 update for precession.
LocalAligned-Constrained	None	IAU-1976 FK5	The LocalAlignedConstrained axis system is an aligned constrained system based on the position of the ReferenceObject with respect to the Origin and is computed using the well known Triad algorithm. The axes are computed such that the AlignmentVector , defined as the components of the alignment vector expressed in the LocalAlignedConstrained system, is aligned with the position of the ReferenceBody w/ r/t the origin. The rotation about the AlignmentVector is resolved by minimizing the angle between the ConstraintVector , defined as the constraint vector expressed in the LocalAlignedConstrained system, and the ConstraintReferenceVector , defined as the constraint reference vector expressed in the ConstraintCoordinateSystem . The alignment vectors and the constraint vectors cannot have zero length. Similarly, the cross products of the constraint vector and alignment vector cannot have zero length.

Axes Name	Origin	Base Type	Description
	Limi- tations		
MODEq	None	IAU-1976 FK5	A quasi-inertial coordinate system referenced to Earth's mean equator at the current epoch. The current epoch is defined by the context of use and usually comes from the spacecraft or graphics epoch. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
MODEc	None	IAU-1976 FK5	A quasi-inertial coordinate system referenced to the mean ecliptic at the current epoch. The current epoch is defined by the context of use and usually comes from the spacecraft or graphics epoch. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
TODEq	None	IAU-1976 FK5	A quasi-inertial coordinate system referenced to Earth's true equator at the current epoch. The current epoch is defined by the context of use and usually comes from the spacecraft or graphics epoch. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
TODEc	None	IAU-1976 FK5	A quasi-inertial coordinate system referenced to Earth's true ecliptic at the current epoch. The current epoch is defined by the context of use and usually comes from the spacecraft or graphics epoch. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
MOEEq	None	IAU-1976 FK5	A quasi-inertial coordinate system referenced to Earth's mean equator at the reference epoch. The reference epoch is defined on the CoordinateSystem object. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
MOEEc	None	IAU-1976 FK5	A quasi-inertial coordinate system referenced to the mean ecliptic at the reference epoch. The reference epoch is defined on the CoordinateSystem object. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
TOEEq	None	IAU-1976 FK5	A quasi-inertial coordinate system referenced to Earth's true equator at the reference epoch. The reference epoch is defined on the CoordinateSystem object. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.
TOEEc	None	IAU-1976 FK5	A quasi-inertial coordinate system referenced to the true ecliptic at the reference epoch. The reference epoch is defined on the CoordinateSystem object. This system is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory with 1980 update for nutation.

Axes Name	Origin	Base Type	Description
	Limi- tations		
ObjectRefer- enced	None	IAU-1976 FK5	An ObjectReferenced system is a CoordinateSys- tem whose axes are defined by the motion of one ob- ject with respect to another object. See the discussion above for a detailed description of the ObjectRefer- enced axis system.
Equator	Celes- tial Body	IAU-1976 FK5	A true of date equator axis system for the celestial body selected as the origin. The Equator system is defined by the body's equatorial plane and its inter- section with the ecliptic plane, at the current epoch. The current epoch is defined by the context of use and usually comes from the spacecraft or graphics epoch. The Equator system for Earth is computed us- ing IAU-1976/FK5 theory. For the Moon, the Equa- tor system is computed using the theory selected in the field Luna.RotationDataSource . For other built- in celestial bodies, the body fixed axes are computed using models provided by the IAU in "Report of the IAU/IAG Working Group on Cartographic Coor- dinates and Rotational Elements of the Planets and Satel- lites: 2000".
BodyFixed	Celes- tial Body or Space- craft	IAU-1976 FK5	The BodyFixed axis system is referenced to the body equator and the prime meridian of the body. The BodyFixed system for Earth is computed using IAU-1976/FK5 theory. For the Moon, the BodyFixed system is computed using the theory selected in the field Luna.RotationDataSource . For other built-in ce- lestial bodies, the body fixed axes are computed us- ing models provided by the IAU in "Report of the IAU/IAG Working Group on Cartographic Coor- dinates and Rotational Elements of the Planets and Satel- lites: 2000".
			When Origin is a Spacecraft , the axes are comput- ed using the Spacecraft 's attitude model. Note: not all attitude models compute body rates. In the case that body rates are not available on a spacecraft, a request for velocity transformations using a BodyFixed axis system will result in an error.

Axes Name	Origin	Base Type	Description
		Limi-tations	
BodyInertial	Celestial Body	IAU-1976 FK5	An inertial system referenced to the equator (at the J2000 epoch) of the celestial body selected as the origin of the CoordinateSystem . Because the BodyInertial axis system uses different theories for different bodies, the following definitions describe only the nominal axis configurations. The x-axis points along the line formed by the intersection of the bodies equator and earth's mean equator at J2000. The z-axis points along the body's spin axis direction at the J2000 epoch. The y-axis completes the right-handed set. For Earth, the BodyInertial axis system is identical to the MJ2000Eq system. For the Moon, the orientation at the J2000 epoch is computed using the theory selected in the field Luna.RotationDataSource . For all other built-in celestial bodies, the BodyInertial axis system is based upon the IAU report entitled "Report of the IAU/IAG Working Group on Cartographic Coordinates and Rotational Elements of the Planets and Satellites: 2000"
GSE	None	IAU-1976 FK5	The Geocentric Solar Ecliptic system. The x-axis points from Earth to the Sun. The z-axis is defined as the cross product RxV where R and V are earth's position and velocity with respect to the sun respectively. The y-axis completes the right-handed set. The GSE axes are computed using the relative motion of the Earth and Sun even if the origin is not Earth.
GSM	None	IAU-1976 FK5	The Geocentric Solar Magnetic system. The x-axis points from Earth to the Sun. The z-axis is defined to be orthogonal to the x-axis and lies in the plane of the x-axis and Earth's magnetic dipole vector. The y-axis completes the right-handed set. The GSM axes are computed using the relative motion of the Earth and Sun even if the origin is not Earth.
Topocentric	Earth	IAU-1976 FK5	A GroundStation -based coordinate system. The y-axis points due East and the z-axis is normal to the local horizon. The x-axis completes the right handed set.
BodySpinSun	Celestial Body	IAU-1976 FK5	A celestial body spin-axis-referenced system. The x-axis points from the celestial body to the Sun. The y-axis is computed as the cross product of the x-axis and the body's spin axis. The z-axis completes the right-handed set.

Examples

Define a **Spacecraft**'s state in **EarthFixed** coordinates.

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthFixed
aSpacecraft.X = 7100
```

```
aSpacecraft.Y = 0
aSpacecraft.Z = 1300
aSpacecraft.VX = 0
aSpacecraft.VY = 7.35
aSpacecraft.VZ = 1
```

Report a **Spacecraft**'s state in **GroundStation Topocentric** coordinates.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp
Create GroundStation aStation

Create CoordinateSystem stationTopo
stationTopo.Origin = aStation
stationTopo.Axes = Topocentric

Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Filename = 'ReportFile1.txt'
aReport.Add = {aSat.stationTopo.X aSat.stationTopo.Y aSat.stationTopo.Z ...
               aSat.stationTopo.VX aSat.stationTopo.VY aSat.stationTopo.VZ}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 8640.0}
```

View a trajectory in an **ObjectReferenced**, rotating-**LibrationPoint** system.

```
% Create the Earth-Moon Barycenter and Libration Point
Create Barycenter EarthMoonBary
EarthMoonBary.BodyNames = {Earth,Luna};

Create LibrationPoint SunEarthMoonL1
SunEarthMoonL1.Primary = Sun;
SunEarthMoonL1.Secondary = EarthMoonBary
SunEarthMoonL1.Point = L1;

% Create the coordinate system
Create CoordinateSystem RotatingSEML1Coord
RotatingSEML1Coord.Origin = SunEarthMoonL1
RotatingSEML1Coord.Axes = ObjectReferenced
RotatingSEML1Coord.XAxis = R
RotatingSEML1Coord.ZAxis = N
RotatingSEML1Coord.Primary = Sun
RotatingSEML1Coord.Secondary = EarthMoonBary

% Create the spacecraft and propagator
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
aSpacecraft.Epoch = '09 Dec 2005 13:00:00.000'
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = RotatingSEML1Coord
aSpacecraft.X = -32197.88223741966
aSpacecraft.Y = 211529.1500044117
aSpacecraft.Z = 44708.57017366499
aSpacecraft.VX = 0.03209516489451751
aSpacecraft.VY = 0.06100386504053736
aSpacecraft.VZ = 0.0550442738917212

Create Propagator aPropagator
```

```
aPropagator.FM          = aForceModel
aPropagator.MaxStep = 86400
Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.PointMasses = {Earth,Sun,Luna}

% Create a 3-D graphic
Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add           = {aSpacecraft, Earth, Sun, Luna}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = RotatingSEML1Coord
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = SunEarthMoonL1
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector   = [-1500000 0 0 ]
anOrbitView.ViewDirection     = SunEarthMoonL1
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = RotatingSEML1Coord
anOrbitView.Axes             = Off
anOrbitView.XYPlane          = Off

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aPropagator(aSpacecraft, {aSpacecraft.ElapsedDays = 180})
```

ContactLocator

A line-of-sight event locator between a target **Spacecraft** and an observer **GroundStation**

Description



Note

ContactLocator is a SPICE-based subsystem that uses a parallel configuration for the solar system and celestial bodies from other GMAT components. For precision applications, care must be taken to ensure that both configurations are consistent. See [Remarks](#) for details.

A **ContactLocator** is an event locator used to find line-of-sight contact events between a **Spacecraft** and a **GroundStation**. By default, a **ContactLocator** generates a text event report listing the beginning and ending times of each line-of-sight event, along with the duration. Contact location can be performed over the entire propagation interval or over a subinterval, and can optionally adjust for light-time delay and stellar aberration. Contact location can be configured to search for times of occultation of other **CelestialBody** resources that may block line of sight, and can limit contact events to a specified minimum elevation angle configured on the **GroundStation**.

Contact location can be performed between one **Spacecraft (Target)** and any number of **GroundStation** resources (**Observers**). Each target-observer pair is searched individually, and results in a separate segment of the resulting report. All pairs must use the same interval and search options; to customize the options per pair, use multiple **ContactLocator** resources.

Third-body occultation searches can be included by listing one or more **CelestialBody** resources in the **OccultingBodies** list. Any configured **CelestialBody** can be used as an occulting body, including user-defined ones. By default, no occultation searches are performed; the central body of the **GroundStation** is included automatically in the basic line-of-sight algorithm.

By default, the **ContactLocator** searches the entire interval of propagation of the **Target**, after applying certain endpoint light-time adjustments; see [Remarks](#) for details. To search a custom interval, set **UseEntireInterval** to **False** and set **InitialEpoch** and **FinalEpoch** accordingly. Note that these epochs are assumed to be at the observer, and so must be valid when translated to the target via light-time delay and stellar aberration, if configured. If they fall outside the propagation interval of the **Target**, GMAT will display an error.

The contact locator can optionally adjust for both light-time delay and stellar aberration, using either a transmit sense (**Observer**→**Target**) or receive sense (**Observer**←**Target**) depending on the value of **LightTimeDirection**. The light-time direction affects the valid search interval by limiting searches near the start of the interval (for transmit sense) or the end of the interval (for receive sense). See [Remarks](#) for details. Stellar aberration is only applied for the line-of-sight portion of the search; it has no effect during occultation searches.

The event search is performed at a fixed step through the interval. You can control the step size (in seconds) by setting the **StepSize** field. An appropriate choice for step size is no greater than half the period of the line-of-sight function—that is, half the orbit period for an elliptical orbit. If third-body occultations are used, the maximum step size is no greater than the minimum-duration occultation event you wish to find. See [Remarks](#) for details.

GMAT uses the SPICE library for the fundamental event location algorithm. As such, all celestial body data is loaded from SPICE kernels for this subsystem, rather than GMAT's own **CelestialBody** shape and orientation configuration. See [Remarks](#) for details.

Unless otherwise mentioned, **ContactLocator** fields cannot be set in the mission sequence.

See Also: [CelestialBody](#), [GroundStation](#), [Spacecraft](#), [EclipseLocator](#), [FindEvents](#)

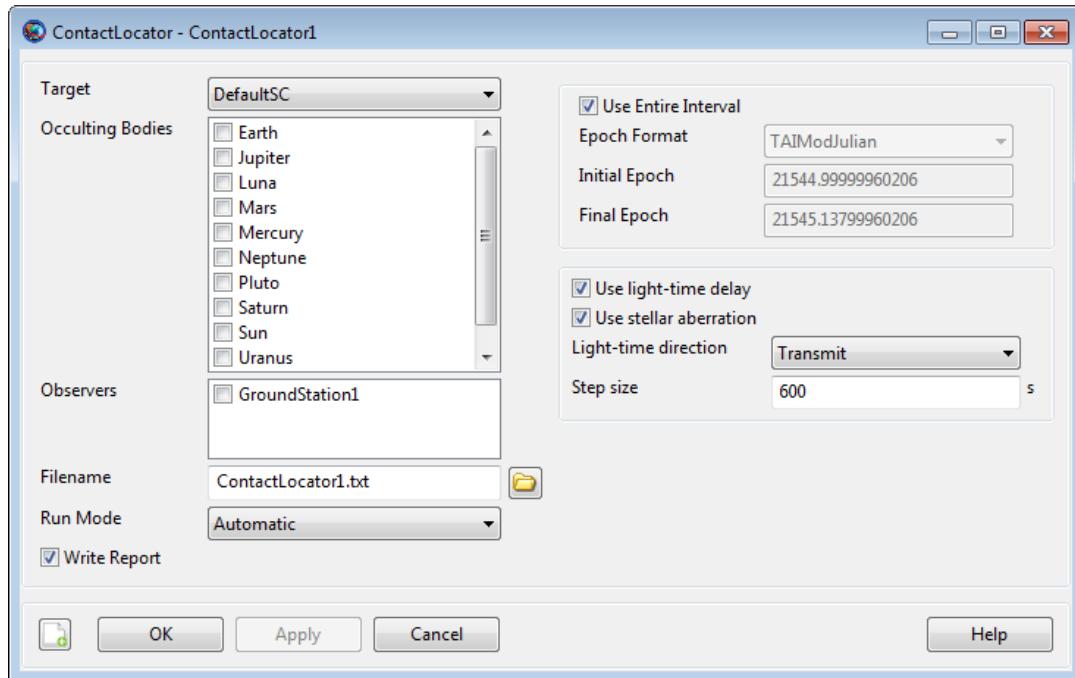
Fields

Field	Description
Filename	Name and path of the contact report file. This field can be set in the mission sequence. Data Type String Allowed Values Valid file path Access set Default Value ' <i>ContactLocator.txt</i> ' Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
FinalEpoch	Last epoch to search for contacts, in the format specified by InputEpochFormat . The epoch is relative to the Observer , and must map to a valid epoch in the Target ephemeris interval, including any light time. This field can be set in the mission sequence. Data Type String Allowed Values Valid epoch in available spacecraft ephemeris Access set Default Value '21545.138' Units Modified Julian epoch formats: days Gregorian epoch formats: N/A Interfaces GUI, script
InitialEpoch	First epoch to search for contacts, in the format specified by InputEpochFormat . The epoch is relative to the Observer , and must map to a valid epoch in the Target ephemeris interval, including any light time. This field can be set in the mission sequence. Data Type String Allowed Values Valid epoch in available spacecraft ephemeris Access set Default Value '21545' Units Modified Julian epoch formats: days Gregorian epoch formats: N/A Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
LightTimeDirection	Sense of light-time calculation: transmit from observer or receive at observer. The clock is always hosted on the Target .
	<p>Data Type Enumeration</p> <p>Allowed Values Transmit, Receive</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Transmit</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Observers	List of the contact observer objects. Can be any number of GMAT GroundStation resources.
	<p>Data Type List of GroundStation resources</p> <p>Allowed Values Any existing GroundStation resources</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Empty list</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
OccultingBodies	List of occulting bodies to search for contacts. Can be any number of GMAT CelestialBody -type resources, such as Planet, Moon, Asteroid , etc. Note that an occulting body must have a mass (e.g. not LibrationPoint or Barycenter).
	<p>Data Type List of CelestialBody resources (e.g. Planet, Asteroid, Moon, etc.)</p> <p>Allowed Values Any existing CelestialBody-class resources</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Empty list</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
RunMode	Mode of event location execution. ' Automatic ' triggers event location to occur automatically at the end of the run. ' Manual ' limits execution only to the FindEvents command. ' Disabled ' turns off event location entirely.
	<p>Data Type Enumeration</p> <p>Allowed Values Automatic, Manual, Disabled</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 'Automatic'</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
StepSize	Step size of event locator. See Remarks for discussion of appropriate values.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values StepSize > 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 10</p> <p>Units s</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

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GUI



The default **ContactLocator** GUI for a new resource is shown above. You can choose one **Spacecraft** from **Target**, which is populated by all the **Spacecraft** resources currently configured in the mission. In the **Observers** list, you can check the box next to all **GroundStations** you want to search for contacts to.

To search for third-body occultations, check the boxes next to any applicable **CelestialBody** resources in the **Occulting Bodies** list. This list shows all celestial bodies currently configured in the mission. Note that each occultation search will increase the execution time of the overall search.

You can configure the output via **Filename**, **Run Mode**, and **Write Report** near the bottom. If **Write Report** is enabled, a text report will be written to the file specified in **Filename**. The search will execute during **FindEvents** commands (for **Manual** or **Automatic** modes) and automatically at the end of the mission (for **Automatic** mode), depending on the **Run Mode**.

You can configure the search interval via the options in the upper right. Uncheck **Use Entire Interval** to set the search interval manually. See the **Remarks** section for considerations when setting the search interval.

You can control the search algorithm via the options in the bottom right. Configure light-time and stellar aberration via the check boxes next to each, and select the signal direction via the **Light-time direction** selection.

To control the fidelity and execution time of the search, set the **Step size** appropriately. See the **Remarks** section for details.

Remarks

Data configuration

The **ContactLocator** implementation is based on the [NAIF SPICE toolkit](#), which uses a different mechanism for environmental data such as celestial body shape and orientation, planetary ephemerides, body-specific frame definitions, and leap seconds. Therefore, it is necessary

to maintain two parallel configurations to ensure that the event location results are consistent with GMAT's own propagation and other parameters. The specific data to be maintained is:

- Planetary shape and orientation:
 - GMAT core: `CelestialBody.EquatorialRadius`, `Flattening`, `SpinAxisRAConstant`, `SpinAxisRARate`, etc.
 - ContactLocator: `SolarSystem.PCKFilename`,
`CelestialBody.PlanetarySpiceKernelName`
- Planetary ephemeris:
 - GMAT core: `SolarSystem.DEFilename`, or (`SolarSystem.SPKFilename`,
`CelestialBody.OrbitSpiceKernelName`, `CelestialBody.NAIFId`)
 - ContactLocator: `SolarSystem.SPKFilename`, `CelestialBody.OrbitSpiceKernelName`,
`CelestialBody.NAIFId`
- Body-fixed frame:
 - GMAT core: built-in
 - ContactLocator: `CelestialBody.SpiceFrameId`,
`CelestialBody.FrameSpiceKernelName`
- Leap seconds:
 - GMAT core: startup file `LEAP_SECS_FILE` setting
 - ContactLocator: `SolarSystem.LSKFilename`



Note

For precise applications, the **Earth** shape must be consistent in both subsystems to ensure consistent placement of a **GroundStation**. The following script lines make the two definitions consistent.

```
SolarSystem.PCKFilename = '..\data\planetary_coeff\pck00010.tpc'
Earth.EquatorialRadius = 6378.1366
Earth.Flattening = 0.00335281310845547
```

See `SolarSystem` and `CelestialBody` for more details.

Search interval

The **ContactLocator** search interval can be specified either as the entire ephemeris interval of the **Target**, or as a user-defined interval. Each mode offers specific behavior related to handling of light-time delay and discontinuous intervals.

If `UseEntireInterval` is true, the search is performed over the entire ephemeris interval of the **Target**, including any gaps or discontinuities. If light-time delay is enabled, the search interval is truncated by the approximate light time to allow SPICE to determine the exact light-time delay between the participants during the search. If `LightTimeDirection` is `Transmit`, the beginning of the interval is truncated. If `LightTimeDirection` is `Receive`, the end of the interval is truncated. In either case, the other end of the interval is trimmed slightly via bisection to avoid stepping beyond the end of the ephemeris due to numeric precision issues. This trimming is typically less than 1 s. The endpoints of gaps or discontinuities are not modified, so these are not fully supported if light-time delay is enabled. If light-time delay is disabled, the entire interval is used directly, with no endpoint manipulation.

If `UseEntireInterval` is false, the provided `InitialEpoch` and `FinalEpoch` are used to form the search interval directly. This interval is consistent with the **Observer** clock, and does not support the inclusion of gaps or discontinuities from the **Target** ephemeris. The user must ensure that

the provided interval results in valid **Target** ephemeris epochs after light-time delay and stellar aberration have been applied.

These rules are summarized in the following table, where t_0 and t_f are the beginning and end of the **Target** ephemeris, respectively, and lt is the light time between the **Target** and the **Observer**.

	UseEntireInterval true	UseEntireInterval false
UseLightTimeDelay true	Effective interval LightTimeDirection = 'Transmit': $[t_0 + lt, t_f]$ LightTimeDirection = 'Receive': $[t_0, t_f - lt]$ Discontinuous intervals Unsupported. Behavior is undefined.	Effective interval $[InitialEpoch, FinalEpoch]$ Discontinuous intervals Unsupported. Behavior is undefined.
UseLightTimeDelay false	Effective interval $[t_0, t_f]$ Discontinuous intervals Fully supported	Effective interval $[InitialEpoch, FinalEpoch]$ Discontinuous intervals Fully supported

Run modes

The **ContactLocator** works in conjunction with the **FindEvents** command: the **ContactLocator** resource defines the configuration of the event search, and the **FindEvents** command executes the search at a specific point in the mission sequence. The mode of interaction is defined by **ContactLocator.RunMode**, which has three options:

- **Automatic**: All **FindEvents** commands are executed as-is, plus an additional **FindEvents** is executed automatically at the end of the mission sequence.
- **Manual**: All **FindEvents** commands are executed as-is.
- **Disabled**: **FindEvents** commands are ignored.

Search algorithm

The **ContactLocator** uses the NAIF SPICE GF (geometry finder) subsystem to perform event location. Specifically, the following two calls are used for the search:

- **gfposc_c**: For line-of-sight search above the **GroundStation.MinimumElevationAngle**
- **gfoclt_c**: For third-body occultation searches

Both functions implement a fixed-step search method through the interval, with an embedded root-location step if an event is found. Proper selection of **StepSize** differs between the two functions.

For the basic line-of-sight search, without third-body occultations, **StepSize** can be set as high as one-half the period of the event function. For an elliptic orbit, this is up to one-half the orbit period.

For third-body occultations, **StepSize** should be set equal to the length of the minimum-duration event to be found, or equal to the lenght of the minimum-duration gap between events, whichever is smaller. To guarantee location of 10-second occultations, set **StepSize** = 10.

If no third-body occultations are to be found, you can increase performance of the search by increasing **StepSize** per the notes above.

For details, see the reference documentation for the two functions linked above.

Report format

When **WriteReport** is enabled, **ContactLocator** outputs an event report at the end of each search execution. The report contains the following data:

- Target name
- For each Observer:
 - Observer name
 - For each event:
 - Event start time (UTC)
 - Event stop time (UTC)
 - Duration (s)
 - Total number of events

A sample report is shown below.

```
Target: DefaultSC

Observer: GroundStation1
Start Time (UTC)           Stop Time (UTC)           Duration (s)
01 Jan 2000 13:18:45.268    01 Jan 2000 13:29:54.824    669.55576907
01 Jan 2000 15:06:44.752    01 Jan 2000 15:18:22.762    698.01023654

Number of events : 2

Observer: GroundStation2
Start Time (UTC)           Stop Time (UTC)           Duration (s)
01 Jan 2000 13:36:13.792    01 Jan 2000 13:47:51.717    697.92488540

Number of events : 1
```

Event location with SPK propagator

When using the SPK propagator, you load one or more SPK ephemeris files using the **Spacecraft.OrbitSpiceKernelName** field. For the purposes of event location, this field causes the appropriate ephemeris files to be loaded automatically on run, and so use of the **Propagate** command is not necessary. This is an easy way of performing event location on an existing SPK ephemeris file. See the example below.

Examples

Perform a basic contact search in LEO:

```
SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'DE421'

Earth.EquatorialRadius = 6378.1366
Earth.Flattening = 0.00335281310845547

Create Spacecraft sat
sat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
sat.Epoch = '15 Sep 2010 16:00:00.000'
sat.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
sat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
```

```
sat.SMA = 6678.14
sat.ECC = 0.001
sat.INC = 0
sat.RAAN = 0
sat.AOP = 0
sat.TA = 180

Create ForceModel fm
fm.CentralBody = Earth
fm.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
fm.GravityField.Earth.PotentialFile = 'JGM2.cof'
fm.GravityField.Earth.Degree = 0
fm.GravityField.Earth.Order = 0
fm.GravityField.Earth.EarthTideModel = 'None'
fm.Drag.AtmosphereModel = None
fm.PointMasses = {}
fm.RelativisticCorrection = Off
fm.SRP = Off

Create Propagator prop
prop.FM = fm
prop.Type = RungeKutta89

Create GroundStation GS
GS.CentralBody = Earth
GS.StateType = Spherical
GS.HorizonReference = Ellipsoid
GS.Location1 = 0;
GS.Location2 = 0;
GS.Location3 = 0;

Create ContactLocator cl
cl.Target = sat
cl.Observers = {GS}
cl.Filename = 'Simple.report'

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedSecs = 10800}
```

Perform a contact event search from an Earth ground station to a Mars orbiter, with Phobos occultations:

```
% Mars orbiter, 2 days, Mars and Phobos eclipses

SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'SPICE'
SolarSystem.SPKFilename = 'de421.bsp'

Mars.OrbitSpiceKernelName = '../data/planetary_ephem/spk/mar063.bsp'

Earth.EquatorialRadius = 6378.1366
Earth.Flattening = 0.00335281310845547

Create Spacecraft sat
sat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
sat.EPOCH = '11 Mar 2004 12:00:00.000'
sat.CoordinateSystem = MarsMJ2000Eq
sat.DisplayStateType = Cartesian
```

```
sat.X = -1.436997966893255e+003
sat.Y = 2.336077717512823e+003
sat.Z = 2.477821416108639e+003
sat.VX = -2.978497667195258e+000
sat.VY = -1.638005864673213e+000
sat.VZ = -1.836385137438366e-001

Create ForceModel fm
fm.CentralBody = Mars
fm.PrimaryBodies = {Mars}
fm.GravityField.Mars.PotentialFile = 'Mars50c.cof'
fm.GravityField.Mars.Degree = 0
fm.GravityField.Mars.Order = 0
fm.Drag.AtmosphereModel = None
fm.PointMasses = {}
fm.RelativisticCorrection = Off
fm.SRP = Off

Create Propagator prop
prop.FM = fm
prop.Type = RungeKutta89

Create Moon Phobos
Phobos.CentralBody = 'Mars'
Phobos.PosVelSource = 'SPICE'
Phobos.NAIFId = 401
Phobos.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'mar063.bsp'}
Phobos.SpiceFrameId = 'IAU_PHOBOS'
Phobos.EquatorialRadius = 13.5
Phobos.Flattening = 0.3185185185185186
Phobos.Mu = 7.093399e-004

Create Moon Deimos
Deimos.CentralBody = 'Mars'
Deimos.PosVelSource = 'SPICE'
Deimos.NAIFId = 402
Deimos.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'mar063.bsp'}
Deimos.SpiceFrameId = 'IAU_DEIMOS'
Deimos.EquatorialRadius = 7.5
Deimos.Flattening = 0.30666666666666664
Deimos.Mu = 1.588174e-004

Create CoordinateSystem MarsMJ2000Eq
MarsMJ2000Eq.Origin = Mars
MarsMJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

Create GroundStation GS
GS.CentralBody = Earth
GS.StateType = Spherical
GS.HorizonReference = Ellipsoid
GS.Location1 = 36.3269
GS.Location2 = 127.433
GS.Location3 = 0.081

Create ContactLocator cl
cl.Target = sat
cl.Observers = {GS}
cl.OccultingBodies = {Sun, Mercury, Venus, Luna, Mars, Phobos, Deimos}
```

```
cl.Filename = 'Martian.report'  
cl.StepSize = 5  
  
BeginMissionSequence  
  
Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedDays = 2}
```

Perform contact location on an existing SPK ephemeris file:

```
SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'DE421'  
  
Earth.EquatorialRadius = 6378.1366  
Earth.Flattening = 0.00335281310845547  
  
Create Spacecraft sat  
sat.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'../data/vehicle/ephem/spk/Events_Simple.bsp'}  
  
Create GroundStation GS  
GS.CentralBody = Earth  
GS.StateType = Spherical  
GS.HorizonReference = Ellipsoid  
GS.Location1 = 0  
GS.Location2 = 0  
GS.Location3 = 0  
  
Create ContactLocator cl  
cl.Target = sat  
cl.Observers = {GS}  
cl.Filename = 'SPKPropagation.report'  
  
BeginMissionSequence
```


DifferentialCorrector

A numerical solver

Description

A **DifferentialCorrector** (DC) is a numerical solver for solving boundary value problems. It is used to refine a set of variable parameters in order to meet a set of goals defined for the modeled mission. The DC in GMAT supports several numerical techniques. In the mission sequence, you use the **DifferentialCorrector** resource in a **Target** control sequence to solve the boundary value problem. In GMAT, differential correctors are often used to determine the maneuver components required to achieve desired orbital conditions, say, B-plane conditions at a planetary flyby.

You must create and configure a **DifferentialCorrector** resource for your application by setting numerical properties of the solver such as the algorithm type, the maximum number of allowed iterations and choice of derivative method used to calculate the finite differences. You can also select among different output options that show increasing levels of information for each differential corrector iteration.

This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

See Also: [Target](#), [Vary](#), [Achieve](#)

Fields

Field	Description	
Algorithm	The numerical method used to solve the boundary value problem.	
	Data Type	String
	Allowed Values	NewtonRaphson , Broyden , Modified-Broyden
	Access	set
	Default Value	NewtonRaphson
	Units	N/A
	Interfaces	GUI, script
DerivativeMethod	Chooses between one-sided and central differencing for numerically determining the derivative. Only used when Algorithm is set to NewtonRaphson .	
	Data Type	String
	Allowed Values	ForwardDifference , BackwardDifference , CentralDifference
	Access	set
	Default Value	ForwardDifference
	Units	N/A
	Interfaces	GUI, script

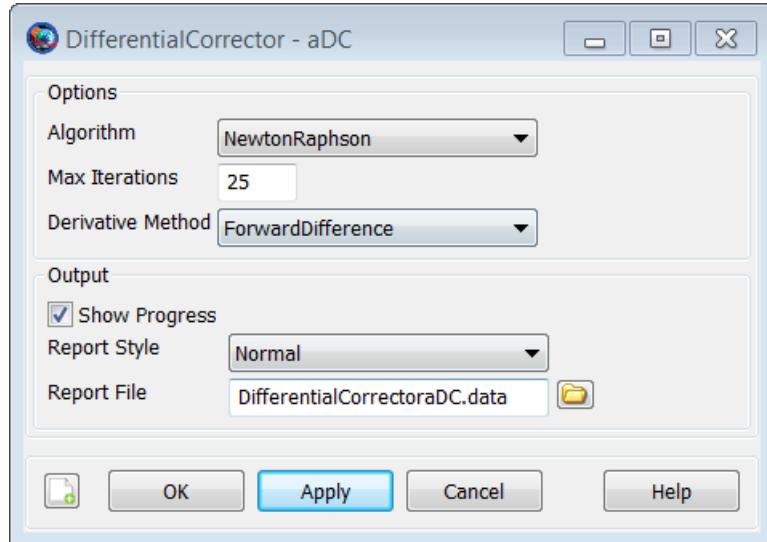
Field	Description
MaximumIterations	Sets the maximum number of nominal passes the DifferentialCorrector is allowed to take during the attempt to find a solution. If the maximum iterations is reached, GMAT exits the target loop and continues to the next command in the mission sequence. In this case, the objects retain their states as of the last nominal pass through the targeting loop.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values Integer ≥ 1</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 25</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ReportFile	Specifies the path and file name for the DifferentialCorrector report. The report is only generated if ShowProgress is set to true.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Filename consistent with OS</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value <code>DifferentialCorrectorDCName.data</code>, where <code>DCname</code> is the name of the DifferentialCorrector</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ReportStyle	Controls the amount and type of information written to the file defined in the ReportFile field. Currently, the Normal and Concise options contain the same information: the Jacobian, the inverse of the Jacobian, the current values of the control variables, and achieved and desired values of the constraints. Verbose contains values of the perturbation variables in addition to the data for Normal and Concise . Debug contains detailed script snippets at each iteration for objects that have control variables.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Normal, Concise, Verbose, Debug</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Normal</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
ShowProgress	When the ShowProgress field is set to true, then data illustrating the progress of the differential correction process are written to the message window and the ReportFile . The message window is updated with information on the current control variable values and the constraint variances. When the ShowProgress field is set to false, no information on the progress of the differential correction process is displayed to the message window or written to the ReportFile .
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	true, false
Access	set
Default Value	true
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

The **DifferentialCorrector** dialog box allows you to specify properties of a **DifferentialCorrector** such as the numerical algorithm, maximum iterations, choice of derivative method used to calculate the finite differences, and choice of reporting options.

To create a **DifferentialCorrector** resource, navigate to the **Resources** tree, expand the **Solvers** folder, right-click on the **Boundary Value Solvers** folder, point to **Add**, and click **DifferentialCorrector**. A resource named **DC1** will be created. Double-click on the **DC1** resource to bring up the following **Differential Corrector** dialog box.



Remarks

Supported Algorithm Details

GMAT supports several algorithms for solving boundary value problems including **Newton Raphson**, **Broyden**, and **Modified Broyden**. These algorithms use finite differencing or other numerical approximations to compute the Jacobian of the constraints and independent variables. The default algorithm is currently **NewtonRaphson**. **Broyden's** method and **ModifiedBroyden** usually take more iterations but fewer function evaluations than **NewtonRaphson** and so are often faster. A description of each algorithm is provided below. We recommend trying dif-

ferent algorithm options for your application to determine which algorithm provides the best balance of performance and robustness.

Newton-Raphson

The **NewtonRaphson** algorithm is a quasi-Newton method that computes the Jacobian using finite differencing. GMAT supports forward, central, and backward differencing to compute the Jacobian.

Broyden

Broyden's method uses the slope between state iterations as an approximation of the first derivative instead of numerically calculating the first derivative using finite differencing. This results in substantially fewer function evaluations. The Broyden iterate is updated using the following equation.

$$J_k = J_{k-1} + \frac{f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1}) - J_{k-1}(x_k - x_{k-1})}{\|x_k - x_{k-1}\|^2} (x_k - x_{k-1})^T$$

ModifiedBroyden

The modified **Broyden**'s method updates the inverse of the Jacobian matrix to avoid numerical issues in matrix inversion when solving near singular problems. Like **Broyden**'s method, it requires fewer function evaluations than the **NewtonRaphson** algorithm. The inverse of the Jacobian, H, is updated using the following equation,

$$H_{k+1} = H_k + (s_k - H_k y_k) v_k^T$$

where

$$s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$$

$$y_k = f(x_{k+1}) - f(x_k)$$

$$v_k = \frac{H_k^T s_k}{s_k^T H_k y_k}$$

Resource and Command Interactions

The **DifferentialCorrector** object can only be used in the context of targeting-type commands. Please see the documentation for **Target**, **Vary**, and **Achieve** for more information and worked examples.

Examples

Create a **DifferentialCorrector** configured to use **Broyden**'s method and use it to solve for an apogee raising maneuver.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp
```

```
Create ImpulsiveBurn aDeltaV
Create OrbitView a3DPlot
a3DPlot.Add = {aSat,Earth};

Create DifferentialCorrector aDC
aDC.Algorithm = 'Broyden'

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat){aSat.Periapsis}

Target aDC

    Vary aDC(aDeltaV.Element1 = 0.01)
    Maneuver aDeltaV(aSat)
    Propagate aProp(aSat){aSat.Apoapsis}
    Achieve aDC(aSat.RMAG = 12000)

EndTarget
```

To see further examples for how the **DifferentialCorrector** object is used in conjunction with **Target**, **Vary**, and **Achieve** commands to solve orbit problems, see the **Target** command examples.

ElectricTank

A model of a tank containing fuel for an electric propulsion system

Description

An **ElectricTank** is a model of a tank and is required for finite burns employing an electric propulsion system. To use an **ElectricTank**, you must first create the tank, and then attach it to the desired **Spacecraft** and associate it with an **ElectricThruster** as shown in the example below. Additionally you must create a **SolarPowerSystem** or **NuclearPowerSystem** and attach it to the **Spacecraft**.

For a complete descripton of how to configure all Resources required for electric propulsion modelling, see the Tutorial named [Electric Propulsion](#)

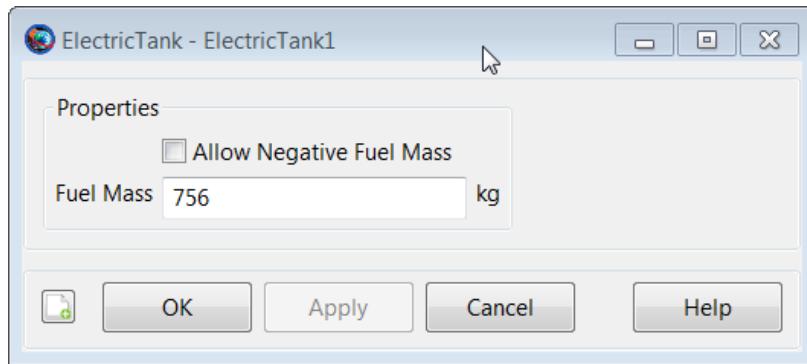
See Also [ElectricThruster](#),[NuclearPowerSystem](#),[SolarPowerSystem](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
AllowNegativeFuelMass	<p>This field allows the ElectricTank to have negative fuel mass which can be useful in optimization and targeting sequences before convergence has occurred. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Boolean</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>true, false</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>false</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Boolean	Allowed Values	true, false	Access	set	Default Value	false	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Interfaces	GUI, script												
FuelMass	<p>The mass of fuel in the tank.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Real</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Real > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>756</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>kg</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	Real > 0	Access	set, get	Default Value	756	Units	kg	Interfaces	GUI, script
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GUI

The **ElectricTank** dialog box allows you to specify properties of a fuel tank. The layout of the **ElectricTank** dialog box is shown below.



Remarks

Use of ElectricTank Resource in Conjunction with Maneuvers

An **ElectricTank** is used in conjunction with finite maneuvers. To implement a finite maneuver, you must first create both an **ElectricThruster** and a **FiniteBurn** resource. You must also associate the **ElectricTank** with the **ElectricThruster** resource and you must associate the **ElectricThruster** with the **FiniteBurn** resource. The finite maneuver is implemented using the **BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn** commands. See the **BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn** command documentation for worked examples on how the **ElectricTank** resource is used in conjunction with finite maneuvers.

For a complete description of how to configure all Resources required for electric propulsion modelling, see the Tutorial named *Electric Propulsion*

Behavior When Configuring Tank and Attached Tank Properties

Create a default **ElectricTank** and attach it to a **Spacecraft** and **ElectricThruster**.

```
% Create the ElectricTank Resource
Create ElectricTank aTank
aTank.AllowNegativeFuelMass = false
aTank.FuelMass = 756

% Create an ElectricThruster and assign it a ElectricTank
Create ElectricThruster aThruster
aThruster.Tank = {aTank}

% Add the ElectricTank and Thruster to a Spacecraft
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.Tanks = {aTank}
aSpacecraft.Thrusters = {aThruster}
```

As exhibited below, there are some subtleties associated with setting and getting parent vs. cloned resources. In the example above, **aTank** is the parent **ElectricTank** resource and the field **aSpacecraft.Tanks** is populated with a cloned copy of **aTank**.

Create a second spacecraft and attach a fuel tank using the same procedure used in the previous example. Set the **FuelMass** in the parent resource, **aTank**, to 900 kg.

```
% Add the ElectricTank and ElectricThruster to a second Spacecraft
Create Spacecraft bSpacecraft
bSpacecraft.Tanks = {aTank}
bSpacecraft.Thrusters = {aThruster}
```

```
aTank.FuelMass = 900 %Can be performed in both resource and  
%command modes
```

Note that in the example above, setting the value of the parent resource, **aTank**, changes the fuel mass value in both cloned fuel tank resources. More specifically, the value of both **aSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass** and **bSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass** are both now equal to the new value of 900 kg. We note that the assignment command for the parent resource, **aTank.FuelMass**, can be performed in both resource and command modes.

To change the value of the fuel mass in only the first created spacecraft, **aSpacecraft**, we do the following.

```
% Create the Fuel Tank Resource  
BeginMissionSequence  
aTank.FuelMass = 756 %Fuel tank mass in both s/c set back to default  
aSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass = 1000 %Can only be performed in command mode.
```

As a result of the commands in the previous example, the value of **aSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass** is 1000 kg and the value of **bSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass** is 756 kg. We note that the assignment command for the cloned resource, **aSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass**, can only be performed in command mode.

Caution: Value of AllowNegativeFuelMass Flag Can Affect Iterative Processes

By default, GMAT will not allow the fuel mass to be negative. However, occasionally in iterative processes such as targeting, a solver will try values of a maneuver parameter that result in total fuel depletion. Using the default tank settings, this will throw an exception stopping the run unless you set the **AllowNegativeFuelMass** flag to true. GMAT will not allow the the total spacecraft mass to be negative. If DryMass + FuelMass is negative GMAT will throw an exception and stop.

Examples

Create a default **ElectricTank** and attach it to a **Spacecraft** and **ElectricThruster**.

```
% Create the ElectricTank Resource  
Create ElectricTank aTank  
aTank.AllowNegativeFuelMass = false  
aTank.FuelMass = 756  
  
% Create an ElectricThruster and assign it a ElectricTank  
Create ElectricThruster aThruster  
aThruster.Tank = {aTank}  
  
% Add the ElectricTank and ElectricThruster to a Spacecraft  
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft  
aSpacecraft.Tanks = {aTank}  
aSpacecraft.Thrusters = {aThruster}  
  
BeginMissionSequence
```


ElectricThruster

An electric thruster model

Description

The **ElectricThruster** resource is a model of an electric thruster which supports several models for thrust and mass flow computation. The **ElectricThruster** model also allows you to specify properties such as a duty cycle and scale factor and to connect an **ElectricThruster** with an **ElectricTank**. You can flexibly define the direction of the thrust by specifying the thrust components in coordinate systems such as (locally defined) **SpacecraftBody** or **LVLH**, or by choosing any configured **CoordinateSystem** resource.

For a complete description of how to configure all Resources required for electric propulsion modelling, see the Tutorial named [Electric Propulsion](#)

See Also [ElectricTank](#), [NuclearPowerSystem](#), [SolarPowerSystem](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
Axes	Allows the user to define a spacecraft centered set of axes for the ElectricThruster . This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence												
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Interfaces	GUI, script												
ConstantThrust	Thrust value used ThrustModel is set to ConstantThrustAndIsp .												
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CoordinateSystem	Determines what coordinate system the orientation parameters, ThrustDirection1 , ThrustDirection2 , and ThrustDirection3 refer to. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.												
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DecrementMass	<p>Flag which determines if the FuelMass is to be decremented as it used. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 339 747 372">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="811 339 917 372">Boolean</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 377 747 411">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="811 377 933 411">true, false</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 415 747 446">Access</td><td data-bbox="811 415 859 446">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 451 747 485">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="811 451 874 485">false</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 489 747 523">Units</td><td data-bbox="811 489 882 523">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 527 747 561">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="811 527 954 561">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Boolean	Allowed Values	true, false	Access	set	Default Value	false	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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DutyCycle	<p>Fraction of time that the thrusters are on during a maneuver. The thrust applied to the spacecraft is scaled by this amount. Note that this scale factor also affects mass flow rate.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 707 747 741">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="811 707 970 741">Real Number</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 745 747 779">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="811 745 1002 779">0 <= Real <= 1</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 783 747 817">Access</td><td data-bbox="811 783 906 817">set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 822 747 855">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="811 822 835 855">1</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 860 747 893">Units</td><td data-bbox="811 860 882 893">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 898 747 932">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="811 898 954 932">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real Number	Allowed Values	0 <= Real <= 1	Access	set, get	Default Value	1	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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FixedEfficiency	<p>Thruster efficiency. Only used when ThrustModel is FixedEfficiency.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1035 747 1069">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="811 1035 867 1069">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1073 747 1107">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="811 1073 917 1107">Real > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1111 747 1145">Access</td><td data-bbox="811 1111 906 1145">set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1149 747 1183">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="811 1149 859 1183">0.7</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1188 747 1221">Units</td><td data-bbox="811 1188 1009 1221">Decimal Percent</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1226 747 1260">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="811 1226 954 1260">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	Real > 0	Access	set, get	Default Value	0.7	Units	Decimal Percent	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Interfaces	GUI, script												
GravitationalAccel	<p>Value of the gravitational acceleration used for the FuelTank/Thruster calculations.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1352 747 1385">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="811 1352 970 1385">Real Number</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1390 747 1423">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="811 1390 917 1423">Real > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1428 747 1462">Access</td><td data-bbox="811 1428 906 1462">set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1466 747 1500">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="811 1466 867 1500">9.81</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1504 747 1538">Units</td><td data-bbox="811 1504 882 1538">m/s²</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1543 747 1576">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="811 1543 954 1576">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real Number	Allowed Values	Real > 0	Access	set, get	Default Value	9.81	Units	m/s ²	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Access	set, get												
Default Value	9.81												
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Isp	<p>Thruster specific impulse. Only used when ThrustModel is set to FixedEfficiency or ConstantThrustAndIsp.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1668 747 1702">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="811 1668 867 1702">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1706 747 1740">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="811 1706 917 1740">Real > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1745 747 1778">Access</td><td data-bbox="811 1745 906 1778">set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1783 747 1817">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="811 1783 882 1817">4200</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1821 747 1855">Units</td><td data-bbox="811 1821 914 1855">seconds</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1859 747 1893">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="811 1859 954 1893">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	Real > 0	Access	set, get	Default Value	4200	Units	seconds	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Interfaces	GUI, script												

Field	Description
MassFlowCoeff1	Mass flow coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value -0.004776 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
MassFlowCoeff2	Mass flow coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0.05717 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
MassFlowCoeff3	Mass flow coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value -0.09956 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
MassFlowCoeff4	Mass flow coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0.03211 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
MassFlowCoeff5	Mass flow coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 2.13781 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
MaximumUsablePower	The maximum power the thruster can use to generate thrust. Power provided above MaximumUsablePower is not used in the thrust model. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0, Real < MinimumUsablePower Access set, get Default Value 7.266 Units kW Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
MinimumUsablePower	<p>The minimum power the thruster can use to generate thrust. If power provided to thruster is below MinimumUsablePower, no thrust is generated.</p>
	Data Type
	Real
	Allowed Values
	Real > 0, Real > MinimumUsablePower
	Access
	set, get
	Default Value
	0.638
	Units
	kW
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
Origin	<p>This field, used in conjunction with the Axes field, allows the user to define a spacecraft centered set of axes for the ElectricThruster. Origin has no affect when a Local coordinate system is used and the Axes are set to MJ2000Eq or SpacecraftBody. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	Data Type
	Reference Array
	Allowed Values
	Sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Luna, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	Earth
	Units
	N/A
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
Tank	<p>ElectricTank from which the ElectricThruster draws propellant from. In a script command, an empty list, e.g., Thruster1.Tank = {}, is NOT allowed. Via the script, if you wish to indicate that no ElectricTank is associated with an ElectricThruster, do not include commands such as Thruster1.Tank = ... in your script. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	Data Type
	Reference Array
	Allowed Values
	User defined list of FuelTank(s) .
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	N/A
	Units
	N/A
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
ThrustCoeff1	<p>Thrust coefficient.</p>
	Data Type
	Real
	Allowed Values
	Real Number
	Access
	set, get
	Default Value
	-5.19082
	Units
	See Mathematical Models
	Interfaces
	GUI, script

Field	Description
ThrustCoeff2	Thrust coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 2.96519 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustCoeff3	Thrust coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value -14.41789 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustCoeff4	Thrust coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 54.05382 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustCoeff5	Thrust coefficient. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value -0.00100092 Units See Mathematical Models Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustDirection1	X component of the spacecraft thrust vector direction. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 1 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustDirection2	Y component of the spacecraft thrust vector direction. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 1 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script

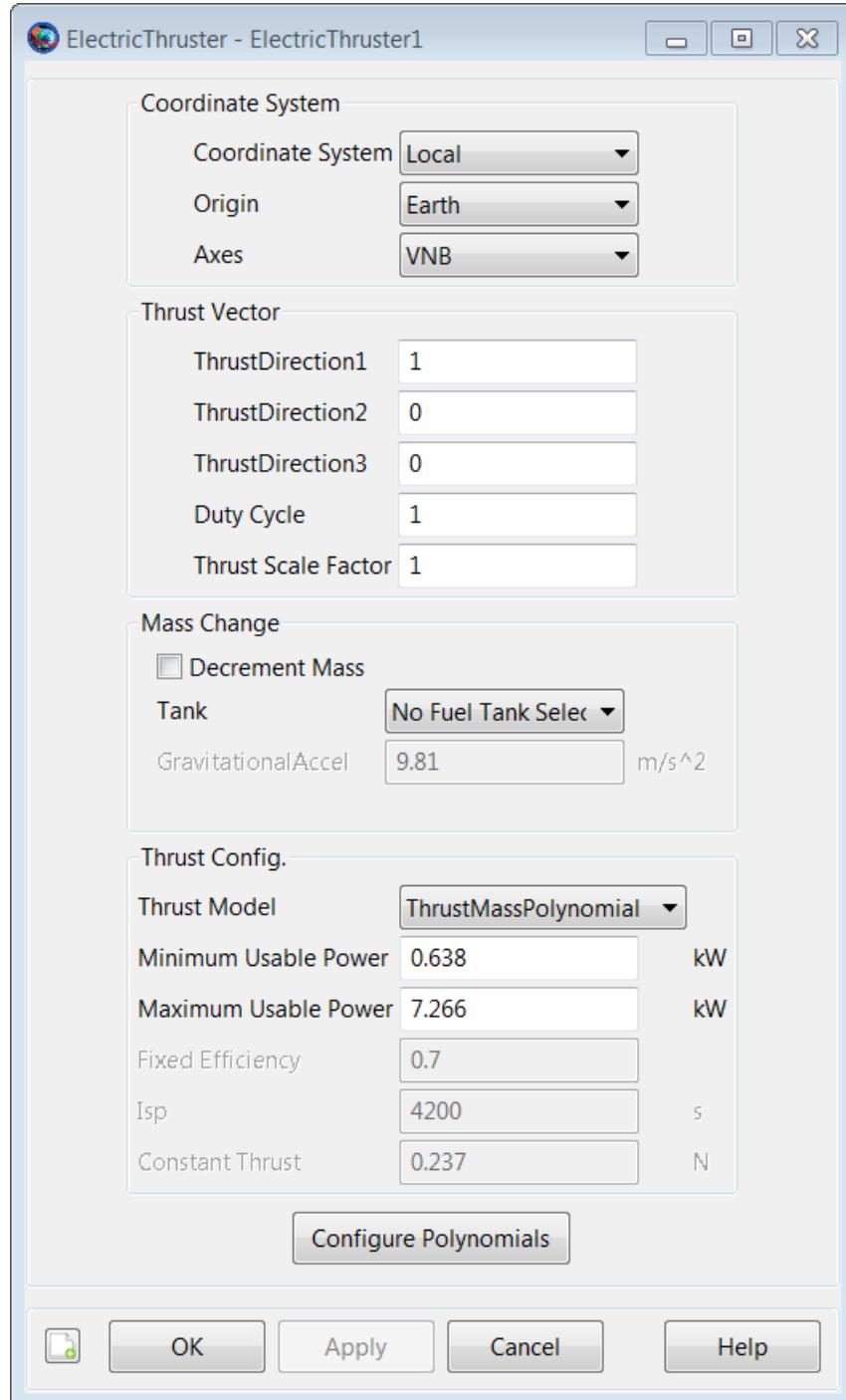
Field	Description
ThrustDirection3	Z component of the spacecraft thrust vector direction. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustModel	The type of thruster model. See Mathematical Models for a detailed description of the options. Data Type String Allowed Values ThrustMassPolynomial , ConstantThrustAndIsp , FixedEfficiency Access set, get Default Value ThrustMassPolynomial Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustScaleFactor	ThrustScaleFactor is a scale factor that is multiplied by the thrust vector, for a given thruster, before the thrust vector is added into the total acceleration. Note that the value of this scale factor does not affect the mass flow rate. Data Type Real Number Allowed Values Real ≥ 0 Access set, get Default Value 1 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script

Interactions

Command or Resource	Description
BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn command	Use these commands, which require a Spacecraft and a FiniteBurn name as input, to implement a finite burn.
ElectricTank source	re- This resource contains the fuel used to power the ElectricThruster specified by the FiniteBurn resource.
FiniteBurn source	re- When using the BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn commands, you must specify which FiniteBurn resource to implement. The FiniteBurn resource specifies which ElectricThruster(s) to use for the finite burn.
Spacecraft source	re- When using the BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn commands, you must specify which Spacecraft to apply the finite burn to.
Propagate mand	com- In order to implement a non-zero finite burn, a Propagate statement must occur within the BeginFiniteBurn and EndFiniteBurn statements.

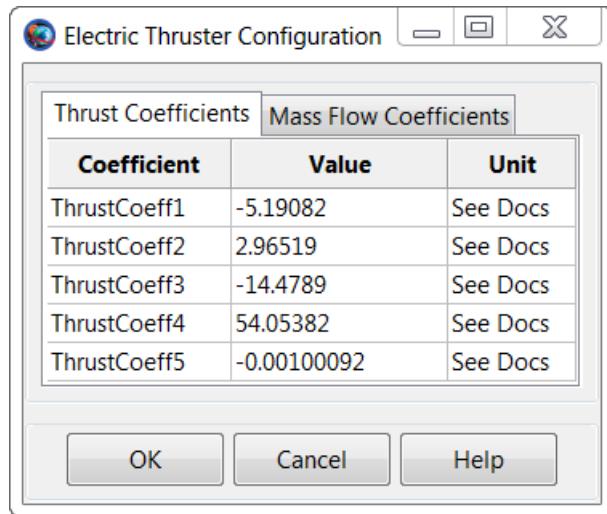
GUI

The **ElectricThruster** dialog box allows you to specify properties of an **ElectricThruster** including the **Coordinate System** of the thrust acceleration direction vector, the thrust magnitude and Isp coefficients, and choice of **ElectricTank**. The layout of the **ElectricThruster** dialog box is shown below.

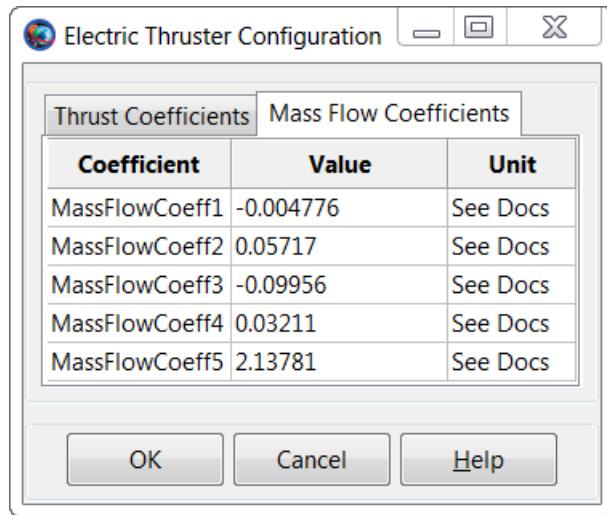


When configuring the **Coordinate System** field, you can choose between existing coordinate systems or use locally defined coordinate systems. The **Axes** field is only active if **Coordinate System** is set to **Local**. The **Origin** field is only active if **Coordinate System** is set to **Local** and **Axes** is set to either **VNB** or **LVLH**.

Selecting the **Configure Polynomials** button brings up the following dialog box where you may input the coefficients for the **ElectricThruster** polynomial.



Similarly, clicking the **Configure Polynomials** also allows you to edit mass flow coefficients as shown below.



Remarks

Mathematical Models

The **ElectricThruster** model supports several models for computation of thrust and mass flow rate and the model used is set by the **ThrustModel** field. When **ThrustModel** is set to **ThrustMassPolynomial**, the following polynomials are used to compute thrust and mass flow rate

$$\dot{m} = f_d(C_{m5}P^4 + C_{m4}P^3 + C_{m3}P^2 + C_{m2}P + C_{m1})$$

$$\bar{T} = f_d f_s (C_{t5}P^4 + C_{t4}P^3 + C_{t3}P^2 + C_{t2}P + C_{t1}) R_{iT} \hat{T}$$

where P is the power provided to the thruster which is computed using the power logic defined on the FiniteBurn resource, f_d is duty cycle, f_s is thrust scale factor, R_{iT} is the rotation matrix from the thrust coordinate system to the inertial system, and \hat{T} is the thrust unit vector. By industry convention, the mass flow rate and thrust polynomial equations are in mg/s.

s and milli-Newtons respectively. GMAT internally converts the units to be consistent with the equations of motion.

When **ThrustModel** is set to **ConstantThrustAndIsp**, the following polynomials are used to compute thrust and mass flow rate

$$\dot{m} = f_d \frac{C_{t1}}{I_{sp} g_0}$$

$$\bar{T} = f_d f_s C_{t1} R_{iT}^{-} \hat{T}$$

where C_{t1} is set using the **ConstantThrust** field, I_{sp} is set using the **Isp** field, f_d is duty cycle, f_s is thrust scale factor, R_{iT} is the rotation matrix from the thrust coordinate system to the inertial system, and \hat{T} is the thrust unit vector. Note, by industry convention, the mass flow rate and thrust polynomial equations are in mg/s and milli-Newtons respectively. GMAT internally converts the units to be consistent with the equations of motion.

When **ThrustModel** is set to **FixedEfficiency**, the following polynomials are used to compute thrust and mass flow rate

$$\dot{m} = f_d \frac{2\eta P}{(I_{sp} g_0)^2}$$

$$\bar{T} = f_d f_s \frac{2\eta P}{I_{sp} g_0} R_{iT}^{-} \hat{T}$$

where P is the power provided to the thruster which is computed from the power logic defined on the **FiniteBurn** Resource. "Eta" is the **FixedEfficiency** setting, f_d is duty cycle, f_s is thrust scale factor, R_{iT} is the rotation matrix from the thrust coordinate system to the inertial system, and \hat{T} is the thrust unit vector.

Use of Thruster Resource in Conjunction With Maneuvers

An **ElectricThruster** resource is used only in association with finite maneuvers. To implement a finite maneuver, you must first create both an **ElectricTank** and a **FiniteBurn** resource. You must also associate an **ElectricTank** with the **ElectricThruster** resource and you must associate an **ElectricThruster** with the **FiniteBurn** resource. The actual finite maneuver is implemented using the **BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn** commands.

For a complete description of how to configure all Resources required for electric propulsion modelling, see the Tutorial named [Electric Propulsion](#)

Local Coordinate Systems

Here, a Local coordinate system is defined as one that we configure "locally" using the **ElectricThruster** resource interface as opposed to defining a coordinate system using the **Coordinate Systems** folder in the **Resources** Tree.

To configure a local coordinate system, you must specify the coordinate system of the input thrust acceleration direction vector, **ThrustDirection1-3**. If you choose a local coordinate system, the four choices available, as given by the **Axes** sub-field, are **VNB**, **LVLH**, **MJ2000Eq**, and **SpacecraftBody**. **VNB** or Velocity-Normal-Binormal is a non-inertial coordinate system based upon the motion of the spacecraft with respect to the **Origin** sub-field. For example, if the **Origin** is chosen as Earth, then the X-axis of this coordinate system is along the velocity

of the spacecraft with respect to the Earth, the Y-axis is along the instantaneous orbit normal (with respect to the Earth) of the spacecraft, and the Z-axis completes the right-handed set.

Similarly, Local Vertical Local Horizontal or **LVLH** is also a non-inertial coordinate system based upon the motion of the spacecraft with respect to the **Origin** sub-field. Again, if we choose Earth as the origin, then the X-axis of this coordinate system is the position of the spacecraft with respect to the Earth, the Z-axis is the instantaneous orbit normal (with respect to the Earth) of the spacecraft, and the Y-axis completes the right-handed set.

MJ2000Eq is the J2000-based Earth-centered Earth mean equator inertial coordinate system. Note that the **Origin** sub-field is not needed to define this coordinate system.

SpacecraftBody is the attitude system of the spacecraft. Since the thrust is applied in this system, GMAT uses the attitude of the spacecraft, a spacecraft attribute, to determine the inertial thrust direction. Note that the **Origin** sub-field is not needed to define this coordinate system.

Caution Regarding Force Model Discontinuities

Note that when modellign shadows on a **SolarPowerSystem** Resource, it is possible that there is not enough power available to power an **ElectricThruster**. This occurs when the power available from the **SolarPowerSystem**, or the power distributed to the thruster, is less than **MinimumUsablePower**. When this occurs, the thruster model turns off thrust and this can cause a discontinuity in the force model. To avoid this, you must propagate to the boundary and switch propagators, or configure the **Propagator** to continue propagating if a poor step occurs.

Examples

Create a default **ElectricTank** and an **ElectricThruster** that allows for fuel depletion, assign the **ElectricThruster** the default **ElectricTank**, and attach both to a **Spacecraft**.

```
% Create an ElectricTank Resource
Create ElectricTank anElectricTank

% Create an Electric Thruster Resource
Create ElectricThruster anElectricThruster
anElectricThruster.CoordinateSystem = Local
anElectricThruster.Origin = Earth
anElectricThruster.Axes = VNB
anElectricThruster.ThrustDirection1 = 1
anElectricThruster.ThrustDirection2 = 0
anElectricThruster.ThrustDirection3 = 0
anElectricThruster.DutyCycle = 1
anElectricThruster.ThrustScaleFactor = 1
anElectricThruster.DecrementMass = true
anElectricThruster.Tank = {anElectricTank}
anElectricThruster.GravitationalAccel = 9.81000000000001
anElectricThruster.ThrustModel = ThrustMassPolynomial
anElectricThruster.MaximumUsablePower = 7.266
anElectricThruster.MinimumUsablePower = 0.638
anElectricThruster.ThrustCoeff1 = -5.19082
anElectricThruster.ThrustCoeff2 = 2.96519
anElectricThruster.ThrustCoeff3 = -14.4789
anElectricThruster.ThrustCoeff4 = 54.05382
anElectricThruster.ThrustCoeff5 = -0.00100092
anElectricThruster.MassFlowCoeff1 = -0.004776
anElectricThruster.MassFlowCoeff2 = 0.05717
```

```
anElectricThruster.MassFlowCoeff3 = -0.09956
anElectricThruster.MassFlowCoeff4 = 0.03211
anElectricThruster.MassFlowCoeff5 = 2.13781
anElectricThruster.FixedEfficiency = 0.7
anElectricThruster.Isp = 4200
anElectricThruster.ConstantThrust = 0.237

% Create a SolarPowerSystem Resource
Create SolarPowerSystem aSolarPowerSystem

% Create a Spacecraft Resource and attach hardware
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
DefaultSC.Tanks = {anElectricTank}
DefaultSC.Thrusters = {anElectricThruster}
DefaultSC.PowerSystem = aSolarPowerSystem

BeginMissionSequence
```


EclipseLocator

A **Spacecraft** eclipse event locator

Description



Note

EclipseLocator is a SPICE-based subsystem that uses a parallel configuration for the solar system and celestial bodies from other GMAT components. For precision applications, care must be taken to ensure that both configurations are consistent. See [Remarks](#) for details.

An **EclipseLocator** is an event locator used to find solar eclipse events as seen by a **Spacecraft**. By default, an **EclipseLocator** generates a text event report listing the beginning and ending times of each event, along with the duration, eclipsing body, shadow type, and information about simultaneous and adjacent nested events. Eclipse location can be performed over the entire propagation interval or over a subinterval, and can optionally adjust for light-time delay and stellar aberration.

Eclipse location can be performed with one or more **CelestialBody** resources as eclipsing (or occulting) bodies. Any configured **CelestialBody** can be used as an occulting body, including user-defined ones. Any type of eclipse can be found, including total (umbra), partial (penumbra), and annular (antumbra). All selected occulting bodies are searched using the same selection for eclipse types, search interval, and search options; to customize the options per body, use multiple **EclipseLocator** resources.

By default, the **EclipseLocator** searches the entire interval of propagation of the **Spacecraft**. To search a custom interval, set **UseEntireInterval** to **False** and set **InitialEpoch** and **FinalEpoch** accordingly. Note that these epochs are assumed to be **Spacecraft** epochs, and so must be valid and within the **Spacecraft** ephemeris interval. If they fall outside the propagation interval of the **Spacecraft**, GMAT will display an error.

The contact locator can optionally adjust for both light-time delay and stellar aberration, though stellar aberration currently has no effect.

The event search is performed at a fixed step through the interval. You can control the step size (in seconds) by setting the **StepSize** field. An appropriate choice for step size is no greater than the duration of the minimum event you wish to find, or the minimum gap between events you want to resolve, whichever is smaller. See [Remarks](#) for details.

GMAT uses the SPICE library for the fundamental event location algorithm. As such, all celestial body data is loaded from SPICE kernels for this subsystem, rather than GMAT's own **CelestialBody** shape and orientation configuration. See [Remarks](#) for details.

Unless otherwise mentioned, **EclipseLocator** fields cannot be set in the mission sequence.

See Also: [CelestialBody](#), [Spacecraft](#), [ContactLocator](#), [FindEvents](#)

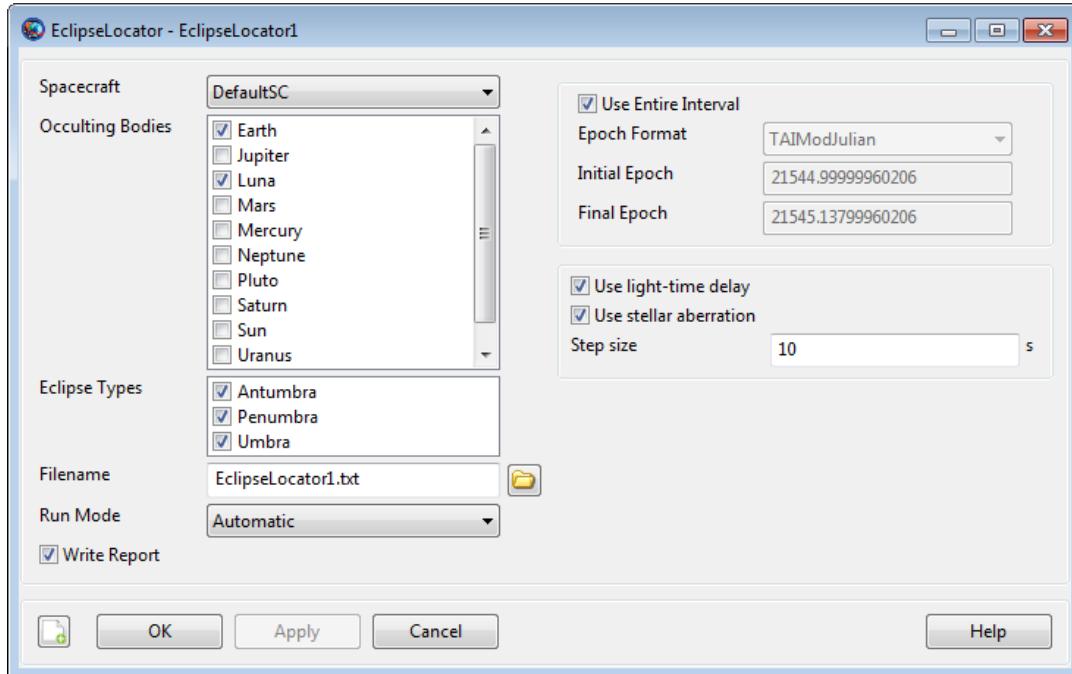
Fields

Field	Description
EclipseTypes	Types of eclipses (shadows) to search for. May be Umbra (total eclipses), Penumbra (partial eclipses), or Antumbra (annular eclipses).
	<p>Data Type Enumeration array</p> <p>Allowed Values Antumbra, Penumbra, Umbra</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value {Antumbra, Penumbra, Umbra}</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Filename	Name and path of the eclipse report file. This field can be set in the mission sequence.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Valid file path</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value '<i>EclipseLocator.txt</i>'</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
FinalEpoch	Last epoch to search for eclipses, in the format specified by InputEpochFormat . The epoch must be a valid epoch in the Spacecraft ephemeris interval. This field can be set in the mission sequence.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Valid epoch in available spacecraft ephemeris</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value '21545.138'</p> <p>Units Modified Julian epoch formats: days</p> <p>Interfaces Gregorian epoch formats: N/A</p>
InitialEpoch	First epoch to search for eclipses, in the format specified by InputEpochFormat . The epoch must be a valid epoch in the Spacecraft ephemeris interval. This field can be set in the mission sequence.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Valid epoch in available spacecraft ephemeris</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value '21545'</p> <p>Units Modified Julian epoch formats: days</p> <p>Interfaces Gregorian epoch formats: N/A</p>

Field	Description												
OccultingBodies	<p>List of occulting bodies to search for eclipses. Can be any number of GMAT CelestialBody-type resources, such as Planet, Moon, Asteroid, etc. Note that an occulting body must have a mass (e.g. not LibrationPoint or Barycenter).</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>List of CelestialBody resources (e.g. Planet, Asteroid, Moon, etc.)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Any existing CelestialBody-class resources set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Empty list</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	List of CelestialBody resources (e.g. Planet , Asteroid , Moon , etc.)	Allowed Values	Any existing CelestialBody -class resources set	Access		Default Value	Empty list	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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RunMode	<p>Mode of event location execution. 'Automatic' triggers event location to occur automatically at the end of the run. 'Manual' limits execution only to the FindEvents command. 'Disabled' turns off event location entirely.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Enumeration</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Automatic, Manual, Disabled</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>'Automatic'</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Enumeration	Allowed Values	Automatic , Manual , Disabled	Access	set	Default Value	' Automatic '	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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StepSize	<p>Step size of event locator. See Remarks for discussion of appropriate values.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Real</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>StepSize > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>s</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	StepSize > 0	Access	set	Default Value	10	Units	s	Interfaces	GUI, script
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UseEntireInterval	<p>Search the entire available Target ephemeris interval. This field can be set in the mission sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Boolean</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>true, false</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>true</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Boolean	Allowed Values	true, false	Access	set	Default Value	true	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Field	Description
UseLightTimeDelay	Use light-time delay in the event-finding algorithm.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values true, false</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value true</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
UseStellarAberration	Use stellar aberration in addition to light-time delay in the event-finding algorithm. Light-time delay must be enabled. Stellar aberration currently has no effect on eclipse searches.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values true, false</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value true</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
WriteReport	Write an event report when event location is executed. This field can be set in the mission sequence.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values true, false</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value true</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

GUI



The default **EclipseLocator** GUI for a new resource is shown above. You can choose one **Spacecraft** from the list, which is populated by all the **Spacecraft** resources currently configured in the mission. In the **Occulting Bodies** list, you can check the box next to all **CelestialBody** resources you want to search for eclipses. This list shows all celestial bodies currently configured in the mission.

In the **Eclipse Types** list, choose the types of eclipses to search for. Note that each selection will increase the duration of the search.

You can configure the output via **Filename**, **Run Mode**, and **Write Report** near the bottom. If **Write Report** is enabled, a text report will be written to the file specified in **Filename**. The search will execute during **FindEvents** commands (for **Manual** or **Automatic** modes) and automatically at the end of the mission (for **Automatic** mode), depending on the **Run Mode**.

You can configure the search interval via the options in the upper right. Uncheck **Use Entire Interval** to set the search interval manually. See the [Remarks](#) section for considerations when setting the search interval.

You can control the search algorithm via the options in the bottom right. Configure light-time and stellar aberration via the check boxes next to each, and select the signal direction via the **Light-time direction** selection.

To control the fidelity and execution time of the search, set the **Step size** appropriately. See the [Remarks](#) section for details.

Remarks

Data configuration

The **EclipseLocator** implementation is based on the [NAIF SPICE toolkit](#), which uses a different mechanism for environmental data such as celestial body shape and orientation, planetary ephemerides, body-specific frame definitions, and leap seconds. Therefore, it is necessary to maintain two parallel configurations to ensure that the event location results are consistent with GMAT's own propagation and other parameters. The specific data to be maintained is:

- Planetary shape and orientation:
 - GMAT core: **CelestialBody.EquatorialRadius**, **Flattening**, **SpinAxisRAConstant**, **SpinAxisRARate**, etc.
 - ContactLocator: **SolarSystem.PCKFilename**,
CelestialBody.PlanetarySpiceKernelName
- Planetary ephemeris:
 - GMAT core: **SolarSystem.DEFfilename**, or (**SolarSystem.SPKFilename**,
CelestialBody.OrbitSpiceKernelName, **CelestialBody.NAIFId**)
 - ContactLocator: **SolarSystem.SPKFilename**, **CelestialBody.OrbitSpiceKernelName**,
CelestialBody.NAIFId
- Body-fixed frame:
 - GMAT core: built-in
 - ContactLocator: **CelestialBody.SpiceFrameId**,
CelestialBody.FrameSpiceKernelName
- Leap seconds:
 - GMAT core: startup file **LEAP_SECS_FILE** setting
 - ContactLocator: **SolarSystem.LSKFilename**

See **SolarSystem** and **CelestialBody** for more details.

Search interval

The **EclipseLocator** search interval can be specified either as the entire ephemeris interval of the **Spacecraft**, or as a user-defined interval. If **UseEntireInterval** is true, the search is performed over the entire ephemeris interval of the **Spacecraft**, including any gaps or discontinuities. If **UseEntireInterval** is false, the provided **InitialEpoch** and **FinalEpoch** are used to form the search interval directly. The user must ensure than the provided interval results in valid **Spacecraft** and **CelestialBody** ephemeris epochs.

Run modes

The **EclipseLocator** works in conjunction with the **FindEvents** command: the **EclipseLocator** resource defines the configuration of the event search, and the **FindEvents** command executes the search at a specific point in the mission sequence. The mode of interaction is defined by **EclipseLocator.RunMode**, which has three options:

- **Automatic**: All **FindEvents** commands are executed as-is, plus an additional **FindEvents** is executed automatically at the end of the mission sequence.
- **Manual**: All **FindEvents** commands are executed as-is.
- **Disabled**: **FindEvents** commands are ignored.

Search algorithm

The **EclipseLocator** uses the NAIF SPICE GF (geometry finder) subsystem to perform event location. Specifically, the following call is used for the search:

- [**gfoclt_c**](#): For third-body occultation searches

This function implements a fixed-step search method through the interval, with an embedded root-location step if an event is found. **StepSize** should be set equal to the length of the minimum-duration event to be found, or equal to the length of the minimum-duration gap between events, whichever is smaller. To guarantee location of 10-second eclipses, or 10-second gaps between adjacent eclipses, set **StepSize** = 10.

For details, see the reference documentation for the function linked above.

Report format

When **WriteReport** is enabled, the **EclipseLocator** outputs an event report at the end of each search execution. The report contains the following data:

- Spacecraft name
- For each event:
 - Event start time (UTC)
 - Event stop time (UTC)
 - Event duration (s)
 - Occulting body name
 - Eclipse type
 - Total event number
 - Total duration
- Number of individual events
- Number of total events
- Maximum total duration
- Eclipse number of total duration

The report makes the distinction between an *individual* event and a *total* event.

- An *individual event* is a single continuous event of a single type (umbra, penumbra, etc.) from a single occulting body. Individual events can be nested for a single occulting body, such as a penumbra event followed immediately by an umbra event, or they can be nested from multiple occulting bodies, such as a Luna eclipse occurring in the middle of an Earth eclipse.
- A *total event* is the entire set of nested individual events. The total event is given a single number, and the total duration is reported in the output file.

Event location with SPK propagator

When using the SPK propagator, you load one or more SPK ephemeris files using the Spacecraft.OrbitSpiceKernelName field. For the purposes of event location, this field causes the appropriate ephemeris files to be loaded automatically on run, and so use of the Propagation command is not necessary. This is an easy way of performing event location on an existing SPK ephemeris file. See the example below.

Examples

Perform a basic eclipse search in LEO:

```
SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'DE421'

Create Spacecraft sat
sat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
sat.Epoch = '15 Sep 2010 16:00:00.000'
sat.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
sat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
sat.SMA = 6678.14
sat.ECC = 0.001
sat.INC = 0
sat.RAAN = 0
sat.AOP = 0
sat.TA = 180

Create ForceModel fm
fm.CentralBody = Earth
fm.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
fm.GravityField.Earth.PotentialFile = 'JGM2.cof'
fm.GravityField.Earth.Degree = 0
fm.GravityField.Earth.Order = 0
fm.GravityField.Earth.EarthTideModel = 'None'
fm.Drag.AtmosphereModel = None
fm.PointMasses = {}
fm.RelativisticCorrection = Off
fm.SRP = Off

Create Propagator prop
prop.FM = fm
prop.Type = RungeKutta89

Create EclipseLocator el
el.Spacecraft = sat
el.Filename = 'Simple.report'
el.OccultingBodies = {Earth}
el.EclipseTypes = {'Umbra', 'Penumbra', 'Antumbra'}
```

```
BeginMissionSequence
```

```
Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedSecs = 10800}
```

Perform an eclipse event search from a Mars orbiter, with Phobos, Earth, and Moon eclipses:

```
% Mars orbiter with annular eclipses of Earth and Moon.

SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'SPICE'
SolarSystem.SPKFilename = 'de421.bsp'

Mars.NAIFId = 499
Mars.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'../data/planetary_ephem/spk/mar063.bsp'}

Create Spacecraft sat
sat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
sat.Epoch = '10 May 1984 00:00:00.000'
sat.CoordinateSystem = MarsMJ2000Eq
sat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
sat.SMA = 6792.38
sat.ECC = 0
sat.INC = 45
sat.RAAN = 0
sat.AOP = 0
sat.TA = 0

Create ForceModel fm
fm.CentralBody = Mars
fm.PrimaryBodies = {Mars}
fm.GravityField.Mars.PotentialFile = 'Mars50c.cof'
fm.GravityField.Mars.Degree = 0
fm.GravityField.Mars.Order = 0
fm.Drag.AtmosphereModel = None
fm.PointMasses = {}
fm.RelativisticCorrection = Off
fm.SRP = Off

Create Propagator prop
prop.FM = fm
prop.Type = RungeKutta89

Create CoordinateSystem MarsMJ2000Eq
MarsMJ2000Eq.Origin = Mars
MarsMJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

Create Moon Phobos
Phobos.CentralBody = 'Mars'
Phobos.PosVelSource = 'SPICE'
Phobos.NAIFId = 401
Phobos.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'mar063.bsp'}
Phobos.SpiceFrameId = 'IAU_PHOBOS'
Phobos.EquatorialRadius = 13.5
Phobos.Flattening = 0.3185185185185186
Phobos.Mu = 7.093399e-004

Create Moon Deimos
Deimos.CentralBody = 'Mars'
Deimos.PosVelSource = 'SPICE'
```

```
Deimos.NAIFId = 402
Deimos.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'mar063.bsp'}
Deimos.EquatorialRadius = 7.5
Deimos.SpiceFrameId = 'IAU_DEIMOS'
Deimos.Flattening = 0.30666666666666664
Deimos.Mu = 1.588174e-004

Create EclipseLocator ec
ec.Spacecraft = sat
ec.OccultingBodies = {Mercury, Venus, Earth, Luna, Mars, Phobos, Deimos}
ec.Filename = 'EarthTransit.report'

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedDays = 2}
```

Perform eclipse location on an existing SPK ephemeris file:

```
SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'DE421'

Create Spacecraft sat
sat.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'../data/vehicle/ephem/spk/Events_Simple.bsp'}

Create EclipseLocator cl
cl.Spacecraft = sat
cl.OccultingBodies = {Earth}
cl.Filename = 'SPKPropagation.report'

BeginMissionSequence
```


EphemerisFile

Generate spacecraft's ephemeris data

Description

EphemerisFile is a user-defined resource that generates spacecraft's ephemeris data in a report format. You can generate spacecraft's ephemeris data in any of the user-defined coordinate frames. GMAT allows you to output ephemeris data in either CCSDS or SPK file formats. See the [Remarks](#) section for more details. **EphemerisFile** resource can be configured to generate ephemeris data at default integration steps or by entering user-selected step sizes.

GMAT allows you to generate any number of ephemeris data files by creating multiple **EphemerisFile** resources. Spacecraft's ephemeris data is always provided in UTC epoch format. An **EphemerisFile** resource can be created using either the GUI or script interface. GMAT also provides the option of when to write and stop writing ephemeris data to a text file through the **Toggle On/Off** commands. See the [Remarks](#) section below for detailed discussion of the interaction between **EphemerisFile** resource and **Toggle** command.

See Also: [CoordinateSystem](#), [Toggle](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
CoordinateSystem	<p>Allows you to set the interpolation order for the available interpolator methods (Lagrange or Hermite) for either CCSDS-OEM, SPK or Code 500 file formats. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>For CCSDS-OEM and Code-500 file formats: 1 <= Integer Number <= 10. For SPK file format: 1 <= Odd Integer Number <= 9</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>EarthMJ2000Eq</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	For CCSDS-OEM and Code-500 file formats: 1 <= Integer Number <= 10. For SPK file format: 1 <= Odd Integer Number <= 9	Access	set, get	Default Value	EarthMJ2000Eq	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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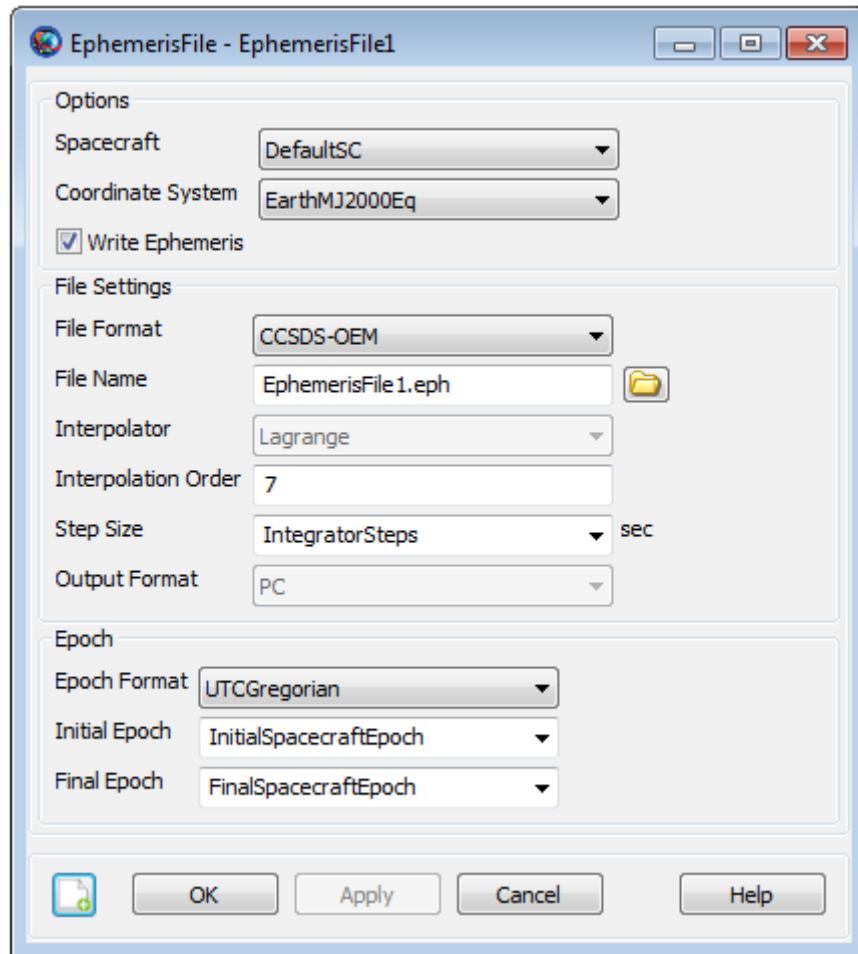
Field	Description
InterpolationOrder	Allows you to set the interpolation order for the available interpolator methods (Lagrange or Hermite) for either CCSDS-OEM or SPK file formats. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values 1 <= Integer Number <= 10</p> <p>Access Set</p> <p>Default Value 7</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Interpolator	This field defines the available interpolator method that was used to generate ephemeris file. Available Interpolators are Lagrange or Hermite . This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Lagrange for CCSDS-OEM and Code-500 files, Hermite for SPK file</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Lagrange</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Maximized	Allows the user to maximize the generated ephemeris file window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values true,false</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value false</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
OutputFormat	Allows the user to specify what type of format they want GSFC Code-500 ephemeris to be generated in. GSFC Code-500 ephemeris can be generated in the PC or UNIX version. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values PC, UNIX</p> <p>Access Set</p> <p>Default Value PC</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
RelativeZOrder	Allows the user to select which generated ephemeris file display window is to displayed first on the screen. The EphemerisFile resource with lowest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed last while EphemerisFile resource with highest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed first. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values Integer ≥ 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
Size	Allows the user to control the display size of generated ephemeris file panel. First value in [0 0] matrix controls horizontal size and second value controls vertical size of ephemeris file display window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Real array</p> <p>Allowed Values Any Real number</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value [0 0]</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
Spacecraft	Allows the user to generate ephemeris data of spacecraft(s) that are defined in Spacecraft field. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Default spacecraft or any number of user-defined spacecrafts or formations</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value DefaultSC</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
StepSize	The ephemeris file is generated at the step size that is specified for StepSize field. The user can generate ephemeris file at default Integration step size (using raw integrator steps) or by defining a fixed step size. For CCSDS-OEM file format, you can generate ephemeris at either Integrator steps or fixed step size. For SPK file format, GMAT lets you generate ephemeris at only raw integrator step sizes. For Code-500 ephemeris file type, you can generate ephemeris at only fixed step sizes. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values Real Number > 0.0 or equals Default Value</p> <p>Access Set</p> <p>Default Value IntegratorSteps for CCSDS-OEM and SPK file formats and 60 seconds for Code-500 file format</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
UpperLeft	Allows the user to pan the generated ephemeris file display window in any direction. First value in [0 0] matrix helps to pan the window horizontally and second value helps to pan the window vertically. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Real array</p> <p>Allowed Values Any Real number</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value [0 0]</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
WriteEphemeris	Allows the user to optionally calculate/write or not calculate/write an ephemeris that has been created and configured. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values true,false</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value true</p> <p>Units Unit</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

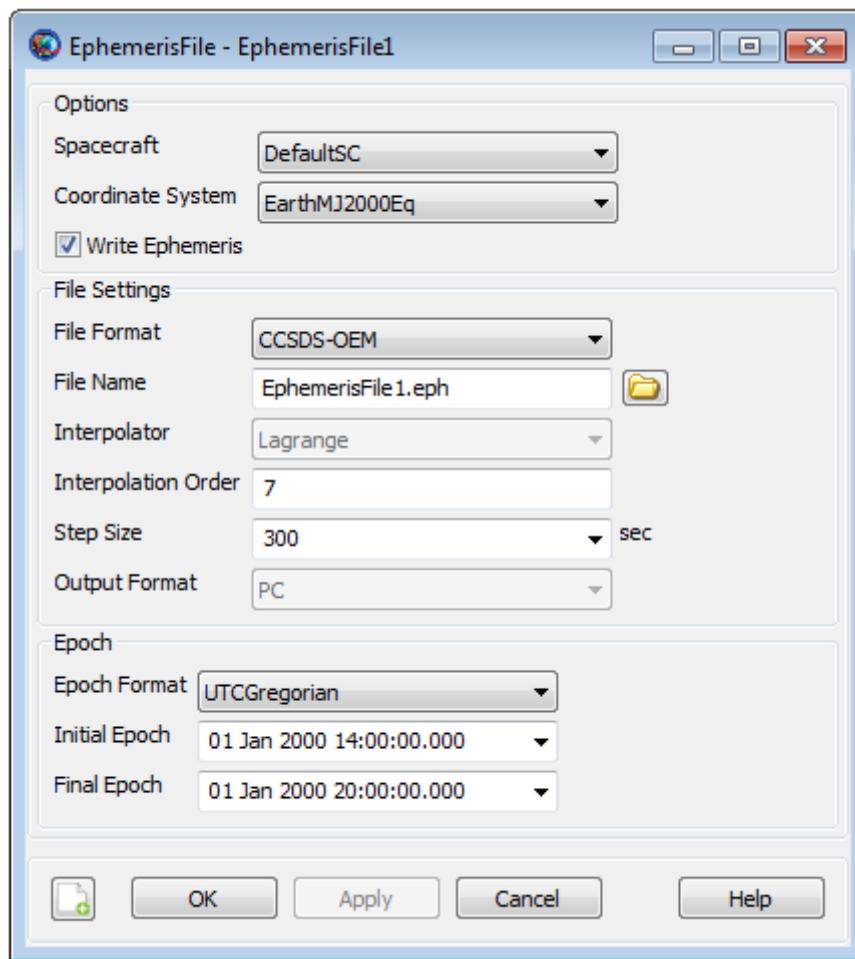
GUI

The figure below shows the default settings for the **EphemerisFile** resource:



GMAT allows you to modify **InitialEpoch**, **FinalEpoch** and **StepSize** fields of **EphemerisFile** resource. Instead of always generating the ephemeris file at default time span settings of **InitialSpacecraftEpoch** and **FinalSpacecraftEpoch**, you can define your own initial and final epochs. Similarly, instead of using the default **IntegratorSteps** setting for **StepSize** field, you can generate the ephemeris file at the step size of your choice.

The GUI figure below shows ephemeris file which will be generated from initial epoch of 01 Jan 2000 14:00:00.000 to final epoch of 01 Jan 2000 20:00:00.000 while using non-default step size of 300 seconds:



Remarks

Behavior of Coordinate System Field for CCSDS, Code 500 and SPK File Formats

If the selected **CoordinateSystem** uses MJ2000Eq axes, the CCSDS ephemeris file contains “EME2000” for the REF_FRAME according to CCSDS convention. By CCSDS requirements, non-standard axes names are allowed when documented in an ICD. The **CoordinateSystems** specifications document in the user's guide is the ICD for all axes supported by GMAT. Also if you create a new coordinate system whose origin is Luna, then the CCSDS ephemeris file contains “Moon” for the CENTER_NAME.

For code 500 file format, J2000 epoch can be with reference to any central body that you select. For code 500 and SPK file formats, GMAT can only write ephemeris for a coordinate system under **CoordinateSystem** field that references MJ2000Eq axis type for any central body.

There is one important difference between GMAT and IAU conventions. By IAU convention, there is no name for the IAU2000 axes that is independent of the origin. GCRF is coordinate system centered at earth with IAU2000 axes, and ICRF is a coordinate system centered at the solar system barycenter with IAU2000 axes. We have chosen to name the IAU2000 axes ICRF regardless of the origin. Please refer to **CoordinateSystems** specifications document to read more about built-in coordinate systems and description of Axes types that GMAT supports.

Behavior of Ephemeris File during Discontinuous & Iterative Processes

When generating an ephemeris file for a mission sequence, GMAT separately interpolates ephemeris segments that are bounded by discontinuous or discrete mission events. Discontinuous or discrete mission sequence events can range from impulsive or finite-burn maneuvers, changes in dynamics models or when using assignment commands. Furthermore, when a mission sequence employs iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization, GMAT only writes the ephemeris for the final solution from the iterative processes. See the [Examples](#) section below to see how an ephemeris file is generated during a discontinuous event such as an impulsive burn and iterative process like differential correction.

Version 1 of CCSDS Orbit Data Messages (ODMs) document used to require that the ephemeris be generated in increasing time order and only going forward. However version 2 of CCSDS ODM document now allows for ephemeris file to be generated backwards as well. Currently in GMAT, when you propagate a spacecraft backwards in time, then the ephemeris is also generated backwards.



Warning

The Code500 ephemeris file requires fixed time steps and has a pre-defined format for handling chunks of ephemeris data. The format does not allow chunking to stop and start at state discontinuities that occur at impulsive maneuvers. GMAT's current behavior is to interpolate across those discontinuities as the code 500 format does not elegantly support ephemerides with discontinuities. This is acceptable for small maneuvers but becomes less accurate as the maneuvers grow in magnitude. We recommend using more modern ephemeris file formats for this reason.

Behavior of Ephemeris File When It Does Not Meet CCSDS File Format Requirements

When an ephemeris file is generated, it needs to follow the Recommended Standard for ODMs that has been prepared by the CCSDS. The set of orbit data messages described in the Recommended Standard is the baseline concept of trajectory representation in data interchange applications that are cross-supported between Agencies of the CCSDS. CCSDS-ODM Recommended Standard documents establishes a common framework and provides a common basis for the interchange of orbit data.

Currently, the ephemeris file that is generated by GMAT meets most of the recommended standards that are prescribed by the CCSDS. However whenever there is a case when GMAT's ephemeris violates CCSDS file format requirements, then the generated ephemeris file will display a warning in ephemeris file's Header section. More specifically, this warning will be given under COMMENT and it will let you know that this ephemeris file does not fully satisfy CCSDS file formatting requirements.

Behavior of Interpolation Order Field for CCSDS, SPK and Code 500 File Formats

For CCSDS file formats, whenever there is not enough raw data available to support the requested interpolation type and order, GMAT throws an error message and stops interpolation. GMAT still generates the ephemeris file but no spacecraft ephemeris data is written to the file and only the file's Header section will be there. Within the Header section and under COMMENT, a mes-

sage will be thrown saying that not enough raw data is available to generate spacecraft ephemeris data at the requested interpolation order.

For SPK file formats, raw data is always collected at every integrator step for each segment and then sent to SPK kernel writer. GMAT does not perform any interpolation for SPK files as SPK contains its own interpolation. As a result, **InitialEpoch** and **FinalEpoch** fields behave differently for SPK ephemerides. The first epoch on the file is the first step after **InitialEpoch**. The last epoch on the file is the last step before **FinalEpoch**.

For code 500 file formats, you can set the interpolation order and currently GMAT supports Lagrange as the available interpolator method. For code 500 file formats, if there is not enough raw data available to support interpolation type and order, GMAT will throw an error message and stop interpolation.

Behavior When Using EphemerisFile Resource & Toggle Command

EphemerisFile resource generates ephemeris file at each propagation step of the entire mission duration. If you want to generate ephemeris data during specific points in your mission, then a **Toggle On/Off** command can be inserted into the **Mission** tree to control when the **EphemerisFile** resource writes data. When **Toggle Off** command is issued for an **EphemerisFile** subscriber, no data is sent to a file until a **Toggle On** command is issued. Similarly, when a **Toggle On** command is used, ephemeris data is sent to a file at each integration step until a **Toggle Off** command is used.

Below is an example script snippet that shows how to use **Toggle Off/On** commands while using the **EphemerisFile** resource. No ephemeris data is sent for first two days of propagation and only the data that is collected during last four days of propagation is sent to text file called ‘**EphemerisFile1.eph**’:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create EphemerisFile anEphemerisFile

anEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = aSat
anEphemerisFile.Filename = 'EphemerisFile1.eph'

BeginMissionSequence

Toggle anEphemerisFile Off
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
Toggle anEphemerisFile On
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 4}
```

Behavior of Code 500 Ephemeris File During Discontinuous & Iterative Processes

Code 500 ephemeris file follows the ephemeris format and definitions that have been defined in *Flight Dynamics Division (FDD) Generic Data Product Formats Interface Control Document*.

Unlike CCSDS ephemeris file, code 500 ephemeris does not support separate chunks in the data blocks whenever discontinuous or discrete mission events such as impulsive/finite maneuvers, change in dynamics or assignment command takes place. Rather, code 500 ephemeris is generated all in one continuous data block regardless of any number of mission events that may occur between initial and final epochs of ephemeris file. Furthermore, when a mission sequence em-

ploys iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization, GMAT will only write the ephemeris for the final solution from the iterative processes. Code 500 ephemeris does not allow non-monotonic ephemeris generation and an exception will be thrown if propagation direction changes. Furthermore, any discontinuities created by assignments may result in invalid code 500 files.

Code 500 Ephemeris Header Records

The standard format for Code 500 ephemeris files has a logical record length of 2800 bytes. Code 500 files have two header records, ephemeris header record 1 and ephemeris record 2, followed by as many ephemeris data records as required for the file timespan. Many parameters in ephemeris file's header records are mandatory while some fields are optional. GMAT's Code 500 ephemeris header records only specifies fields that are mandatory and optional fields have not been included. Code 500's ephemeris header record 1 is mandatory while ephemeris record 2 is optional. Complete description of ephemeris format and list of mandatory and optional ephemeris header record parameters is defined in *Flight Dynamics Division (FDD) Generic Data Product Formats Interface Control Document*. In GMAT, only required fields have been written in header record 1 while header record 2 is left blank. Table below lists header record 1's required fields and any additional comments pertaining to that field.

Required Fields	Comments
productId	'EPHEM'
satId	123.000000
timeSystemIndicator	2.000000
StartDateOfEphem_YYYYMMDD	value depends on run time
startDayCountOfYear	value depends on run time
startSecondsOfDay	value depends on run time
endDateOfEphem_YYYYMMDD	value depends on run time
endDayCountOfYear	value depends on run time
endSecondsOfDay	value depends on run time
stepSize_SEC	value depends on run time
startYYYYMMDDHHMMSSsss.	value depends on run time
endYYYYMMDDHHMMSSsss.	value depends on run time
tapeId	'STANDARD'
sourceId	'GTDS'
headerTitle	'
centralBodyIndicator	value depends on run time
refTimeForDUT_YYMMDD	570918.000000
coordSystemIndicator1	'2000'
coordSystemIndicator2	4
orbitTheory	'COWELL'
timeIntervalBetweenPoints_DUT	value depends on run time
timeIntervalBetweenPoints_SEC	value depends on run time
outputIntervalIndicator	1
epochTimeOfElements_DUT	value depends on run time

Required Fields	Comments
epochTimeOfElements_DAY.	value depends on run time
epochA1Greg.	value depends on run time
epochUtcGreg.	value depends on run time
yearOfEpoch_YYY	value depends on run time
monthOfEpoch_MM	value depends on run time
dayOfEpoch_DD	value depends on run time
hourOfEpoch_HH	value depends on run time
minuteOfEpoch_MM	value depends on run time
secondsOfEpoch_MILSEC	value depends on run time
keplerianElementsAtEpoch_RAD[0]	value depends on run time
keplerianElementsAtEpoch_RAD[1]	value depends on run time
keplerianElementsAtEpoch_RAD[2]	value depends on run time
keplerianElementsAtEpoch_RAD[3]	value depends on run time
keplerianElementsAtEpoch_RAD[4]	value depends on run time
keplerianElementsAtEpoch_RAD[5]	value depends on run time
cartesianElementsAtEpoch_DULT[0]	value depends on run time
cartesianElementsAtEpoch_DULT[1]	value depends on run time
cartesianElementsAtEpoch_DULT[2]	value depends on run time
cartesianElementsAtEpoch_DULT[3]	value depends on run time
cartesianElementsAtEpoch_DULT[4]	value depends on run time
cartesianElementsAtEpoch_DULT[5]	value depends on run time
startTimeOfEphemeris_DUT	value depends on run time
endTimeOfEphemeris_DUT	value depends on run time
timeIntervalBetweenPoints_DUT	value depends on run time
dateOfInitiationOfEphemComp_YYYYMMDD	value depends on run time
timeOfInitiationOfEphemComp_HHMMSS	value depends on run time
utcTimeAdjustment_SEC	0.000000
Pecession/Nutation indicator	1

For ephemeris header record 1, there are some required fields that have not been tabulated in GMAT's Code 500 ephemeris header record 1. These fields that have not been tabulated in header record 1 are listed in the table below. 0.0 indicates "used" and 1.0 means "not used".

Required Fields	Comments
Zonal and tesseral harmonics indicator	1.0
Lunar gravitation perturbation indicator	1.0
Solar radiation perturbation indicator	1.0
Solar gravitation perturbation indicator	1.0
Atmospheric drag perturbation indicator	1.0
Greenwich hour angle at epoch	1.0

Examples

This example shows how to generate a simple ephemeris file. Ephemeris file is generated for two days of propagation. At default settings, ephemeris file is generated at each integrator step and in CCSDS file format. Ephemeris data is sent to text file called ‘**EphemerisFile2.eph**’:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create EphemerisFile anEphemerisFile

anEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = aSat
anEphemerisFile.Filename = 'EphemerisFile2.eph'

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
```

This example shows how an ephemeris file is generated during an iterative process like differential correction that includes a discontinuous event like an impulsive burn. Ephemeris data is sent to text file called ‘**EphemerisFile3.eph**’:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC

Create EphemerisFile anEphemerisFile

anEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = aSat
anEphemerisFile.Filename = 'EphemerisFile3.eph'

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis}

Target aDC
Vary aDC(TOI.Element1 = 0.24, {Perturbation = 0.001, Lower = 0.0, ...
Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.5})
Maneuver TOI(aSat)
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Apoapsis}
Achieve aDC(aSat.Earth.RMAG = 42165)
EndTarget

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

FileInterface

An interface to a data file

Description

The **FileInterface** resource is an interface to a data file that can be used to load mission data, like **Spacecraft** state information and physical properties. Once an interface is established to a file, the **Set** command can be used to load the data and apply it to a destination.

The following file formats are currently supported:

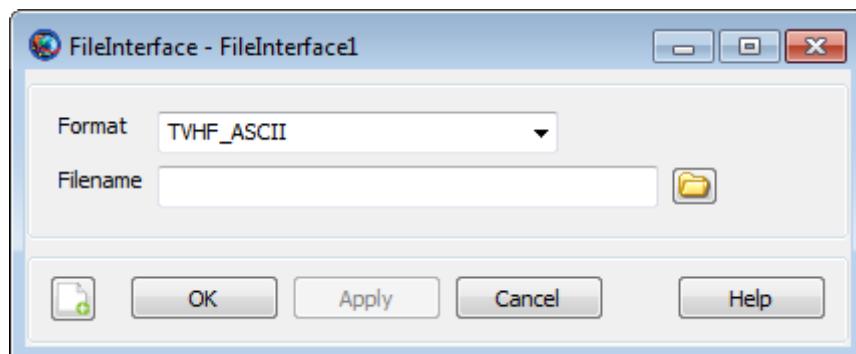
- **TVHF_ASCII**: ASCII format of the TCOPS Vector Hold File (TVHF), defined by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Flight Dynamics Facility. This file contains spacecraft state and physical information that can be transferred to a **Spacecraft** resource.

See Also: Set

Fields

Field	Description
Filename	Full path of the file to read. Relative paths are interpreted as relative to the directory containing the GMAT executable. If the path is omitted, it is assumed to be “./”.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	Valid file path
Access	set
Default Value	(None)
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
Format	Format of the file to read. Currently, the only allowed format is “ TVHF_ASCII ”.
Data Type	Enumerated value
Allowed Values	TVHF_ASCII
Access	set
Default Value	TVHF_ASCII
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI



The **FileInterface** GUI has two fields: a list of accepted options for **Format** (currently only **TVHF_ASCII**), and an input box for **Filename**. Click **Browse** to the right of the **Filename** box to interactively select a file.

Remarks

Each file format supported by the **FileInterface** resource exposes a set of keywords that can be used to extract certain data elements. These keywords can be used in the **Data** option of the **Set** command, as follows:

```
Set destination source (Data = {keyword[, keyword]})
```

If the '**All**' keyword is used, those fields with a checkmark in the "All" column are selected.

TVHF_ASCII

Keyword	Source field	Description	'All'
CartesianState	"CARTESIAN COORDI- NATES"	Cartesian state elements (X , Y , Z , ✓ VX , VY , VZ)	
Cr	"CSUBR"	Coefficient of reflectivity	✓
Epoch	"EPOCH TIME FOR ELEMEN- TS"	Epoch of state vector	✓

Limitations

The following limitations apply to the **TVHF_ASCII** format:

- Only the J2000 coordinate system is supported.
- Only the first record in a multiple-record file is loaded.

Examples

Read a TVHF file and use it to configure a spacecraft.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create FileInterface tvhf
tvhf.Filename = 'statevec.txt'
tvhf.Format = 'TVHF_ASCII'

BeginMissionSequence

Set aSat tvhf
```

FiniteBurn

A finite burn

Description

The **FiniteBurn** resource is used when continuous propulsion is desired. Impulsive burns happen instantaneously through the use of the **Maneuver** command, while finite burns occur continuously starting at the **BeginFiniteBurn** command and lasting until the **EndFiniteBurn** command is reached in the mission sequence. In order to apply a non-zero **Finite Burn**, there must be a **Propagate** command between the **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** commands.

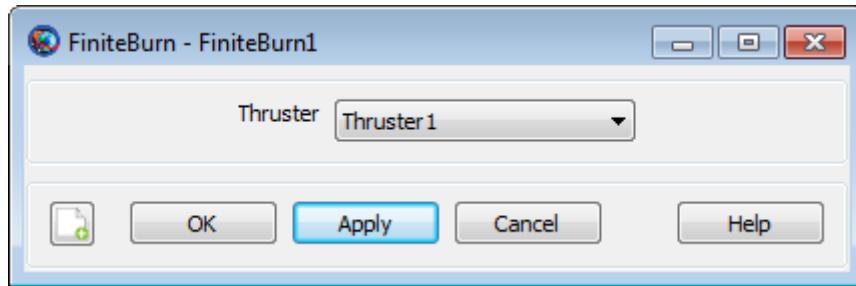
See Also: [ChemicalTank](#), [ChemicalThruster](#), [Spacecraft](#), [BeginFiniteBurn](#), [EndFiniteBurn](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
Thrusters	<p>The Thruster field allows the selection of which Thruster, from a list of previously created thrusters, to use when applying a finite burn. Currently, using the GUI, you can only select one Thruster to attach to a FiniteBurn resource. Using the scripting interface, you may attach multiple thrusters to a FiniteBurn resource. In a script command, an empty list, e.g., <code>FiniteBurn1.Thruster={}</code>, is allowed but is of limited utility since the GUI will automatically associate a ChemicalThruster, if one has been created, with the FiniteBurn. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>A list of Thrusters created by user. Can be a list of ChemicalThrusters or ElectricThrusters but you cannot mix chemical and electric thrusters.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>No Default</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script, or only one</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Reference Array	Allowed Values	A list of Thrusters created by user. Can be a list of ChemicalThrusters or ElectricThrusters but you cannot mix chemical and electric thrusters.	Access	set	Default Value	No Default	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script, or only one
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Interfaces	GUI, script, or only one												
VectorFormat	<p>Deprecated. Allows you to define the format of the finite burn thrust direction. This field has no affect. The finite burn thrust direction, as specified in the Thruster resource, is always given in Cartesian format. Note: You can use GMAT scripting to convert from other representations to Cartesian and then set the Cartesian format.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Enumeration</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Cartesian, Spherical</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Cartesian</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Enumeration	Allowed Values	Cartesian , Spherical	Access	set	Default Value	Cartesian	Units	N/A	Interfaces	script
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GUI

The **FiniteBurn** dialog box allows you to specify which thruster to use for the finite burn. The layout of the **FiniteBurn** dialog box is shown below.



Remarks

Configuring a FiniteBurn

To perform a finite burn, the **FiniteBurn** resource itself and a number of related resources and commands must be properly configured. You must associate a specific **ChemicalThruster** hardware resource with a created **FiniteBurn**. You must associate a specific **ChemicalTank** hardware resource with the chosen **ChemicalThruster**. Finally, you must attach both the chosen **Thrusters** and **Tanks** to the desired **Spacecraft**. See the example below for additional details.

FiniteBurn Using Multiple Thrusters

Using the GUI, a **FiniteBurn** resource must be associated with exactly one **Thruster**.

Using the scripting interface, one can assign multiple thrusters to a single **FiniteBurn** resource.

Interactions

Field	Description
Spacecraft source	re- Must be created in order to apply any burn.
Thruster source	re- As discussed in the Remarks , every FiniteBurn resource must be associated with at least one ChemicalThruster or ElectricThruster . Any thruster created in the resource tree can be incorporated into a FiniteBurn but thruster types cannot be mixed.
ChemicalTank resource	To perform a finite burn, a Tank must be attached to the Spacecraft . (A ChemicalTank is needed to provide pressure and temperature data used when modeling the thrust and specific impulse. A Tank is also needed if you want to model mass depletion.)
BeginFiniteBurn command	After a FiniteBurn is created, to apply it in the mission sequence, a BeginFiniteBurn and ginFiniteBurn and EndFiniteBurn command must be appended to the EndFiniteBurn mission tree.
Propagate command	In order to apply a non-zero finite burn, there must be a Propagate command between the BeginFiniteBurn and EndFiniteBurn commands.

Examples

Configure a chemical finite burn. Create a default **Spacecraft** and **ChemicalTank** Resource; Create a default **ChemicalThruster** that allows for fuel depletion from the default **Chemical-**

Tank; Attach **ChemicalTank** and **ChemicalThruster** to the **Spacecraft**; Create default **ForceModel** and **Propagator**; Create a **Finite Burn** that uses the default thruster and apply a 30 minute finite burn to the spacecraft.

```
% Create a default Spacecraft and ChemicalTank Resource
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
Create ChemicalTank FuelTank1

% Create a default ChemicalThruster. Allow for fuel depletion from
% the default ChemicalTank.
Create ChemicalThruster Thruster1
Thruster1.DecrementMass = true
Thruster1.Tank = {FuelTank1}

% Attach ChemicalTank and ChemicalThruster to the spacecraft
DefaultSC.Thrusters = {Thruster1}
DefaultSC.Tanks = {FuelTank1}

% Create default ForceModel and Propagator
Create ForceModel DefaultProp_ForceModel
Create Propagator DefaultProp
DefaultProp.FM = DefaultProp_ForceModel

% Create a Finite Burn that uses the default thruster
Create FiniteBurn FiniteBurn1
FiniteBurn1.Thrusters = {Thruster1}

BeginMissionSequence

% Implement 30 minute finite burn
BeginFiniteBurn FiniteBurn1(DefaultSC)
Propagate DefaultProp(DefaultSC) {DefaultSC.ElapsedSecs = 1800}
EndFiniteBurn FiniteBurn1(DefaultSC)
```


FminconOptimizer

The Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) optimizer, fmincon

Description

fmincon is a Nonlinear Programming solver provided in MATLAB's Optimization Toolbox. **fmincon** performs nonlinear constrained optimization and supports linear and nonlinear constraints. To use this solver, you must configure the solver options including convergence criteria, maximum iterations, and how the gradients will be calculated. In the mission sequence, you implement an optimizer such as fmincon by using an **Optimize/EndOptimize** sequence. Within this sequence, you define optimization variables by using the **Vary** command, and define cost and constraints by using the **Minimize** and **NonlinearConstraint** commands respectively.

This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

See Also: [VF13ad](#), [Optimize](#), [Vary](#), [NonlinearConstraint](#), [Minimize](#)

Fields

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DiffMaxChange	<p>Upper limit on the perturbation used in MATLAB's finite differencing algorithm. For fmincon, you don't specify a single perturbation value, but rather give MATLAB a range, and it uses an adaptive algorithm that attempts to find the optimal perturbation.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Real Number > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>Set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>0.1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>None</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	Real Number > 0	Access	Set	Default Value	0.1	Units	None	Interfaces	GUI, script
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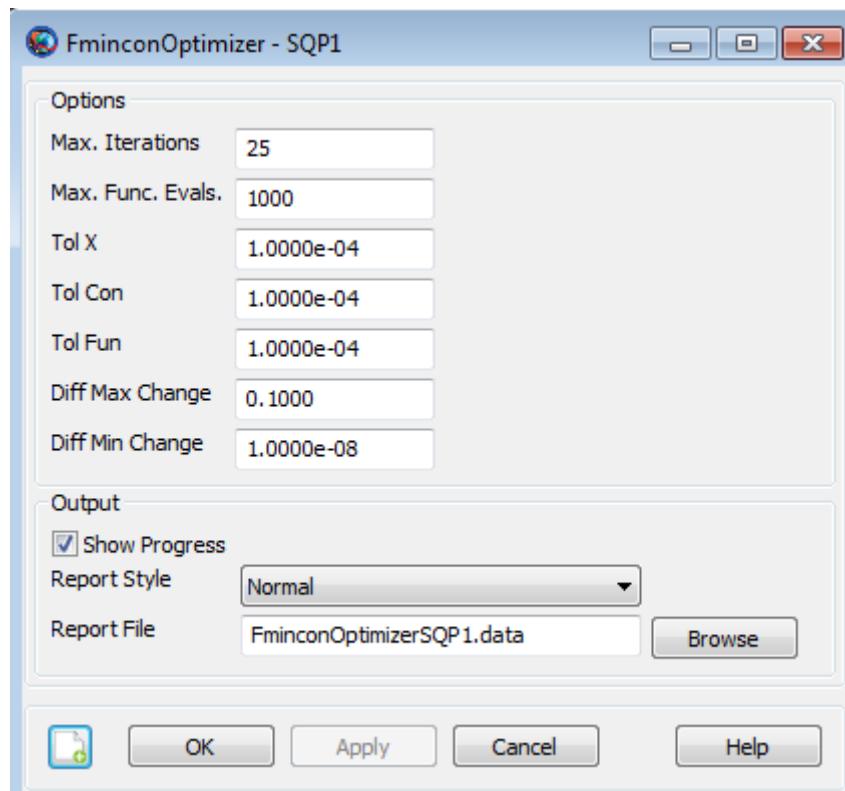
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MaxFunEvals	<p>Specifies the maximum number of cost function evaluations used in an attempt to find an optimal solution. This is equivalent to setting the maximum number of passes through an optimization loop in a GMAT script. If a solution is not found before the maximum function evaluations, fmincon outputs an ExitFlag of zero, and GMAT continues.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Integer > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>Set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>1000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>None</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	Integer > 0	Access	Set	Default Value	1000	Units	None	Interfaces	GUI, script
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ReportStyle	<p>Determines the amount and type of data written to the message window and to the report specified by field ReportFile for each iteration of the solver (when ShowProgress is true). Currently, the Normal, Debug, and Concise options contain the same information: the values for the control variables, the constraints, and the objective function. In addition to this information, the Verbose option also contains values of the optimizer-scaled control variables.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Normal, Concise, Verbose, Debug</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>Set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Normal</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>None</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	Normal, Concise, Verbose, Debug	Access	Set	Default Value	Normal	Units	None	Interfaces	GUI, script
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ShowProgress	Determines whether data pertaining to iterations of the solver is both displayed in the message window and written to the report specified by the ReportFile field. When ShowProgress is true, the amount of information contained in the message window and written in the report is controlled by the ReportStyle field.												
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GUI

The **FminconOptimizer** dialog box allows you to specify properties of a **FminconOptimizer** resource such as maximum iterations, maximum function evaluations, control variable termination tolerance, constraint tolerance, cost function tolerance, finite difference algorithm parameters, and choice of reporting options.

To create a **FminconOptimizer** resource, navigate to the **Resources** tree, expand the **Solvers** folder, highlight and then right-click on the **Optimizers** sub-folder, point to **Add** and then select **SQP (fmincon)**. This will create a new **FminconOptimizer** resource, **SQP1**. Double-click on **SQP1** to bring up the **FminconOptimizer** dialog box shown below.



Remarks

fmincon Optimizer Availability

This optimizer is only available if you have access to both MATLAB and MATLAB's Optimization toolbox. GMAT contains an interface to the fmincon optimizer and it will appear to you that fmincon is a built in optimizer in GMAT. Field names for this resource have been copied from those used in MATLAB'S optimset function for consistency with MATLAB in contrast with other solvers in GMAT.

GMAT Stop Button Does Not work, in Some Situations, When Using Fmincon

Sometimes, when developing GMAT scripts, you may inadvertently create a situation where GMAT goes into an infinite propagation loop. The usual remedy for this situation is to apply the GMAT **Stop** button. Currently, however, if the infinite loop occurs within an **Optimize** sequence using fmincon, there is no way to stop GMAT and you have to shut GMAT down. Fortunately, there are some procedures you can employ to avoid this situation. You should use multiple stopping conditions so that a long propagation cannot occur. For example, if fmincon controls variable, **myVar**, and we know **myVar** should never be more than 2, then do this.

```
Propagate myProp(mySat){mySat.ElapsedDays = myVar, mySat.ElapsedDays = 2}
```

Resource and Command Interactions

The **FminconOptimizer** resource can only be used in the context of optimization-type commands. Please see the documentation for **Optimize**, **Vary**, **NonlinearConstraint**, and **Minimize** for more information and worked examples.

Examples

Create a **FminconOptimizer** resource named SQP1.

```
Create FminconOptimizer SQP1
SQP1.ShowProgress = true
SQP1.ReportStyle = Normal
SQP1.ReportFile = 'FminconOptimizerSQP1.data'
SQP1.MaximumIterations = 25
SQP1.DiffMaxChange = '0.1000'
SQP1.DiffMinChange = '1.0000e-08'
SQP1.MaxFunEvals = '1000'
SQP1.TolX = '1.0000e-04'
SQP1.TolFun = '1.0000e-04'
SQP1.TolCon = '1.0000e-04'
```

For an example of how a **FminconOptimizer** resource can be used within an optimize sequence, see the **Optimize** command examples.

Formation

A collection of spacecraft.

Description

A **Formation** resource allows you to combine spacecraft in a “container” object and then GMAT’s propagation subsystem will model the collection of spacecraft as a coupled dynamic system. You can only propagate **Formation** resources using numerical-integrator type propagators. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

See Also: Propagate, Color

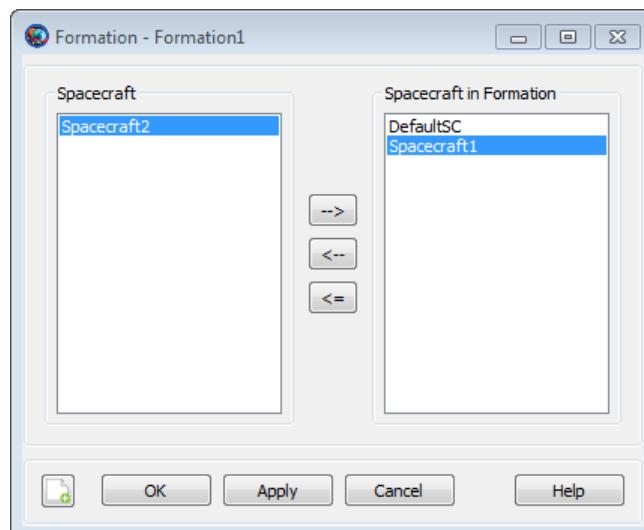
Fields

Field	Description
Add	Adds a list of Spacecraft to the Formation . The list cannot be empty.
Data Type	Resource array
Allowed Values	array of spacecraft
Access	set
Default Value	empty list
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

To create a simple **Formation** and configure its **Spacecraft**, in the **Resource Tree**:

1. Right-click the **Spacecraft** folder and select **Add Spacecraft**.
2. Right click the **Formations** folder and select **Add Formation**.
3. Double-click **Formation1** to open its dialog box.
4. Click the right-arrow button twice to add **DefaultSC** and **Spacecraft1** to **Formation1**.
5. Click **Ok**.





Note

A **Spacecraft** can only be added to one **Formation**.

Remarks

A **Formation** is a container object that allows you to model a group of **Spacecraft** as a coupled system. You can add **Spacecraft** to a **Formation** using the **Add** field as shown in the script examples below or in the GUI example above. The primary reasons to use a **Formation Resource** are (1) to simplify the propagation of multiple spacecraft and (2) for performance reasons. You can only add a spacecraft to a one formation, and you cannot add a formation to a formation. GMAT's propagation subsystem models **Formations** as a coupled dynamic system. Once spacecraft have been added to a **Formation**, you can easily propagate all of the spacecraft by simply including the formation in the **Propagate** command statement like this:

```
Propagate aPropagator(aFormation) {aSat1.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}
```

You can only propagate **Formation** resources using numerical-integrator type propagators. GMAT does not support propagation of the orbit state transition matrix when propagating formations.

When propagating a **Formation**, all spacecraft in the **Formation** must have equivalent epochs. GMAT will allow you to separately propagate a **Spacecraft** that has been added to a **Formation**, like this:

```
aFormation.Add = {aSat1, aSat2}
Propagate aPropagator(aSat1) {aSat1.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}
```

However, when a **Formation** is propagated, if the epochs of all **Spacecraft** in the **Formation** are not equivalent to a tolerance of a few microseconds, **GMAT** will throw an error and execution will stop.

Setting Colors On Spacecrafts In Formation Resource

If you want to set unique colors on spacecraft trajectories that are nested in the **Formation** resource, then change colors through either the **Spacecraft** resource or the **Propagate** command. See the [Color](#) documentation for discussion and examples on how to set unique colors on **Spacecraft** resource and **Propagate** command.

Examples

Create two **Spacecraft**, add them to a **Formation**, and propagate the **Formation**.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat1 aSat2

Create Formation aFormation
aFormation.Add = {aSat1, aSat2}

Create Propagator aPropagator

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aPropagator(aFormation) {aSat1.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}
```

ChemicalTank

Model of a chemical fuel tank

Description

A **ChemicalTank** is a thermodynamic model of a tank and is required for finite burn modeling or for impulsive burns that use mass depletion. The thermodynamic properties of the tank are modeled using Boyle's law and assume that there is no temperature change in the tank as fuel is depleted. To use a **ChemicalTank**, you must first create the tank, and then attach it to the desired **Spacecraft** and associate it with a **ChemicalThruster** as shown in the example below.

See Also [ImpulsiveBurn](#), [ChemicalThruster](#)

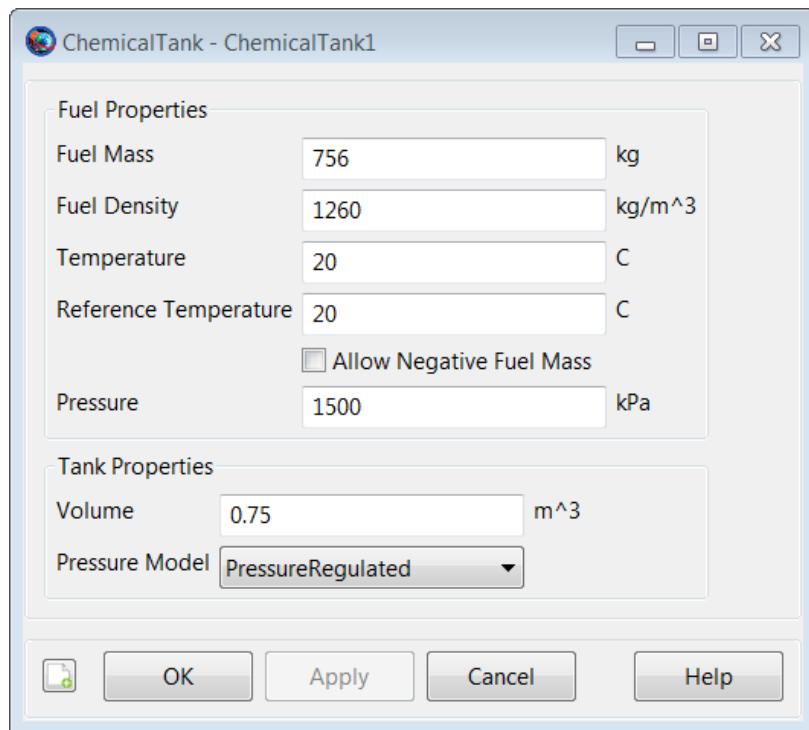
Fields

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AllowNegativeFuelMass	<p>This field allows the ChemicalTank to have negative fuel mass which can be useful in optimization and targeting sequences before convergence has occurred. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Boolean</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td><code>true, false</code></td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td><code>false</code></td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Boolean	Allowed Values	<code>true, false</code>	Access	set	Default Value	<code>false</code>	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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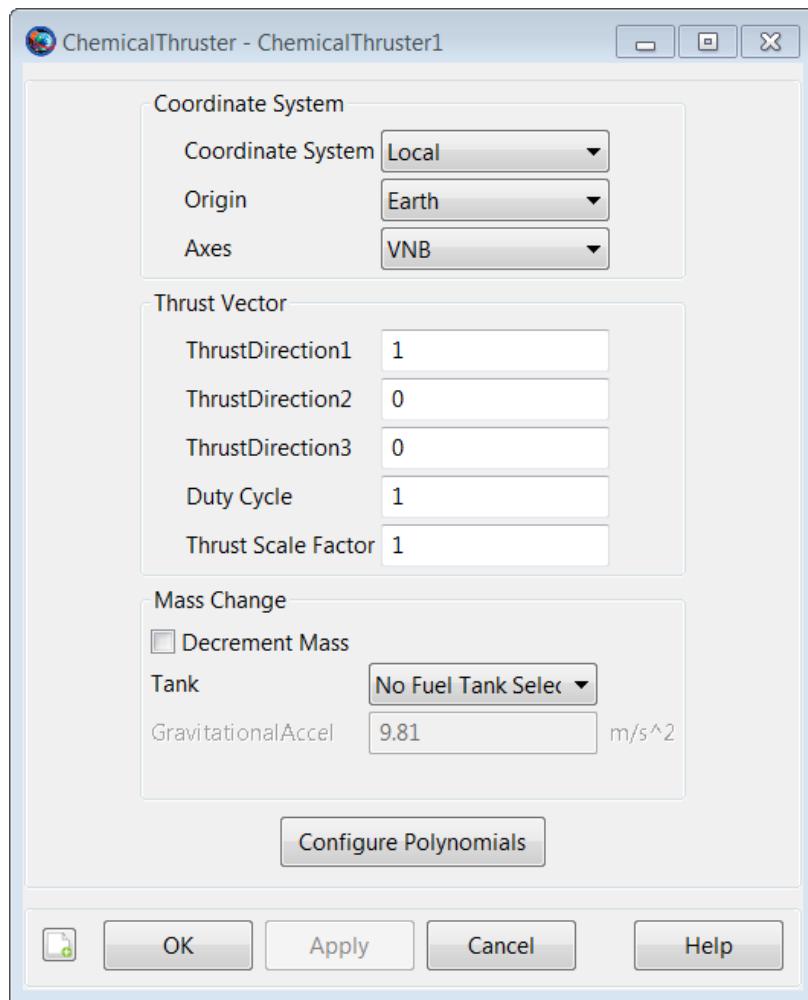
Field	Description
PressureModel	<p>The pressure model describes how pressure in the Chemical-Tank changes as fuel is depleted. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	Data Type Enumeration
	Allowed Values PressureRegulated, BlowDown
	Access set
	Default Value PressureRegulated
	Units N/A
	Interfaces GUI, script
RefTemperature	<p>The temperature of the tank when fuel was loaded.</p>
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Real > -273.15 and Real > 0.01
	Access set, get
	Default Value 20
	Units C
	Interfaces GUI, script
Temperature	<p>The temperature of the fuel and ullage in the tank. GMAT currently assumes ullage and fuel are always at the same temperature.</p>
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Real > -273.15
	Access set, get
	Default Value 20
	Units C
	Interfaces GUI, script
Volume	<p>The volume of the tank. GMAT checks to ensure that the input volume of the tank is larger than the calculated volume of fuel loaded in the tank and throws an exception in the case that the calculated fuel volume is larger than the input tank volume.</p>
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Real > 0 such that calculated fuel volume is < input tank Volume.
	Access set, get
	Default Value 0.75
	Units m^3
	Interfaces GUI, script

GUI

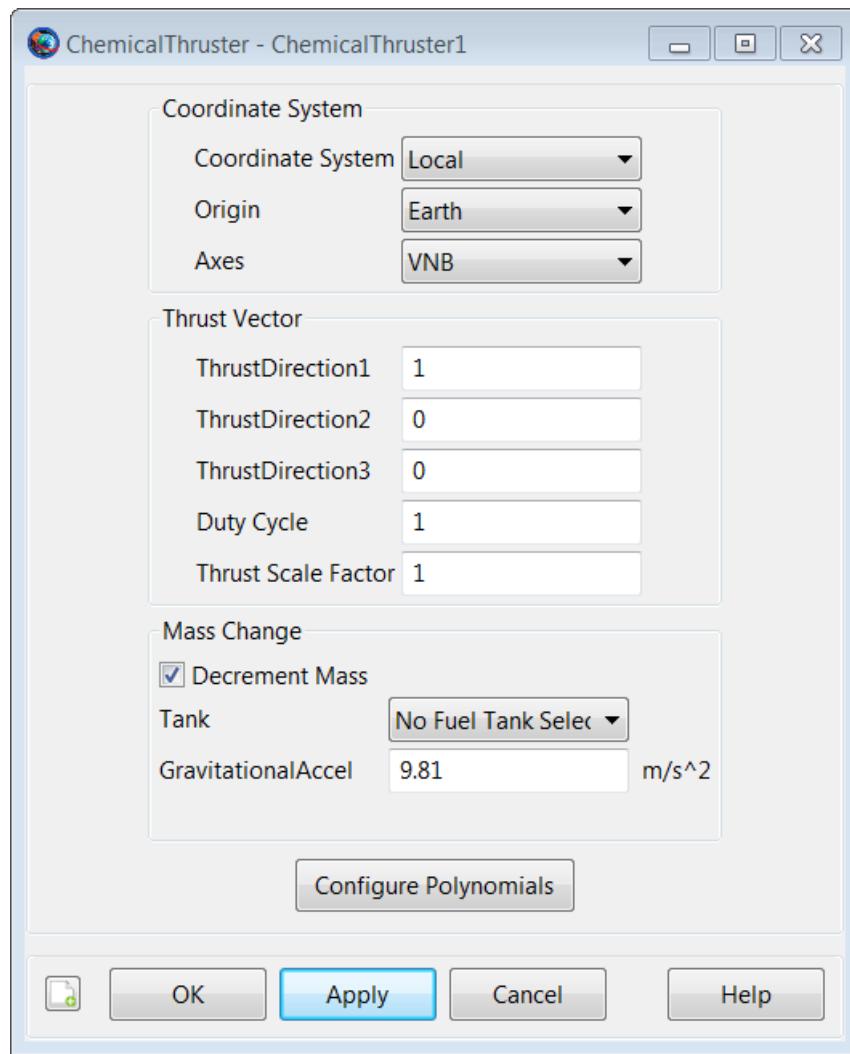
The **ChemicalTank** dialog box allows you to specify properties of a fuel tank including fuel mass, density, and temperature as well as tank pressure and volume. The layout of the **ChemicalTank** dialog box is shown below.



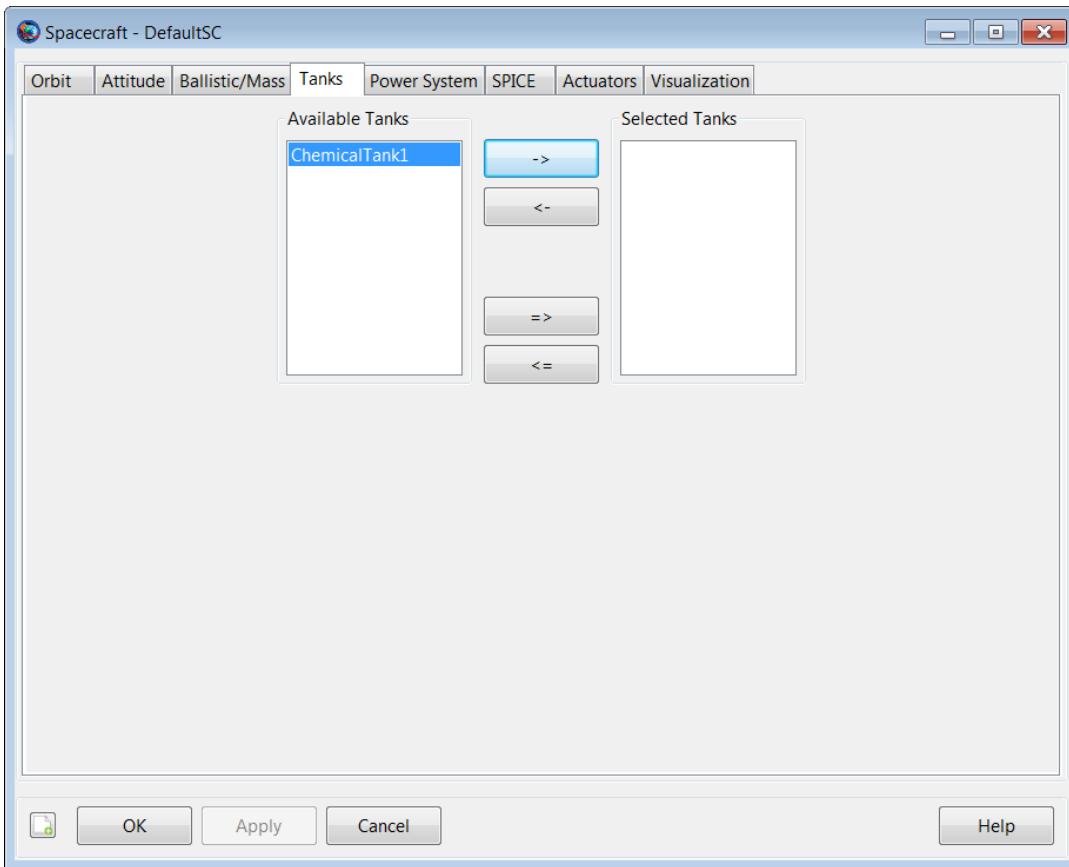
The **ChemicalThruster** resource is closely related to the **ChemicalTank** resource and thus, we also discuss it here. The **ChemicalThruster** dialog box allows you to specify properties of a thruster including the coordinate system of the Thrust acceleration direction vector, the thrust magnitude and Isp. The layout of the **ChemicalThruster** dialog box is shown below.



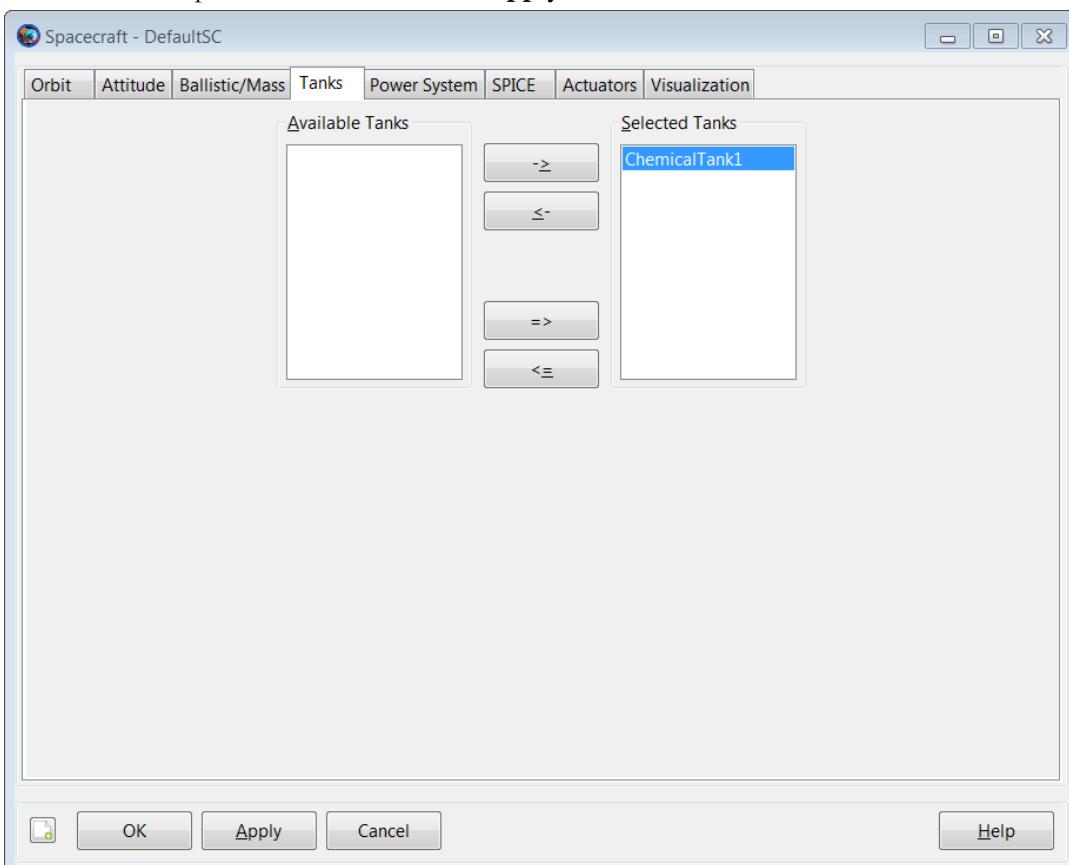
When performing a finite burn, you will typically want to model fuel depletion. To do this, select the **Decrement Mass** button and then select the previously created **ChemicalTank** as shown below.



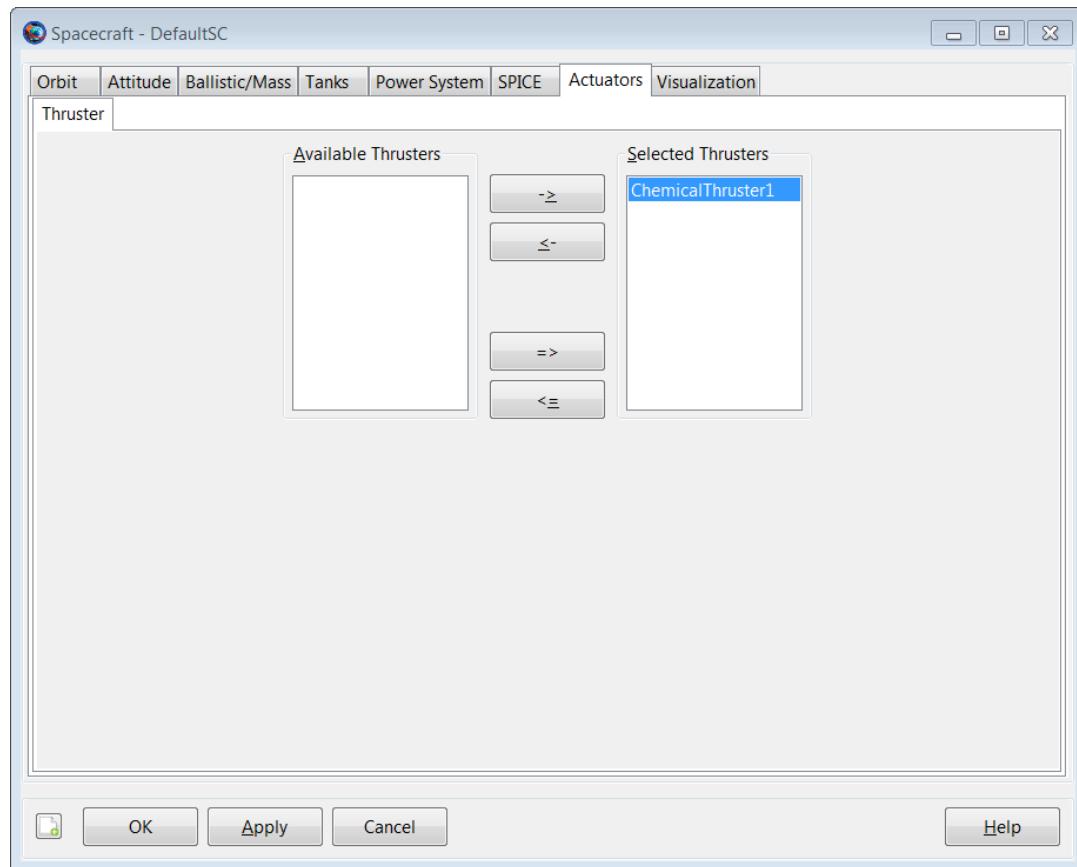
Thus far, we have created both a **ChemicalTank** and a **ChemicalThruster**, and we have associated a **ChemicalTank** with our **ChemicalThruster**. We are not done yet. We must tell GMAT that we want to attach both the **ChemicalTank** and the **ChemicalThruster** to a particular spacecraft. To do this, double click on the desired spacecraft under the **Spacecraft** resource to bring up the associated GUI panel. Then click on the **Tanks** tab to bring up the following GUI display.



Next, select the desired **ChemicalTank** and use the right arrow button to attach the **ChemicalTank** to the spacecraft. Then, click the **Apply** button as shown below.



Similarly, to attach a **ChemicalThruster** to a spacecraft, double click on the desired spacecraft under the **Spacecraft** resource and then select the **Actuators** tab. Then select the desired thruster and use the right arrow to attach the thruster to the spacecraft. Finally, click the **Apply** button as shown below.



Remarks

Use of ChemicalTank Resource in Conjunction with Maneuvers

A **ChemicalTank** is used in conjunction with both impulsive and finite maneuvers. To implement an impulsive maneuver, one must first create an **ImpulsiveBurn** resource and (optionally) associate a **ChemicalTank** with it. The actual impulsive maneuver is implemented using the **Maneuver** command. See the **Maneuver** command documentation for worked examples on how the **ChemicalTank** resource is used in conjunction with impulsive maneuvers.

To implement a finite maneuver, you must first create both a **ChemicalThruster** and a **FiniteBurn** resource. You must also associate a **ChemicalTank** with the **ChemicalThruster** resource and you must associate a **Thruster** with the **FiniteBurn** resource. The actual finite maneuver is implemented using the **BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn** commands. See the **BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn** command documentation for worked examples on how the **ChemicalTank** resource is used in conjunction with finite maneuvers.

Behavior When Configuring Tank and Attached Tank Properties

Create a default **ChemicalTank** and attach it to a **Spacecraft** and **ChemicalThruster**.

```
% Create the ChemicalTank Resource
Create ChemicalTank aTank
aTank.AllowNegativeFuelMass = false
```

```

aTank.FuelMass = 756
aTank.Pressure = 1500
aTank.Temperature = 20
aTank.RefTemperature = 20
aTank.Volume = 0.75
aTank.FuelDensity = 1260
aTank.PressureModel = PressureRegulated
% Create a ChemicalThruster and assign it a ChemicalTank
Create ChemicalThruster aThruster
aThruster.Tank = {aTank}

% Add the ChemicalTank and ChemicalThruster to a Spacecraft
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.Tanks = {aTank}
aSpacecraft.Thrusters = {aThruster}

```

As exhibited below, there are some subtleties associated with setting and getting parent vs. cloned resources. In the example above, **aTank** is the parent **ChemicalTank** resource and the field **aSpacecraft.Tanks** is populated with a cloned copy of **aTank**.

Create a second spacecraft and attach a fuel tank using the same procedure used in the previous example. Set the **FuelMass** in the parent resource, **aTank**, to 900 kg.

```

% Add the ChemicalTank and ChemicalThruster to a second Spacecraft
Create Spacecraft bSpacecraft
bSpacecraft.Tanks = {aTank}
bSpacecraft.Thrusters = {aThruster}
aTank.FuelMass = 900      %Can be performed in both resource and
                           %command modes

```

Note that, in the example above, setting the value of the parent resource, **aTank**, changes the fuel mass value in both cloned fuel tank resources. More specifically, the value of both **aSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass** and **bSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass** are both now equal to the new value of 900 kg. We note that the assignment command for the parent resource, **aTank.FuelMass**, can be performed in both resource and command modes.

To change the value of the fuel mass in only the first created spacecraft, **aSpacecraft**, we do the following.

```

% Create the Fuel Tank Resource
aTank.FuelMass = 756      %Fuel tank mass in both s/c set back to default
aSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass = 1000 %Can only be performed in command mode.

```

As a result of the commands in the previous example, the value of **aSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass** is 1000 kg and the value of **bSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass** is 756 kg. We note that the assignment command for the cloned resource, **aSpacecraft.aTank.FuelMass**, can only be performed in command mode.

Caution: Value of AllowNegativeFuelMass Flag Can Affect Iterative Processes

By default, GMAT will not allow the fuel mass to be negative. However, occasionally in iterative processes such as targeting, a solver will try values of a maneuver parameter that result in total fuel depletion. Using the default tank settings, this will throw an exception stopping the run unless you set the **AllowNegativeFuelMass** flag to true. GMAT will not allow the the total spacecraft mass to be negative. If DryMass + FuelMass is negative GMAT will throw an exception and stop.

Examples

Create a default **ChemicalTank** and attach it to a **Spacecraft** and **ChemicalThruster**.

```
% Create the Fuel Tank Resource
Create ChemicalTank aTank
aTank.AllowNegativeFuelMass = false
aTank.FuelMass = 756
aTank.Pressure = 1500
aTank.Temperature = 20
aTank.RefTemperature = 20
aTank.Volume = 0.75
aTank.FuelDensity = 1260
aTank.PressureModel = PressureRegulated

% Create a ChemicalThruster and assign it a ChemicalTank
Create ChemicalThruster aThruster
aThruster.Tank = {aTank}

% Add the ChemicalTank and ChemicalThruster to a Spacecraft
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.Tanks = {aTank}
aSpacecraft.Thrusters = {aThruster}

BeginMissionSequence
```


GMATFunction

Declaration of a GMAT function

Description

The **GmatFunction** resource declares a new GMAT function or can be used to load-in a pre-existing GMAT function. This function can be called in the Mission Sequence through GMAT's **CallGmatFunction** command. See the [CallGmatFunction](#) reference for details.

Through this GMAT function, data can be passed in the function as input and received as output. Data that is passed into the function as input or received from the function as output can also be declared as global. See the [Global](#) reference for more details. See also the [Remarks](#) and [Examples](#) sections for detailed discussion on GMAT functions and how to use them.

See Also: [CallGmatFunction](#), [Global](#)

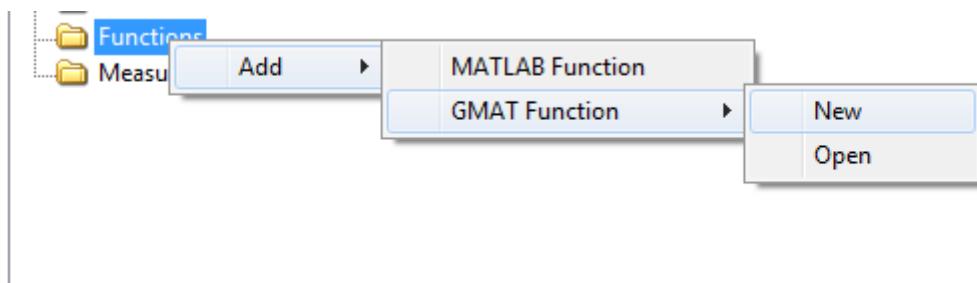
Fields

Field	Description
Function-Path	Allows the user to define a valid function path. In the GUI, the FunctionPath field is activated after editing the function and then clicking on the function's Save As button. The path of the function can be defined as either absolute or relative.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	Valid file path. The path can be either absolute or relative. In the Script mode, if this field is not used at all, then default location of functions is GMAT's ...\\user-functions\\gmat\\ directory
Access	set
Default Value	User-defined
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

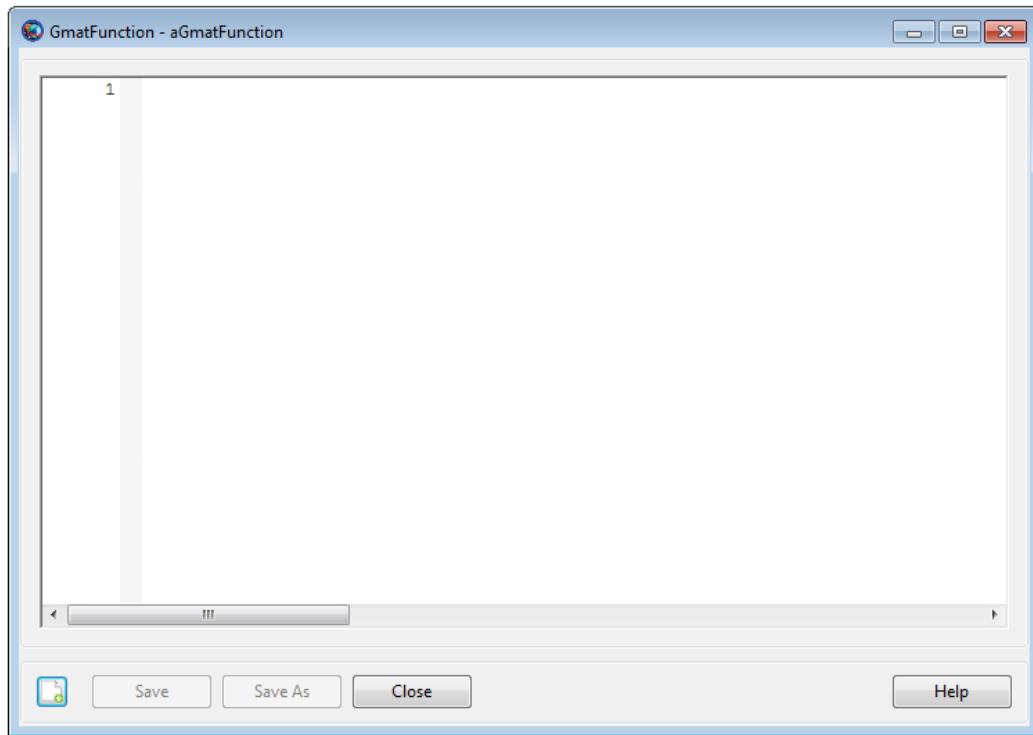
GUI

In the GUI, a new **GmatFunction** resource is created as follows:

1. In the **Resources Tree**, right click on the **Functions** folder, select **Add -> GMAT Function -> New**
2. In the **New GMAT function** dialog box, type the desired name of your function.



The **GmatFunction** resource's GUI window is very simple. When a new GMAT function is created through the GUI, the **FunctionPath** field is defined by first editing the function and then clicking on the **Save As** button. This lets you graphically define the path.



Remarks

Input and Output Arguments

Arguments can be passed into a GMAT function as input and returned from a GMAT function as output. You can pass GMAT objects as input to a function and receive entire objects as output from the function. If a given GMAT object is not declared as global in both the main script and in the function, then all objects that are passed into or received as output from the function are considered to be local to that function and the main script.

In GMAT, you can use **CallGmatFunction** command to pass GMAT objects as input arguments and receive objects as output from the function. In general, any objects in GMAT's **Resources** tree can be passed as input to the function. Most common objects that a user is likely to pass as input to the function are objects that are related to propagating a spacecraft, performing differential correction (DC) in a targeter, implementing optimization in an optimizer loop, user-defined variables/arrays/strings or subscribers that are used to draw or report parameters. Most common objects that are likely to be passed as output arguments from the function maybe a **Spacecraft** resource or user-defined objects such as **Variables, Arrays or Strings**.

Below is a list of allowed objects that can be passed as input and output to and from the function. Also see [Examples](#) section that show two distinct methods in two separate examples of how to pass local objects as inputs to the function, perform an operation inside the function, then receive local objects as outputs from the function.

The input arguments can be any of the following types:

- Any resource objects (e.g. **Spacecraft**, **Propagator**, **DC**, **Optimizers**, **Impulsive or Finite-Burns**)
- resource parameter of real number type (e.g. **Spacecraft.X**)
- resource parameter of string type (e.g. **Spacecraft.UTCGregorian**)
- **Array**, **String**, or **Variable** resource

The output arguments can be any of the following types:

- Resource object like **Spacecraft**
- resource parameter of real number type (e.g. **Spacecraft.X**)
- resource parameter of string type (e.g. **Spacecraft.UTCGregorian**)
- **Array**, **String**, or **Variable** resource

Global Spacecraft, Subscribers and Other Objects

In GMAT, objects can be declared as global by using the **Global** command in the **Mission** tree. All default objects present in GMAT's Resources tree or any new user-defined resources can be declared as global. Currently any default or new user-defined coordinate systems, **SolarSystem-Barycenter**, **SolarSystem**, default or new user-defined propagators are automatic global objects and not needed to be specifically declared as global via the **Global** command.

Often times, there will be cases when you will propagate a spacecraft both in the main script and from inside the GMAT function. Additionally users may want to report and/or plot spacecraft's trajectory, parameters, variables, arrays and strings to same subscribers both from the main script and/or solely from inside the function. If you want to report and plot continuous set of data to any of the five subscribers (i.e. **OrbitView**, **GroundTrackPlot**, **XYPlot**, **ReportFile**, **EphemerisFile**), then always declare your **Spacecraft** object and subscriber objects as global both in the main script and inside the function. Abiding by this rule draws plots, reports and ephemeris files correctly and flow of data will be reported continuously to all the subscribers.

In general, a good scripting practice is that objects that have been declared global don't need to be sent as input or output arguments to and from the function. For example, if **Spacecraft**, all subscriber objects or objects that are used to perform propagation, targeting or optimization have already been declared global, then you don't have to be redundant and send those global objects again as input or receive them as output from the function. Having said that, GMAT does allow globally declared objects such as **Spacecraft**, global variables/arrays/strings to be passed as input/output argument to and from the function. Globally declared objects such as spacecraft, variables/arrays/strings can be plotted or reported interchangeably both from the main script and inside the function to globally declared subscribers.

See [Examples](#) section that shows three examples of how to declare spacecraft, all five subscribers and variables/arrays as global in both the main script and inside the function. As you run the examples, notice that the flow of data reported to all five subscribers is continuous.

Using GMAT Functions in an Assignment Command

GMAT allows you to use simple GMAT functions in the main script in an assignment command mode. Below example snippet shows how to use simple GMAT functions in mathematical statements. Note that in the below snippet, function path to GMAT function's **FunctionPath** field was not specifically defined. Whenever the **FunctionPath** field is not defined in the script mode, then preferred default path of these functions is in the following directory where GMAT was installed: ..\GMAT\userfunctions\gmat\

```
%%Using a GMAT function in a mathematical statement

Create ReportFile rf

Create GmatFunction Math_GmatPi Math_GmatSin
Create GmatFunction Math_GmatAtan2 Math_GmatInv

Create Variable x y z pi in
Create Array A[2,2] B[2,2]
```

```
BeginMissionSequence

A(1,1) = 1
A(1,2) = 3
A(2,1) = 4
A(2,2) = 2

% no inputs into the function
pi = Math_GmatPi * 2
Report rf pi

% one input into the function
[pi] = Math_GmatPi
in = pi/4
x = Math_GmatSin(in) - 15
Report rf x

% two inputs:
in = 0.5
y = Math_GmatAtan2(in, x)^2
Report rf y

% array input/output:
B = Math_GmatInv(A)'
Report rf B

%%%% Math_GmatPi Function begins below:

function [pi] = Math_GmatPi
Create Variable pi
BeginMissionSequence
pi = acos(-1)

%%%% Math_GmatSin Function begins below:

function [y] = Math_GmatSin(x)
Create Variable y
BeginMissionSequence
y = sin(x)

%%%% Math_GmatAtan2 Function begins below:

function [z] = Math_GmatAtan2(y, x)
Create Variable z
BeginMissionSequence
z = atan2(y, x)

%%%% Math_GmatInv Function begins below:

function [B] = Math_GmatInv(A)
Create Array B[2,2]
BeginMissionSequence
B = inv(A)
```

Examples

Method 1 of how to pass local objects into the function and receiving local objects as the output from the function. Pass local spacecraft, other local objects into the function, perform hohmann targeting inside the function, receive updated local spacecraft, local variables as output and finally report them to local subscribers in the main script. Since the spacecraft and all five subscribers were only local objects (i.e. not declared as global), hence notice that all subscribers begin to draw and report data once the updated spacecraft is returned back and propagated in the main script.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Earth
aFM.PointMasses = {Earth}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI
Create ImpulsiveBurn GOI

Create DifferentialCorrector DC

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.SolverIterations = Current
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

Create GroundTrackPlot GroundTrackPlot1
GroundTrackPlot1.Add = {aSat}
GroundTrackPlot1.CentralBody = Earth

Create XYPlot XYPlot1
XYPlot1.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
XYPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X}

Create ReportFile rf
rf.Add = {aSat.UTCGregorian, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ}

Create ReportFile rf2
rf2.WriteHeaders = false

Create EphemerisFile anEphemerisFile
GMAT anEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = aSat

Create GmatFunction Targeter_Inside_Function
Targeter_Inside_Function.FunctionPath = ...
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\Targeter_Inside_Function.gmf'

Create Variable DV1 DV2

BeginMissionSequence;

% Pass local S/C, local objects into function and receive back
% updated local S/C and local variables:
'Hohmann Transfer'[DV1, DV2, aSat] ...
```

```

= Targeter_Inside_Function(aSat, aProp, TOI, GOI, DC)

TOI.Element1 = DV1
GOI.Element1 = DV2

% Report updated S/C:
Report rf2 aSat.UTCModJulian aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ TOI.Element1 GOI.Element1

Propagate 'Prop one day' aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1.0}

Report rf2 aSat.UTCModJulian aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ

%%%%%%% Function begins below:

function [dv1, dv2, aSat] = Targeter_Inside_Function(aSat, aProp, TOI, GOI, DC)

% Create local S/C, local variables:
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Variable dv1 dv2

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate 'Propagate to Periapsis' aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis}

Target 'Hohmann Transfer' DC {SolveMode = Solve, ExitMode = SaveAndContinue}
    Vary 'Vary TOI' DC(TOI.Element1 = 1.0, {Perturbation = 0.0001, ...
    Lower = 0.0, Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.5})
        Maneuver 'Perform TOI' TOI(aSat)
        Propagate 'Prop to Apoapsis' aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Apoapsis}
        Achieve 'Achieve RMAG = 42165' DC(aSat.Earth.RMAG = 42165)
        Vary 'Vary GOI' DC(GOI.Element1 = 1.0, {Perturbation = 0.0001, ...
        Lower = 0.0, Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.2})
            Maneuver 'Perform GOI' GOI(aSat)
            Achieve 'Achieve ECC = 0.005' DC(aSat.Earth.ECC = 0.005)
EndTarget

dv1 = TOI.Element1
dv2 = GOI.Element1

```

Method 2 of how to pass local objects into the function and receiving local objects as the output from the function. In this method, notice that we now only pass local spacecraft as input to the function. Instead of passing additional local objects into the function, we now create those required local objects inside the function itself. Similar to method 1, we perform hohmann targeting inside the function, then send updated spacecraft and variables back to the main script as output from the function. Finally updated spacecraft is propagated for one day in main script and reported by all subscribers. Since the spacecraft and all five subscribers were only local objects (i.e. not declared as global), hence notice that all subscribers begin to draw and report data once the updated spacecraft begins propagation in the main script.

```

Create Spacecraft aSat

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Earth
aFM.PointMasses = {Earth}

```

```

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI
Create ImpulsiveBurn GOI

Create DifferentialCorrector DC

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.SolverIterations = Current
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

Create GroundTrackPlot GroundTrackPlot1
GroundTrackPlot1.Add = {aSat}
GroundTrackPlot1.CentralBody = Earth

Create XYPlot XYPlot1
XYPlot1.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
XYPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X}

Create ReportFile rf
rf.Add = {aSat.UTCGregorian, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ}

Create ReportFile rf2
rf2.WriteHeaders = false

Create EphemerisFile anEphemerisFile
GMAT anEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = aSat

Create GmatFunction Targeter_Inside_Function
Targeter_Inside_Function.FunctionPath = ...
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\Targeter_Inside_Function.gmf'

Create Variable DV1 DV2

BeginMissionSequence;

% Pass only local S/C into the function and receive back
% updated local S/C and local variables:
'Hohmann Transfer'[DV1, DV2, aSat] ...
= Targeter_Inside_Function(aSat)

TOI.Element1 = DV1
GOI.Element1 = DV2

% Report updated S/C:
Report rf2 aSat.UTCModJulian aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ TOI.Element1 GOI.Element1

Propagate 'Prop one day' aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1.0}

Report rf2 aSat.UTCModJulian aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ

```

```
%%%%%%% Function begins below:

function [dv1, dv2, aSat] = Targeter_Inside_Function(aSat)

% Create local S/C:
Create Spacecraft aSat

% Create local objects that are used to do targeting:
Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Earth
aFM.PointMasses = {Earth}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI
Create ImpulsiveBurn GOI

Create DifferentialCorrector DC

% Create local variables:
Create Variable dv1 dv2

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate 'Propagate to Periapsis' aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis}

Target 'Hohmann Transfer' DC {SolveMode = Solve, ExitMode = SaveAndContinue}
    Vary 'Vary TOI' DC(TOI.Element1 = 1.0, {Perturbation = 0.0001, ...
    Lower = 0.0, Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.5})
        Maneuver 'Perform TOI' TOI(aSat)
        Propagate 'Prop to Apoapsis' aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Apoapsis}
        Achieve 'Achieve RMAG = 42165' DC(aSat.Earth.RMAG = 42165)
        Vary 'Vary GOI' DC(GOI.Element1 = 1.0, {Perturbation = 0.0001, ...
        Lower = 0.0, Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.2})
            Maneuver 'Perform GOI' GOI(aSat)
            Achieve 'Achieve ECC = 0.005' DC(aSat.Earth.ECC = 0.005)
EndTarget

dv1 = TOI.Element1
dv2 = GOI.Element1
```

In this example, we declare spacecraft, all subscribers and other objects as global in both main script and in function. Propagate inside the function, perform targeting inside function, and report local variables, global spacecraft state and global variable (DV1, DV2) to global reportfile. Next, we continue to propagate in the main script and continue to report spacecraft state to global reportfile in the main script. After running this example, pay special attention to all subscribers. Note that spacecraft trajectory is plotted continuously on three plotting subscribers and data is reported continuously as well to both reportfiles and ephemerisfile.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Earth
aFM.PointMasses = {Earth}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM
```

```
Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI
Create ImpulsiveBurn GOI

Create DifferentialCorrector DC

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.SolverIterations = Current
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

Create GroundTrackPlot GroundTrackPlot1
GroundTrackPlot1.Add = {aSat}
GroundTrackPlot1.CentralBody = Earth

Create XYPlot XYPlot1
XYPlot1.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
XYPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X}

Create ReportFile rf
rf.Add = {aSat.UTCGregorian, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ}

Create ReportFile rf2
rf2.WriteHeaders = false

Create EphemerisFile anEphemerisFile
GMAT anEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = aSat

Create GmatFunction Global_Subscribers
Global_Subscribers.FunctionPath = ...
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\Global_Subscribers.gmf'

Create Variable DV1 DV2

BeginMissionSequence;

% Declare aSat, Subscribers and other objects as Global:
Global aSat
Global aFM TOI GOI DC %aProp is global by default.
Global anOrbitView GroundTrackPlot1 XYPlot1 rf rf2 anEphemerisFile
Global DV1 DV2

Report rf2 aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.UTCModJulian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ

% Call function:
Global_Subscribers()

% Report updated Global S/C, TOI and GOI:
Report rf2 aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.UTCModJulian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ TOI.Element1 GOI.Element1

Propagate 'Prop one more day' aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1.0}

Report rf2 aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.UTCModJulian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ
```

```
% Report Global DV1 and DV2 to global 'rf2' in main script:  
Report rf2 DV1 DV2  
  
%%%%%%% Function begins below:  
  
function Global_Subscribers()  
  
% Create Local variables, string:  
Create Variable sc_epoch x y z vx vy vz dv1 dv2;  
Create String utc_epoch  
  
Global aSat  
Global aFM TOI GOI DC  
Global anOrbitView GroundTrackPlot1 XYPlot1 rf rf2 anEphemerisFile  
Global DV1 DV2  
  
BeginMissionSequence  
  
Propagate 'Propagate to Periapsis' aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis}  
  
Target 'Hohmann Transfer' DC {SolveMode = Solve, ExitMode = SaveAndContinue}  
    Vary 'Vary TOI' DC(TOI.Element1 = 1.0, {Perturbation = 0.0001, ...  
    Lower = 0.0, Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.5})  
        Maneuver 'Perform TOI' TOI(aSat)  
        Propagate 'Prop to Apoapsis' aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Apoapsis}  
        Achieve 'Achieve RMAG = 42165' DC(aSat.Earth.RMAG = 42165)  
        Vary 'Vary GOI' DC(GOI.Element1 = 1.0, {Perturbation = 0.0001, ...  
        Lower = 0.0, Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.2})  
            Maneuver 'Perform GOI' GOI(aSat)  
            Achieve 'Achieve ECC = 0.005' DC(aSat.Earth.ECC = 0.005)  
EndTarget  
  
sc_epoch = aSat.UTCModJulian  
utc_epoch = aSat.UTCGregorian  
x = aSat.X  
y = aSat.Y  
z = aSat.Z  
vx = aSat.VX  
vy = aSat.VY  
vz = aSat.VZ  
dv1 = TOI.Element1  
dv2 = GOI.Element1  
  
% Report local variables/strings to Global reportfile 'rf2':  
Report rf2 utc_epoch sc_epoch x y z vx vy vz dv1 dv2  
  
Propagate 'Prop one Day Inside Function' aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1.0}  
  
% Report Global aSat state to global 'rf2':  
Report rf2 aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.UTCModJulian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z aSat.VX ...  
aSat.VY aSat.VZ TOI.Element1 GOI.Element1  
  
% Report Global variables DV1 and DV2 to global 'rf2' in main script:  
DV1 = TOI.Element1  
DV2 = TOI.Element1
```

Just as previous example, we declare spacecraft, all subscribers and other objects as global in both main script and in function. This time GMAT function is nested inside control logic statements like While and If-EndIf. LEO station-keeping is performed inside the function. As the example will be running, pay special attention to all subscribers. Note that spacecraft trajectory is plotted continuously on three plotting subscribers and data is reported continuously as well to both reportfiles and ephemerisfile.

```
Create Spacecraft LEOsat
LEOsat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
LEOsat.SMA = 6733.98999999996
LEOsat.ECC = 0.000432999999984123
LEOsat.INC = 34.98399999999998
LEOsat.RAAN = 274.742
LEOsat.AOP = 287.804999999732
LEOsat.TA = 294.0690000000269

Create ForceModel LEOprop_ForceModel
LEOprop_ForceModel.CentralBody = Earth
LEOprop_ForceModel.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
LEOprop_ForceModel.PointMasses = {Luna, Sun}
LEOprop_ForceModel.SRP = On
LEOprop_ForceModel.GravityField.Earth.Degree = 4
LEOprop_ForceModel.GravityField.Earth.Order = 4
LEOprop_ForceModel.GravityField.Earth.PotentialFile = 'JGM2.cof'
LEOprop_ForceModel.Drag.AtmosphereModel = JacchiaRoberts
LEOprop_ForceModel.Drag.F107 = 150
LEOprop_ForceModel.Drag.F107A = 150

Create Propagator LEOprop
GMAT LEOprop.FM = LEOprop_ForceModel

Create ImpulsiveBurn TCM1
Create ImpulsiveBurn TCM2

Create DifferentialCorrector DC

Create OrbitView DefaultOrbitView
DefaultOrbitView.Add = {LEOsat, Earth}

Create XYPlot XYPlot1
GMAT XYPlot1.XVariable = LEOsat.A1ModJulian
GMAT XYPlot1.YVariables = {LEOsat.Earth.Altitude}

Create GroundTrackPlot GroundTrackPlot1
GroundTrackPlot1.Add = {LEOsat}

Create ReportFile rf

Create ReportFile rf2
rf2.Add = {LEOsat.UTCModJulian, LEOsat.Earth.Altitude, ...
LEOsat.Earth.RMAG, LEOsat.Earth.ECC}

Create EphemerisFile anEphemerisFile
GMAT anEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = LEOsat

Create GmatFunction TargetLEOStationKeeping
TargetLEOStationKeeping.FunctionPath = ...
```

```
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\TargetLEOStationKeeping.gmf'

Create Variable desiredRMAG desiredECC X Y Z

BeginMissionSequence

desiredRMAG = 6737
desiredECC = 0.00005

% Declare LEOsat, Subscribers and other objects as Global:
Global LEOsat
Global DC TCM1 TCM2 LEOprop_ForceModel
Global DefaultOrbitView XYPlot1 GroundTrackPlot1
Global rf rf2 anEphemerisFile

While 'While ElapsedDays < 10' LEOsat.ElapsedDays < 10.0

Propagate 'Prop One Step' LEOprop(LEOsat)

If 'If Alt < Threshold' LEOsat.Earth.Altitude < 342

Propagate 'Prop To Periapsis' LEOprop(LEOsat) {LEOsat.Periapsis}

% Call function to implement SK. Pass local variables as input:
TargetLEOStationKeeping(desiredRMAG,desiredECC)

EndIf

EndWhile

Report rf LEOsat.UTCGregorian LEOsat.UTCModJulian LEOsat.X ...
LEOsat.Y LEOsat.Z LEOsat.Earth.Altitude LEOsat.Earth.ECC

%%%%%%% Function begins below:

function TargetLEOStationKeeping(desiredRMAG,desiredECC)

BeginMissionSequence

Global LEOsat
Global DC TCM1 TCM2 LEOprop_ForceModel
Global DefaultOrbitView XYPlot1 GroundTrackPlot1
Global rf rf2 anEphemerisFile

Target 'Raise Orbit' DC {SolveMode = Solve, ExitMode = DiscardAndContinue}
Vary 'Vary TCM1.V' DC(TCM1.Element1 = 0.002, {Perturbation = 0.0001, ...
Lower = -9.999999e300, Upper = 9.999999e300, MaxStep = 0.05})
Maneuver 'Apply TCM1' TCM1(LEOsat);
Propagate 'Prop to Apoapsis' LEOprop(LEOsat) {LEOsat.Apoapsis}
Achieve 'Achieve RMAG' DC(LEOsat.RMAG = desiredRMAG, {Tolerance = 0.1})
Vary 'Vary TCM2.V' DC(TCM2.Element1 = 1e-005, {Perturbation = 0.00005, ...
Lower = -9.999999e300, Upper = 9.999999e300, MaxStep = 0.05})
Maneuver 'Apply TCM2' TCM2(LEOsat);
Achieve 'Achieve ECC' DC(LEOsat.Earth.ECC = desiredECC)
EndTarget
```

In this example, all arrays, string and a single subscriber are declared global both in main script and inside function. Note that global arrays are passed into the function, cross products are computed and computed global arrays (v5, v6) are sent back to the main script. Also note that global arrays, string are reported to global report file in both main script and inside the function.

```
Create ReportFile rf
rf.WriteHeaders = false

Create GmatFunction cross3by1;
GMAT cross3by1.FunctionPath = ...
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\cross3by1.gmf'

Create Array v1[3,1] v2[3,1] v3[3,1] ...
v4[3,1] v5[3,1] v6[3,1]
Create String tempstring

BeginMissionSequence

% Declare Arrays, string and subscriber as global:
Global v1 v2 v3 v4 v5 v6 tempstring rf

v1(1,1) = 1
v1(2,1) = 2
v1(3,1) = 3
v2(1,1) = 4
v2(2,1) = 5
v2(3,1) = 6
v3(1,1) = 8
v3(2,1) = 9
v3(3,1) = 10
v4(1,1) = 10
v4(2,1) = 11
v4(3,1) = 12

% Report global arrays/string to global 'rf':
Report rf v1 v2 v3 v4
tempstring = '-----'
Report rf tempstring

% Call function. Pass in Global arrays
% Receive global arrays in return:
GMAT [v5, v6] = cross3by1(v1, v2, v3, v4)

% Report global output to global 'rf':
Report rf v5 v6

tempstring = '-----'
Report rf tempstring

%%%%%%% Function begins below:

function [v5, v6] = cross3by1(vector1,vector2, vector3, vector4)

BeginMissionSequence

Global v1 v2 v3 v4 v5 v6 tempstring rf
```

```
v5(1,1) = vector1(2,1)*vector2(3,1) - vector1(3,1)*vector2(2,1)
v5(2,1) = -(vector1(1,1)*vector2(3,1) - vector1(3,1)*vector2(1,1))
v5(3,1) = vector1(1,1)*vector2(2,1) - vector1(2,1)*vector2(1,1)

v6(1,1) = vector3(2,1)*vector4(3,1) - vector3(3,1)*vector4(2,1)
v6(2,1) = -(vector3(1,1)*vector4(3,1) - vector3(3,1)*vector4(1,1))
v6(3,1) = vector3(1,1)*vector4(2,1) - vector3(2,1)*vector4(1,1)

v1 = v1 + 1
v2 = v2*2
v3 = v3/2
v4 = v4 + v4

% Continue to report global arrays/string to global 'rf':
Report rf v1 v2 v3 v4
tempstring = '-----'
Report rf tempstring
```

GroundStation

A ground station model.

Description

A **GroundStation** models a facility fixed to the surface of a **CelestialBody**. There are several state representations available for defining the location of a ground station including Cartesian and spherical. This resource cannot be modified in the mission sequence.

See Also: [ContactLocator](#), [CoordinateSystem](#), [Color](#)

Fields

Field	Description
Altitude	The altitude of the station with respect to the HorizonReference .
	Data Type Real Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ Access set Default Value 0 Units km Interfaces GUI, script
CentralBody	The central body of the GroundStation .
	Data Type String Allowed Values Earth. (Ground stations are currently only supported with respect to Earth) Access set Default Value Earth Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
HorizonReference	The system used for the horizon. Sphere is equivalent to Geocentric, Ellipsoid is equivalent to Geodetic.
	Data Type String Allowed Values Sphere, Ellipsoid Access set Default Value Sphere Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
Id	The Id of the GroundStation used in estimation and measurement modelling..
	Data Type String Allowed Values Must begin with a letter; may contain letters, integers, dashes, underscores Access set, Default Value StationId Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
Latitude	The latitude of the station with respect to HorizonReference .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-90 < \text{Real} < 90$
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	deg.
Interfaces	GUI, script
Location1	The first component of the GroundStation location. When StateType is Cartesian , Location1 is the x-component of station location in the body-fixed system. When StateType is Spherical or Ellipsoid , Location1 is the Longitude (deg.) of the GroundStation .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ for Cartesian , See Longitude , Latitude , Altitude for others.
Access	set
Default Value	6378.1363
Units	see description
Interfaces	GUI, script
Location2	The second component of the GroundStation location. When StateType is Cartesian , Location2 is the y-component of station location in the body-fixed system. When StateType is Spherical or Ellipsoid , Location2 is the Latitude (deg.) of the GroundStation .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ for Cartesian , See Longitude , Latitude , Altitude for others.
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	see description
Interfaces	GUI, script
Location3	The third component of the GroundStation location. When StateType is Cartesian , Location3 is the z-component of station location in the body-fixed system. When StateType is Spherical or Ellipsoid , Location3 is the height (km) of the GroundStation above the reference shape.
Data Type	Reals
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ for Cartesian , See Longitude , Latitude , Altitude for others.
Access	set,
Default Value	0
Units	see description
Interfaces	GUI, script

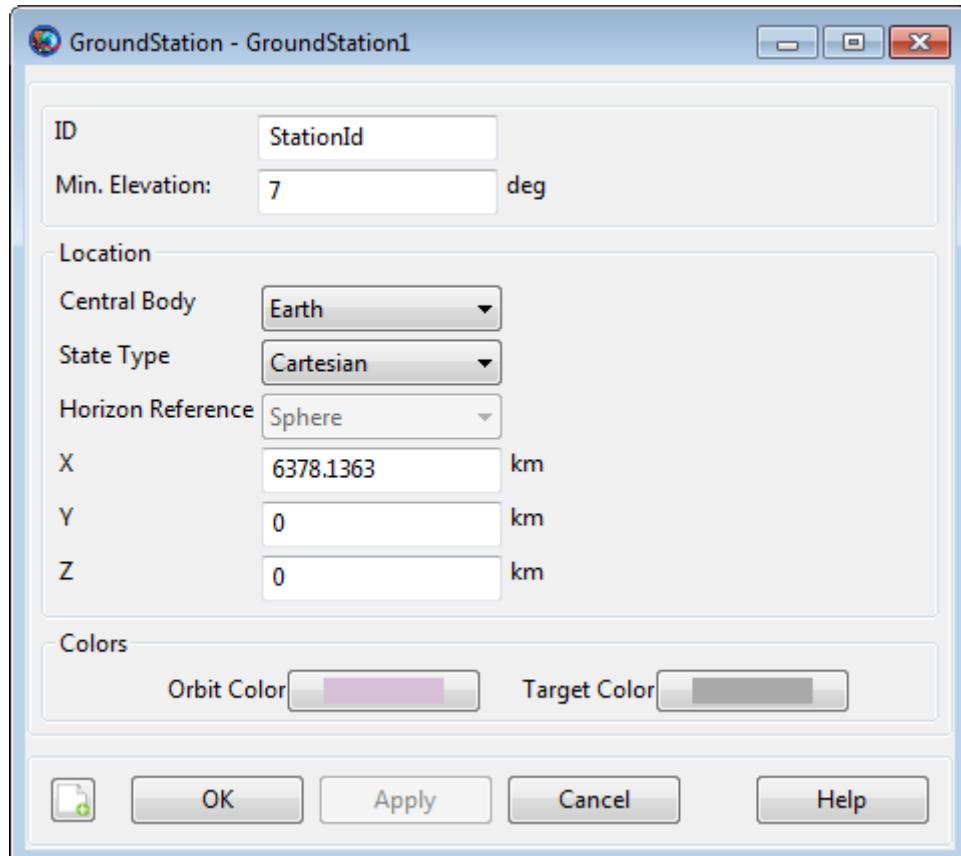
Field	Description	
Longitude	The longitude of the station.	
	Data Type Real Allowed Values value ≥ 0 Access set Default Value 0 Units deg Interfaces GUI, script	
MinimumElevationAngle	Minimum elevation angle constraint for use with ContactLocator .	
	Data Type Real Allowed Values $-90 \leq \text{MinimumElevationAngle} \leq 90$ Access set Default Value 7 Units deg Interfaces GUI, script	
OrbitColor	Allows you to select available colors for a user-defined GroundStation . The GroundStation object is drawn on a spacecraft's ground track plot created by GroundTrackPlot 2D graphics display resource. The colors can be identified through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting groundstation's color to red can be done in following two ways: GroundStation.OrbitColor = Red or GroundStation.OrbitColor = [255 0 0] . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.	
	Data Type Integer Array or String Allowed Values Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255. Access set Default Value Thistle Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script	
StateType	The type of state used to define the location of the ground station. For example, Cartesian or Ellipsoid .	
	Data Type String Allowed Values Cartesian , Spherical , Ellipsoid Access set Default Value Cartesian Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script	

Field	Description
TargetColor	Allows you to select available colors for a user-defined GroundStation object during iterative processes such as Differential Correction or Optimization. The target color can be identified through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting groundstation's target color to yellow color can be done in following two ways: <code>GroundStation.TargetColor = Yellow</code> or <code>GroundStation.TargetColor = [255 255 0]</code> . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.
Data Type	Integer Array or String
Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.
Access	set
Default Value	DarkGray
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

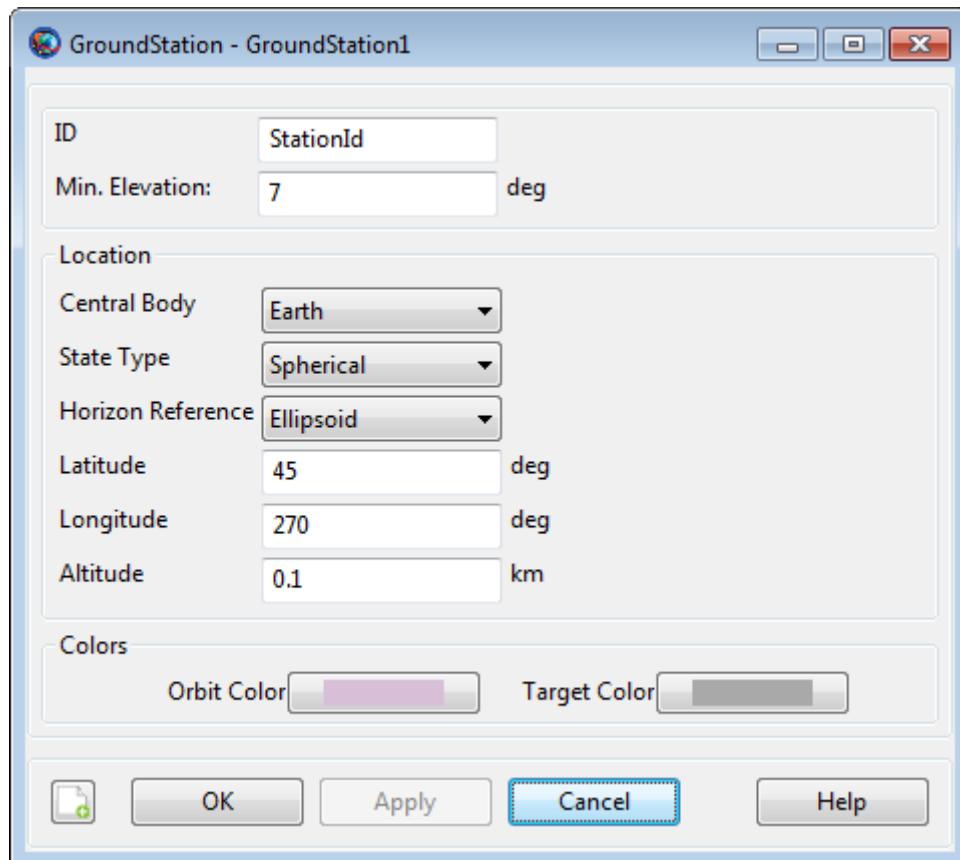
To create a **GroundStation**, starting from the **Resource Tree**:

1. Right-click the **GroundStation** folder and select **Add Ground Station**.
2. Double-click **GroundStation1**.



You can set the ground station location in several state representations. The **Cartesian** representation is illustrated above. To set the **Longitude**, **Latitude**, and **Altitude** to 45 deg, 270 deg, and 0.1 km respectively, with respect to the reference ellipsoid:

1. In the **StateType** menu, select **Spherical**.
2. In the **HorizonReference** menu, select **Ellipsoid**.
3. In the **Latitude** text box, type **45**.
4. In the **Longitude** text box, type **270**.
5. In the **Altitude** text box, type **0.1**.



Remarks

The **GroundStation** model allows you to configure a facility by defining the location in body-fixed coordinates using one of several state representations. GMAT supports **Cartesian**, **Sphere**, and **Ellipsoid** representations and examples below show how to configure a **GroundStation** in each representation. When using the **Ellipsoid** model or **Sphere** representations, GMAT uses the physical properties - flattening and radius for example - defined on the **CelestialBody** resource.

Setting Colors On a Ground Station Facility

GMAT allows you to set colors on a ground station facility that you create. The **GroundStations** are drawn on the **GroundTrackPlot** 2D graphics display. The **GroundStation** object's **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields are used to set colors on a ground station facility. See the **Fields** section to read more about these two fields. Also See **Color** documentation for discussion and examples on how to set colors on a ground station facility.

Examples

Configure a **GroundStation** in Geodetic coordinates.

```
Create GroundStation aGroundStation
aGroundStation.CentralBody      = Earth
aGroundStation.StateType        = Spherical
aGroundStation.HorizonReference = Ellipsoid
aGroundStation.Location1       = 60
aGroundStation.Location2       = 45
aGroundStation.Location3       = 0.01

% or alternatively

aGroundStation.Latitude   = 60
aGroundStation.Longitude  = 45
aGroundStation.Altitude   = 0.01
```

Configure a **GroundStation** in Geocentric coordinates.

```
Create GroundStation aGroundStation
aGroundStation.CentralBody      = Earth
aGroundStation.StateType        = Spherical
aGroundStation.HorizonReference = Sphere
aGroundStation.Location1       = 59.83308194090783
aGroundStation.Location2       = 45
aGroundStation.Location3       = -15.99424674414058

% or alternatively

aGroundStation.Latitude   = 59.83308194090783
aGroundStation.Longitude  = 45
aGroundStation.Altitude   = -15.99424674414058
```

Configure a **GroundStation** in Geocentric coordinates.

```
Create GroundStation aGroundStation
aGroundStation.CentralBody = Earth
aGroundStation.StateType  = Cartesian
aGroundStation.Location1 = 2260.697433050543
aGroundStation.Location2 = 2260.697433050542
aGroundStation.Location3 = 5500.485954732006
```

GroundTrackPlot

A user-defined resource that draws longitude and latitude time-history of a spacecraft

Description

The **GroundTrackPlot** resource allows you to draw spacecraft's longitude and latitude time-history onto the texture map of a user-selected central body. GMAT allows you to draw ground track plots of any number of spacecrafts onto a single texture map. You can also create multiple **GroundTrackPlot** resources by using either the GUI or script interface of GMAT. GMAT also provides the option of when to plot and stop plotting ground track of a spacecraft to a **GroundTrackPlot** through the **Toggle On/Off** command. See the [Remarks](#) section below for detailed discussion of the interaction between **GroundTrackPlot** resource and the **Toggle** command. **GroundTrackPlot** resource also allows you to display any number of user-defined ground stations onto the texture map of the central body.

See Also: [Toggle](#), [GroundStation](#), [Color](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
Add	<p>Allows the user to pick selected resources such as Spacecrafts or GroundStations. The GroundTrackPlot object is used to draw spacecraft's longitude and latitude time-history on a two-dimensional texture map of a central body that you select. After creating GroundStation object, you can also add ground stations onto the the texture map of the central body. To select multiple Spacecrafts or GroundStations, seperate the list by comma and enclose the list in curly brackets. For Example: <code>DefaultGroundTrackPlot.Add = {aSat, bSat, aGroundStaton, bGroundStation}</code>. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Spacecraft, GroundStation</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>Set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>DefaultSC</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Reference Array	Allowed Values	Spacecraft , GroundStation	Access	Set	Default Value	DefaultSC	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Allowed Values	Spacecraft , GroundStation												
Access	Set												
Default Value	DefaultSC												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
CentralBody	<p>The central body of the Ground track plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Resource reference</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>CelestialBody</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Earth</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Resource reference	Allowed Values	CelestialBody	Access	set	Default Value	Earth	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Access	set												
Default Value	Earth												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												

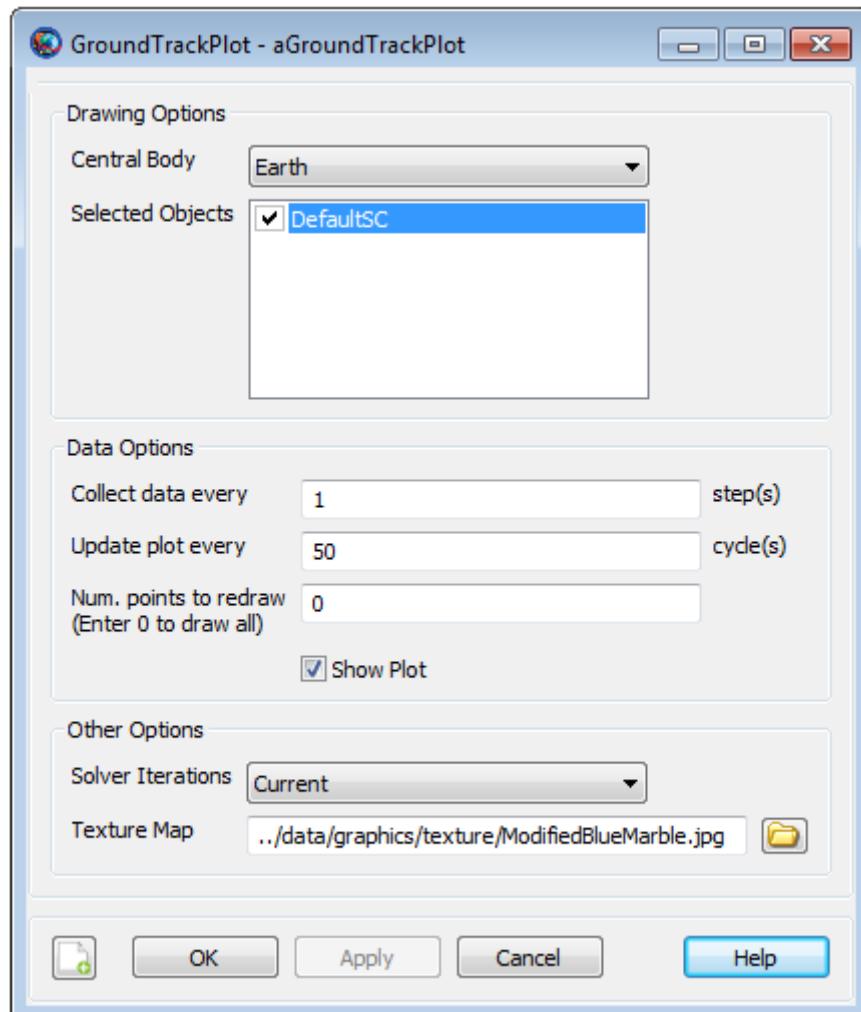
Field	Description
DataCollectFrequency	The number of integration steps to skip between plot points. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values integer ≥ 1</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 1</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Maximized	Allows the user to maximize the GroundTrackPlot window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values true,false</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value false</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
NumPointsToRedraw	The number of plot points to retain and redraw during propagation and animation. 0 indicates to redraw all. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values integer ≥ 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
RelativeZOrder	Allows the user to select which GroundTrackPlot window to display first on the screen. The GroundTrackPlot with lowest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed last while GroundTrackPlot with highest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed first. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values Integer ≥ 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
ShowPlot	This field specifies whether to show ground track plot during a mission run. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values True, False</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value True</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
Size	<p>Allows the user to control the display size of GroundTrackPlot window. First value in [0 0] matrix controls horizontal size and second value controls vertical size of GroundTrackPlot display window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	Data Type
	Real array
	Allowed Values
	Any Real number
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	[0 0]
	Units
	N/A
	Interfaces
	script
SolverIterations	<p>This field determines whether or not ground track data associated with perturbed trajectories during a solver (Targeter, Optimize) sequence is displayed in the GroundTrackPlot. When SolverIterations is set to All, all perturbations/iterations are plotted in the GroundTrackPlot. When SolverIterations is set to Current, only the current solution or perturbation is plotted in GroundTrackPlot. When SolverIterations is set to None, only the final nominal run is plotted on the GroundTrackPlot.</p>
	Data Type
	Enumeration
	Allowed Values
	All , Current , None
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	Current
	Units
	N/A
	Interfaces, Interfaces
	GUI, script
TextureMap	<p>Allows you to enter or select any user-defined texture map image for the central body. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	Data Type
	String
	Allowed Values
	Valid File Path and Name
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	.. /
	data/graphics/tex-
	ture/ModifiedBlueMarble.jpg
	Units
	N/A
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
UpdatePlotFrequency	<p>The number of plot points to collect before updating a ground track plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	Data Type
	Integer
	Allowed Values
	integer > 1
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	50
	Units
	N/A
	Interfaces
	GUI, script

Field	Description												
Upperleft	<p>Allows the user to pan the GroundTrackPlot display window in any direction. First value in [0 0] matrix helps to pan the GroundTrackPlot window horizontally and second value helps to pan the window vertically. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Data Type</td><td>Real array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Any Real number</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>[0 0]</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>None</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real array	Allowed Values	Any Real number	Access	set	Default Value	[0 0]	Units	None	Interfaces	script
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Allowed Values	Any Real number												
Access	set												
Default Value	[0 0]												
Units	None												
Interfaces	script												

GUI

Default Name and Settings for the **GroundTrackPlot** Resource:



Remarks

Behavior when using GroundTrackPlot Resource & Toggle Command

The **GroundTrackPlot** resource draws the longitude and latitude time-history of a spacecraft at each propagation step of the entire mission duration. If you want to report data to a **GroundTrackPlot** at specific points in your mission, then a **Toggle On/Off** command can be inserted into the mission sequence to control when the **GroundTrackPlot** is to draw data. When **Toggle Off** command is issued for a **GroundTrackPlot**, no ground track data is drawn until a **Toggle On** command is issued. Similarly when a **Toggle On** command is used, ground track data is drawn at each integration step until a **Toggle Off** command is used.

Below is an example script snippet that shows how to use **Toggle Off** and **Toggle On** command while using the **GroundTrackPlot** resource. **GroundTrackPlot** is turned off for the first 2 days of the propagation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create GroundTrackPlot aGroundTrackPlot
aGroundTrackPlot.Add = {aSat}

BeginMissionSequence

Toggle aGroundTrackPlot Off
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
Toggle aGroundTrackPlot On
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 4}
```

Behavior when Plotting Data in Iterative Processes

GMAT allows you to specify how data is plotted onto a plot during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. The **SolverIterations** field of **GroundTrackPlot** resource supports 3 options which are described in the table below:

SolverIterations options	Description
Current	Shows only current iteration/perturbation in an iterative process and draws current iteration to a plot
All	Shows all iterations/perturbations in an iterative process and draws all iterations/perturbations to a plot
None	Shows only the final solution after the end of an iterative process and draws only final solution to a plot

Behavior when Plotting Longitude and Latitude time-history of a Spacecraft

GMAT's **GroundTrackPlot** resource allows you to draw longitude and latitude time-history of a spacecraft. You can choose to draw ground track plot of multiple spacecrafts onto a single texture map of a central body.



Warning

The longitude and latitude of a spacecraft is drawn as an approximation that includes straight line segments and longitude/latitude data does not takes into account central body shape or its oblateness.

Behavior When Specifying Empty Brackets in GroundTrackPlot's Add Field

When using **GroundTrackPlot.Add** field, if brackets are not populated with user-defined spacecrafts, then GMAT turns off **GroundTrackPlot** resource and no plot is generated. If you run the script with **Add** field having empty brackets, then GMAT throws in a warning message in the Message Window indicating that **GroundTrackPlot** resource will be turned off since no SpacePoints were added to the plot. Below is a sample script snippet that generates such a warning message:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat aSat2
Create Propagator aProp
Create GroundTrackPlot aGroundTrackPlot

aGroundTrackPlot.Add = {}

BeginMissionSequence;
Propagate aProp(aSat, aSat2) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Examples

This example shows how to use **GroundTrackPlot** resource. A single spacecraft and a ground station is added to the **GroundTrackPlot**. Spacecraft's ground track is plotted for one day of propagation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create GroundStation aGroundStation

Create GroundTrackPlot aGroundTrackPlot
aGroundTrackPlot.Add = {aSat, aGroundStation}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Propagate a spacecraft for two days around a non-default central body. Spacecraft's ground track is plotted on planet Mars:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.CoordinateSystem = MarsJ2000Eq
aSat.SMA = 8000
aSat.ECC = 0.0003

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Mars
aFM.PointMasses = {Mars}

Create Propagator aProp
```

```
aProp.FM = aFM

Create CoordinateSystem MarsJ2000Eq
MarsJ2000Eq.Origin = Mars
MarsJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

Create GroundTrackPlot aGroundTrackPlot
aGroundTrackPlot.Add = {aSat}
aGroundTrackPlot.CentralBody = Mars

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
```


ImpulsiveBurn

An impulsive maneuver

Description

The **ImpulsiveBurn** resource allows the spacecraft to undergo an instantaneous Delta-V (ΔV), as opposed to a finite burn which is not instantaneous, by specifying the three vector components of the Delta-V. You can configure the burn by defining its coordinate system and vector component values. For **Local** coordinate systems, the user can choose the **Origin** and type of **Axes**. Depending on the mission, it may be simpler to use one coordinate system over another.

See Also [Maneuver](#), [ChemicalTank](#), [BeginFiniteBurn](#)

Fields

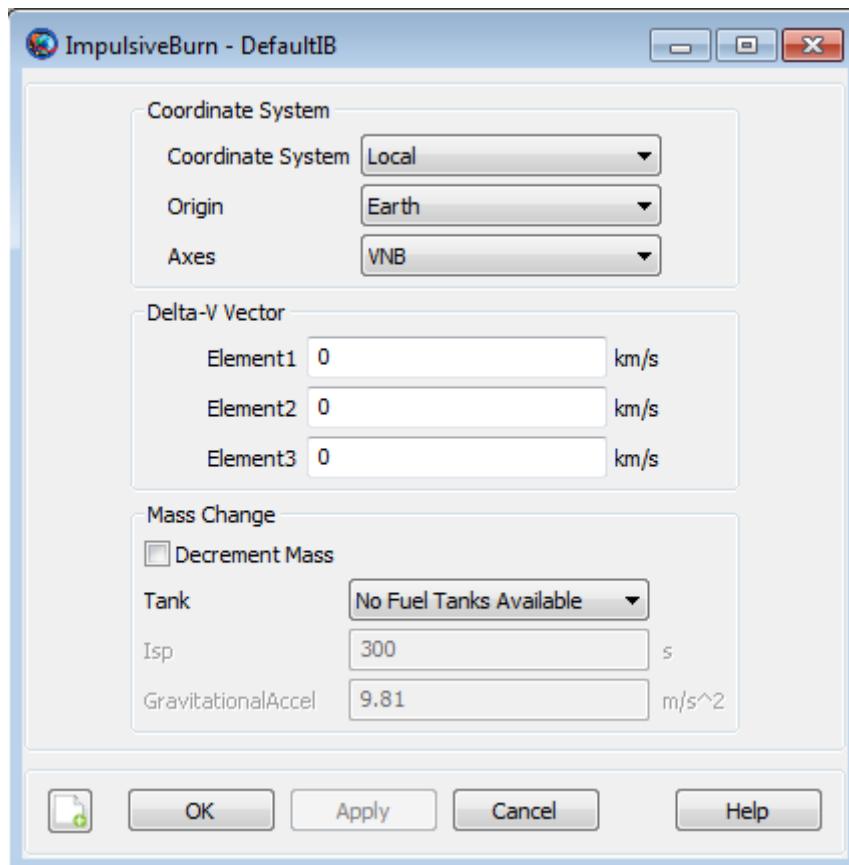
Field	Description	
Axes	Allows you to define a spacecraft centered set of axes for the impulsive burn. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.	
	Data Type String Allowed Values VNB , LVLH , MJ2000Eq , SpacecraftBody Access set Default Value VNB Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script	
B	Deprecated. Z-component of the applied impulsive burn (Delta-V)	
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set, get Default Value 0 Units km/s Interfaces GUI, script	
CoordinateSystem	Determines what coordinate system the orientation parameters, Element1 , Element2 , and Element3 refer to. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.	
	Data Type Reference Array Allowed Values Local , EarthMJ2000Eq , EarthMJ2000Ec , EarthFixed , or any user defined system Access set Default Value Local Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script	

Field	Description
DecrementMass	Flag which determines if the FuelMass is to be decremented as it used. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	Data Type String Allowed Values true, false Access set Default Value false Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
Element1	X-component of the applied impulsive burn (Delta-V)
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set, get Default Value 0 Units km/s Interfaces GUI, script
Element2	Y-component of the applied impulsive burn (Delta-V)
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set, get Default Value 0 Units km/s Interfaces GUI, script
Element3	Z-component of the applied impulsive burn (Delta-V)
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set, get Default Value 0 Units km/s Interfaces GUI, script
GravitationalAccel	Value of the gravitational acceleration used to calculate fuel depletion.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0 Access set, get Default Value 9.81 Units m/s ² Interfaces GUI, script
Isp	Value of the specific impulse of the fuel
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set, get Default Value 300 Units s Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description												
N	<p>Deprecated. Y-component of the applied impulsive burn (Delta-V)</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Real</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Real</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>km/s</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	Real	Access	set, get	Default Value	0	Units	km/s	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Units	km/s												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
Origin	<p>The Origin field, used in conjunction with the Axes field, allows the user to define a spacecraft centered set of axes for the impulsive burn. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Luna, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Earth</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Reference Array	Allowed Values	Sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Luna, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto	Access	set	Default Value	Earth	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Access	set												
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Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
Tank	<p>ChemicalTank from which the ChemicalThruster draws propellant from. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>User defined list of ChemicalTanks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Reference Array	Allowed Values	User defined list of ChemicalTanks	Access	set	Default Value	N/A	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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VectorFormat	<p>Deprecated. Allows you to define the format of the ImpulsiveBurn Delta-V Vector. This field has no affect. The ImpulsiveBurn Delta-V Vector is always given in Cartesian format.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Enumeration</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Cartesian, Spherical</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Cartesian</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Enumeration	Allowed Values	Cartesian, Spherical	Access	set	Default Value	Cartesian	Units	N/A	Interfaces	script
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GUI

The **ImpulsiveBurn** dialog box allows you to specify properties of an **ImpulsiveBurn** including Delta-V component values and choice of **Coordinate System**. If you choose to model fuel loss associated with an impulsive burn, you must specify choice of fuel tank as well as ISP value and gravitational acceleration used to calculate fuel use. The layout of the **ImpulsiveBurn** dialog box is shown below.



The **Origin** and **Axes** fields are only relevant if **Coordinate System** is set to Local. See the Remarks for more detail on local coordinate systems.

If **Decrement Mass** is checked, then you can select the desired **ChemicalTank** used as the fuel supply for mass depletion.

Remarks

Local Coordinate Systems

Here, a Local **Coordinate System** is defined as one that we configure "locally" using the **ImpulsiveBurn** resource interface as opposed to defining a coordinate system using the **Coordinate Systems** folder in the **Resources** Tree.

To configure a Local **Coordinate System**, you must specify the coordinate system of the input Delta-V vector, **Element1-3**. If you choose a local **Coordinate System**, the four choices available, as given by the **Axes** sub-field, are **VNB**, **LVLH**, **MJ2000Eq**, and **SpacecraftBody**. **VNB** or Velocity-Normal-Binormal is a non-inertial coordinate system based upon the motion of the spacecraft with respect to the **Origin** sub-field. For example, if the **Origin** is chosen as Earth, then the X-axis of this coordinate system is along the velocity of the spacecraft with respect to the Earth, the Y-axis is along the instantaneous orbit normal (with respect to the Earth) of

the spacecraft, and the Z-axis points away from the Earth as much as possible while remaining orthogonal to the other two axes, completing the right-handed set.

Similarly, Local Vertical Local Horizontal or **LVLH** is a non-inertial coordinate system based upon the motion of the spacecraft with respect to the body specified in the **Origin** sub-field. If you choose Earth as the origin, then the X-axis of this coordinate system points from the center of the Earth to the spacecraft, the Z-axis is along the instantaneous orbit normal (with respect to the Earth) of the spacecraft, and the Y-axis completes the right-handed set. For typical bound orbits, the Y-axis is approximately aligned with the velocity vector. In the event of a perfectly circular orbit, the Y axis is exactly along the velocity vector.

MJ2000Eq is the J2000-based Earth-centered Earth mean equator inertial **Coordinate System**. Note that the **Origin** sub-field is not needed to define this coordinate system.

SpacecraftBody is the coordinate system used by the spacecraft. Since the thrust is applied in this system, GMAT uses the attitude of the spacecraft, a spacecraft attribute, to determine the inertial thrust direction. Note that the **Origin** sub-field is not needed to define this coordinate system.

Deprecated Field Names for an ImpulsiveBurn

Note that the standard method, as shown below, for specifying the components of an **ImpulsiveBurn** is to use the **Element1**, **Element2**, and **Element3** field names.

```
Create ImpulsiveBurn DefaultIB
DefaultIB.Element1 = -3
DefaultIB.Element2 = 7
DefaultIB.Element3 = -2
```

For this current version of GMAT, you may also use the field names **V**, **N**, and **B** in place of **Element1**, **Element2**, and **Element3**, respectively. The commands below are equivalent to the commands above.

```
Create ImpulsiveBurn DefaultIB
DefaultIB.V = -3
DefaultIB.N = 7
DefaultIB.B = -2
```

It is important to note that the **V**, **N**, **B** field names do not necessarily correspond to some Velocity, Normal, Binormal coordinate system. The coordinate system of any **ImpulsiveBurn** is always specified by the **CoordinateSystem**, **Origin**, and **Axes** fields. Because of the confusion that the **V**, **N**, **B** field names can cause, their use will not be allowed in future versions of GMAT. If you use the **V**, **N**, **B** field names in this version of GMAT, you will receive a warning to this affect.

Backwards-propagated Impulsive maneuvers defined using the spacecraft velocity

Examples of axes defined using the spacecraft velocity are the **VNB** and **LVLH** axes discussed above as well as some user-defined axes. The behavior when applying an impulsive maneuver using these types of axes during a backwards-propagation is subtle and requires some explanation. In the examples that follow, we will focus our discussion on a **VNB** maneuver.

As will be shown in the script samples below, an impulsive maneuver is applied during a backwards propagation using the 'BackProp' keyword. The maneuver components that you specify for a backwards propagation are used to calculate the components of the maneuver actually applied. Refer to the script sample below where a backwards-propagated impulsive maneuver is

followed by the same maneuver using a normal forward propagation. The impulsive maneuver is defined so that the velocity of the spacecraft is unchanged after the script is run.

```
Create Spacecraft Sat;
Create ImpulsiveBurn myImpulsiveBurn;
GMAT myImpulsiveBurn.CoordinateSystem = Local;
GMAT myImpulsiveBurn.Origin = Earth;
GMAT myImpulsiveBurn.Axes = VNB;
myImpulsiveBurn.Element1 = 3.1
myImpulsiveBurn.Element2 = -0.1
myImpulsiveBurn.Element3 = 0.2

BeginMissionSequence
Maneuver BackProp myImpulsiveBurn(Sat);
Maneuver myImpulsiveBurn(Sat);
```

To calculate the actual maneuver components applied, GMAT, internally, uses an iterative calculation method. This iteration method works best for maneuver magnitudes that are not an appreciable fraction of the overall spacecraft velocity. In addition, for **VNB** maneuvers, the iteration method works best for maneuvers where the '**N**' and '**B**' component magnitudes are relatively small as compared to the '**V**' component magnitude. If the GMAT internal iterative method fails to converge, a warning message will be generated. Currently, there is not an easy way for the user to report out the actual applied back-propagated maneuver components. (The maneuver report outputs the user supplied **VNB** coordinates). After the back-propagated maneuver has been applied, however, we do know what the components of the maneuver are. If the **VNB** maneuver has user-supplied components, (V_x, V_y, V_z), then after the back-propagated maneuver has been applied, the **VNB** components of the maneuver are ($-V_x, -V_y, -V_z$).

Consider the script sample below where the '**N**' and '**B**' components of the maneuver are zero and the '**V**' component is +5 km/s. If the spacecraft velocity is (7,0,0) km/s in J2000 inertial coordinates, then after the backwards-propagated impulsive maneuver, the velocity of the spacecraft will be (2,0,0) km/s.

```
Create Spacecraft Sat;
Create ImpulsiveBurn myImpulsiveBurn;
GMAT myImpulsiveBurn.CoordinateSystem = Local;
GMAT myImpulsiveBurn.Origin = Earth;
GMAT myImpulsiveBurn.Axes = VNB;

myImpulsiveBurn.Element1 = 5
myImpulsiveBurn.Element2 = 0.0
myImpulsiveBurn.Element3 = 0.0

BeginMissionSequence
Maneuver BackProp myImpulsiveBurn(Sat);
```

Finally, we note that when mass change is modeled for a backwards-propagated impulsive maneuver, mass is added to the tank. This is done so there is no change in mass when a backwards-propagated impulsive maneuver is followed by the same maneuver using a normal forward propagation.

Interactions

Resource	Description
Spacecraft	Must be created in order to apply any ImpulsiveBurn resource

Resource	Description
Chemical-Tank	If you want to model mass depletion for an ImpulsiveBurn , attach a Chemical-Tank to the maneuvered Spacecraft as a source of fuel mass.
source	
Maneuver	Must use the Maneuver command to apply an ImpulsiveBurn to a Spacecraft .
command	
Vary com-mand	If you want to allow the ImpulsiveBurn components to vary in order to achieve some goal, then the Vary command, as part of a Target or Optimize command sequence, must be used.

Examples

Create a default **ChemicalTank** and an **ImpulsiveBurn** that allows for fuel depletion, assign the **ImpulsiveBurn** the default **ChemicalTank**, attach the **ChemicalTank** to a **Spacecraft**, and apply the **ImpulsiveBurn** to the **Spacecraft**.

```
% Create the ChemicalTank Resource
Create ChemicalTank FuelTank1
FuelTank1.AllowNegativeFuelMass = false
FuelTank1.FuelMass = 756
FuelTank1.Pressure = 1500
FuelTank1.Temperature = 20
FuelTank1.RefTemperature = 20
FuelTank1.Volume = 0.75
FuelTank1.FuelDensity = 1260
FuelTank1.PressureModel = PressureRegulated

Create ImpulsiveBurn DefaultIB
DefaultIB.CoordinateSystem = Local
DefaultIB.Origin = Earth
DefaultIB.Axes = VNB
DefaultIB.Element1 = 0.001
DefaultIB.Element2 = 0
DefaultIB.Element3 = 0
DefaultIB.DecrementMass = true
DefaultIB.Tank = {FuelTank1}
DefaultIB.Isp = 300
DefaultIB.GravitationalAccel = 9.810000000000001

% Add the the ChemicalTank to a Spacecraft
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
DefaultSC.Tanks = {FuelTank1}

BeginMissionSequence
Maneuver DefaultIB(DefaultSC)
```


LibrationPoint

An equilibrium point in the circular, restricted 3-body problem

Description

A **LibrationPoint**, also called a Lagrange point, is an equilibrium point in the circular restricted three-body problem (CRTBP). There are five libration points, three of which are unstable in the CRTBP sense, and two that are stable. See the discussion below for a detailed explanation of the different libration points and for examples configuring GMAT for common libration point regimes. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

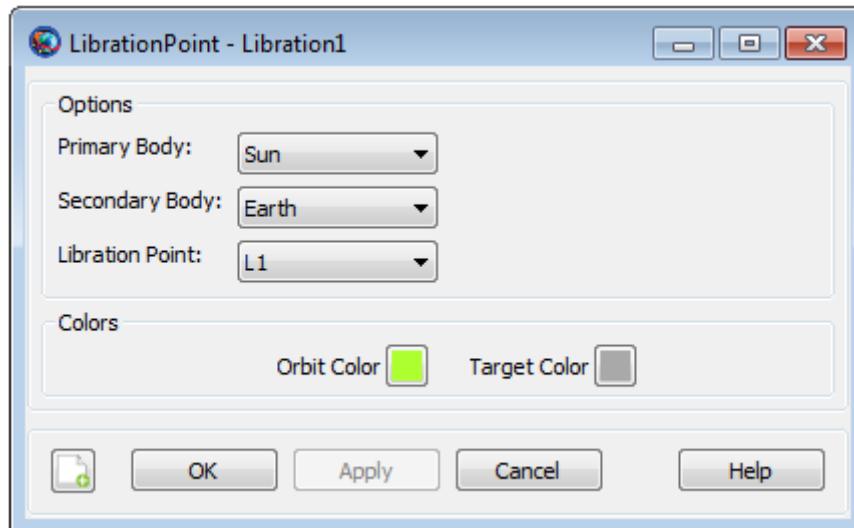
See Also: [Barycenter](#), [Color](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
OrbitColor	Allows you to set available colors on user-defined LibrationPoint orbits. The libration point orbits are drawn using the 3D OrbitView graphics displays. Colors on a LibrationPoint object can be set through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting a libration point's orbit color to red can be done in the following two ways: LibrationPoint.OrbitColor = Red or LibrationPoint.OrbitColor = [255 0 0] . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well..												
	<table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Integer Array or String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>GreenYellow</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Integer Array or String	Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.	Access	set	Default Value	GreenYellow	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Access	set												
Default Value	GreenYellow												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
Point	The libration point index.												
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Access	set												
Default Value	L1												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
Primary	The primary body or barycenter.												
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Access	set												
Default Value	Sun												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												

Field	Description
Secondary	The secondary body or barycenter.
Secondary	String
Allowed Values	CelestialBody or Barycenter. Secondary cannot be SolarSystemBarycenter and Primary cannot be the same as Secondary.
Access	set
Default Value	Earth
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
TargetColor	Allows you to set available colors on LibrationPoint object's perturbing orbital trajectories that are drawn during iterative processes such as Differential Correction or Optimization. The target color can be identified through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting a libration point's perturbing trajectory color to yellow can be done in following two ways: LibrationPoint.TargetColor = Yellow or LibrationPoint.TargetColor = [255 255 0] . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.
Data Type	Integer Array or String
Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.
Access	set
Default Value	DarkGray
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

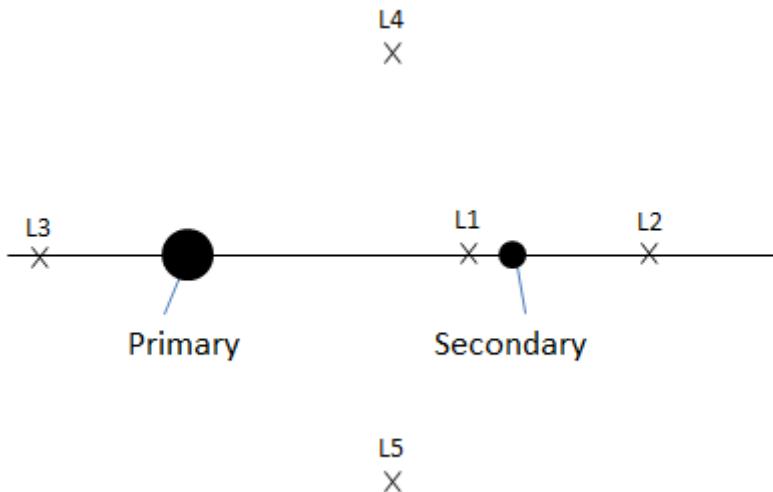


The **LibrationPoint** dialog box allows you to select the **Primary Body**, **Secondary Body**, and the libration point index. You can select from celestial bodies and barycenters. You cannot choose the **SolarSystemBarycenter** as either the **Primary** or **Secondary** and the **Primary** and **Secondary** cannot be the same object.

Remarks

Overview of Libration Point Geometry

A **LibrationPoint**, also called a Lagrange point, is an equilibrium point in the Circular Restricted Three Body Problem (CRTBP). The definitions for the libration points used in GMAT are illustrated in the figure below where the **Primary** and **Secondary** bodies are shown in a rotating frame defined with the x-axis pointing from the **Primary** to the **Secondary**. GMAT is configured for the full ephemeris problem and computes the location of the libration points by assuming that at a given instant in time, the CRTBP theory developed by Lagrange and Szebehely can be used to compute the location of the libration points using the locations of the primary and secondary from the JPL ephemerides. The three collinear points (L1, L2, and L3) are unstable (even in the CRTBP) and the triangular points (L4, and L5) are stable in CRTBP.



Configuring a Libration Point

GMAT allows you to define the **Primary** and/or **Secondary** as a **CelestialBody** or **Barycenter** (except **SolarSystemBarycenter**). This allows you to set the **Primary** as the Sun, and the **Secondary** as the Earth-Moon barycenter for modelling Sun-Earth-Moon libration points. See the examples below for details.

Setting Colors On Libration Point Orbits

GMAT allows you to assign colors to libration point orbits that are drawn using the **OrbitView** graphics display windows. GMAT also allows you to assign colors to perturbing libration point orbital trajectories which are drawn during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. The **LibrationPoint** object's **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields are used to assign colors to both orbital and perturbing trajectories. See the [Fields](#) section to learn more about these two fields. Also see [Color](#) documentation for discussion and examples on how to set colors on a libration point orbit.

Examples

Create and use an Earth-Moon **LibrationPoint**.

```
% Create the libration point and rotating libration point coordinate system
Create LibrationPoint EarthMoonL2
EarthMoonL2.Primary = Earth
```

```

EarthMoonL2.Secondary = Luna
EarthMoonL2.Point      = L2

Create CoordinateSystem EarthMoonRotLibCoord
EarthMoonRotLibCoord.Origin    = EarthMoonL2
EarthMoonRotLibCoord.Axes     = ObjectReferenced
EarthMoonRotLibCoord.XAxis    = R
EarthMoonRotLibCoord.ZAxis    = N
EarthMoonRotLibCoord.Primary  = Earth
EarthMoonRotLibCoord.Secondary = Luna

% Configure the spacecraft and propagator
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.DateFormat      = TAIModJulian
aSat.Epoch           = '25220.0006220895'
aSat.CoordinateSystem = EarthMoonRotLibCoord
aSat.DisplayStateType = Cartesian
aSat.X   = 9999.752137149568
aSat.Y   = 1.774296833900735e-007
aSat.Z   = 21000.02640446094
aSat.VX  = -1.497748388797418e-005
aSat.VY  = -0.2087816321971509
aSat.VZ  = -5.42471673237177e-006

Create ForceModel EarthMoonL2Prop_ForceModel
EarthMoonL2Prop_ForceModel.PointMasses = {Earth, Luna, Sun}
Create Propagator EarthMoonL2Prop
EarthMoonL2Prop.FM = EarthMoonL2Prop_ForceModel

% Create the orbit view
Create OrbitView ViewEarthMoonRot
ViewEarthMoonRot.Add          = {Earth, Luna, Sun, ...
                                  aSat, EarthMoonL2}
ViewEarthMoonRot.CoordinateSystem = EarthMoonRotLibCoord
ViewEarthMoonRot.ViewPointReference = EarthMoonL2
ViewEarthMoonRot.ViewDirection   = EarthMoonL2
ViewEarthMoonRot.ViewScaleFactor = 5

Create Variable I

BeginMissionSequence

% Prop for 3 xz-plane crossings
For I = 1:3
    Propagate 'Prop to Y Crossing' EarthMoonL2Prop(aSat) ...
              {aSat.EarthMoonRotLibCoord.Y = 0}
EndFor

```

Create and use a Sun, Earth-Moon **LibrationPoint**.

```

% Create the Earth-Moon Barycenter and Libration Point
Create Barycenter EarthMoonBary
EarthMoonBary.BodyNames = {Earth,Luna}

Create LibrationPoint SunEarthMoonL1
SunEarthMoonL1.Primary   = Sun
SunEarthMoonL1.Secondary = EarthMoonBary
SunEarthMoonL1.Point     = L1

```

```
% Create the coordinate system
Create CoordinateSystem RotatingSEML1Coord
RotatingSEML1Coord.Origin      = SunEarthMoonL1
RotatingSEML1Coord.Axes        = ObjectReferenced
RotatingSEML1Coord.XAxis       = R
RotatingSEML1Coord.ZAxis       = N
RotatingSEML1Coord.Primary     = Sun
RotatingSEML1Coord.Secondary   = EarthMoonBary

% Create the spacecraft and propagator
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.DateFormat        = UTCGregorian
aSpacecraft.Epoch              = '09 Dec 2005 13:00:00.000'
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem  = RotatingSEML1Coord
aSpacecraft.X                 = -32197.88223741966
aSpacecraft.Y                 = 211529.1500044117
aSpacecraft.Z                 = 44708.57017366499
aSpacecraft.VX                = 0.03209516489451751
aSpacecraft.VY                = 0.06100386504053736
aSpacecraft.VZ                = 0.0550442738917212

Create Propagator aPropagator
aPropagator.FM                = aForceModel
aPropagator.MaxStep            = 86400
Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.PointMasses        = {Earth,Sun,Luna}

% Create a 3-D graphic
Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add                  = {aSpacecraft, Earth, Sun, Luna}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem     = RotatingSEML1Coord
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference   = SunEarthMoonL1
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector      = [-1500000 0 0 ]
anOrbitView.ViewDirection        = SunEarthMoonL1
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = RotatingSEML1Coord
anOrbitView.Axes                 = Off
anOrbitView.XYPlane              = Off

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aPropagator(aSpacecraft, {aSpacecraft.ElapsedDays = 180})
```


MatlabFunction

Declaration of an external MATLAB function

Description

The **MatlabFunction** resource declares to GMAT that the name given refers to an existing external function in the MATLAB language. This function can be called in the Mission Sequence like a built-in function, with some limitations. See the [CallMatlabFunction](#) reference for details. Both user-created functions and built-in functions (like cos or path) are supported.

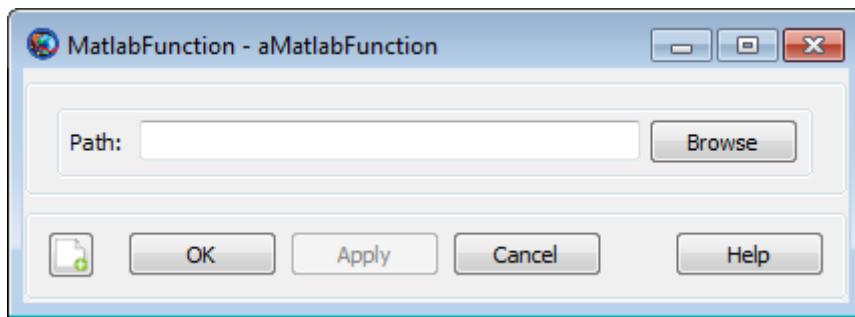
GMAT supports passing data to and from MATLAB through the function. It requires that a supported and properly configured version of MATLAB exist on the system. See the [MATLAB Interface](#) documentation for general details on the interface.

See Also: [CallMatlabFunction](#), [MATLAB Interface](#)

Fields

Field	Description
Function-	Paths to add to the MATLAB search path when the associated function is called.
Path	Separate multiple paths with semicolons (on Windows) or colons (on other platforms).
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	Valid file path(s)
Access	set, get
Default Value	MATLAB_FUNCTION_PATH properties in the startup file
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI



The **MatlabFunction** GUI window is very simple; it has a single file input box for the function path, and a Browse button that lets you graphically select the path.

Remarks

Search Path

When a function declared as a **MatlabFunction** is called, GMAT starts MATLAB in the background with a custom, configurable search path. MATLAB then searches for the named func-

tion in this search path. The search is case-sensitive, so the name of the function name and the **MatlabFunction** resource must be identical.

The search path consists of the following components, in order:

1. **FunctionPath** field of the associated **MatlabFunction** resource (default: empty)
2. **MATLAB_FUNCTION_PATH** entries in the GMAT startup file (default: **GMAT\userfunctions\matlab**)
3. MATLAB search path (returned by the MATLAB **path()** function)

If multiple MATLAB functions are called within a run, the **FunctionPath** fields for each are prepended to the search path at the time of the function call.

Multiple paths can be combined in the **FunctionPath** field by separating the paths with a semi-colon (on Windows) or a colon (on Mac OS X and Linux).

Working Directory

When MATLAB starts in the background, its working directory is set to the GMAT **bin** directory.

Examples

Call a simple built-in MATLAB function:

```
Create MatlabFunction sinh
Create Variable x y

BeginMissionSequence

x = 1
[y] = sinh(x)
```

Call an external custom MATLAB function:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ImpulsiveBurn aBurn
Create Propagator aProp

Create MatlabFunction CalcHohmann
CalcHohmann.FunctionPath = 'C:\path\to\functions'

Create Variable a_target mu dv1 dv2
mu = 398600.4415

BeginMissionSequence

% calculate burns for circular Hohmann transfer (example)
[dv1, dv2] = CalcHohmann(aSat.SMA, a_target, mu)

% perform first maneuver
aBurn.Element1 = dv1
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)

% propagate to apoapsis
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Apoapsis}
```

```
% perform second burn  
aBurn.Element1 = dv2  
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)
```

Return the MATLAB search path and working directory:

```
Create MatlabFunction path pwd  
Create String pathStr pwdStr  
Create ReportFile aReport  
  
BeginMissionSequence  
  
[pathStr] = path  
[pwdStr] = pwd  
  
Report aReport pathStr  
Report aReport pwdStr
```


NuclearPowerSystem

A nuclear power system

Description

The **NuclearPowerSystem** models a nuclear power system including power generated as function of time and distance from the sun.

For a complete description of how to configure all Resources required for electric propulsion modelling, see the Tutorial named [Electric Propulsion](#)

See Also [ElectricTank](#), [ElectricThruster](#), [SolarPowerSystem](#)

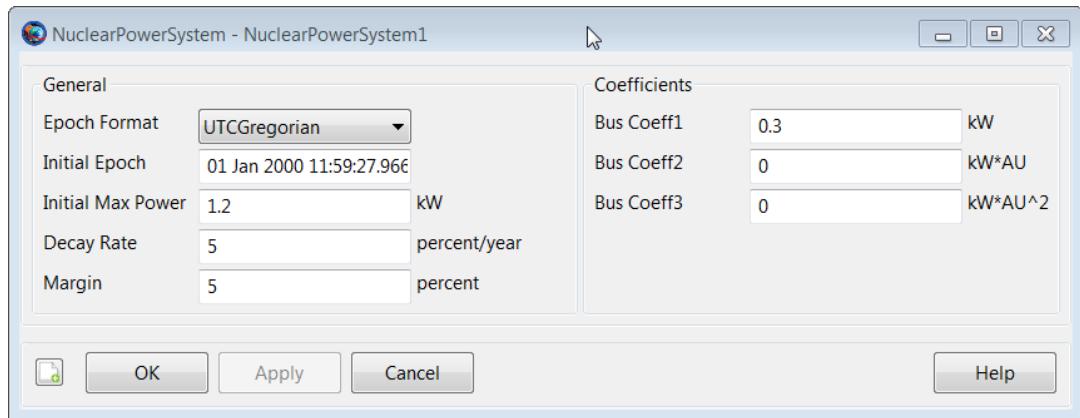
Fields

Field	Description
AnnualDecayRate	<p>The annual decay rate of the power system.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $0 \leq \text{Real} \leq 100$ Access set Default Value 5 Units Percent/Year Interfaces GUI, script</p>
BusCoeff1	<p>Coefficient of power required by spacecraft bus.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set Default Value 0.3 Units kW Interfaces GUI, script</p>
BusCoeff2	<p>Coefficient of power required by spacecraft bus.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set Default Value 0 Units kW*AU Interfaces GUI, script</p>
BusCoeff3	<p>Coefficient of power required by spacecraft bus.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set Default Value 0 Units kw*AU² Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
EpochFormat	The epoch format for the PowerInitialEpoch field.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Valid Epoch format.</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value UTCGregorian</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
InitialEpoch	The initial epoch of the system used to define power system elapsed lifetime.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Valid GMAT Epoch consistent with PowerInitialEpochFormat</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 01 Jan 2000 11:59:27.966</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
InitialMaxPower	The maximum power generated at the PowerInitialEpoch .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values Real ≥ 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 1.2</p> <p>Units kW</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Margin	The required margin between power left after power bus, and power used by the propulsion system.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $0 \leq \text{Real} \leq 100$</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 5</p> <p>Units Percent</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

GUI

The GUI for the **NuclearPowerSystem** is shown below.



Remarks

Computation of Base Power

The **NuclearPowerSystem** models power degradation as a function of time. You must provide a power system initial epoch, the power generated at that epoch, and an annual power decay rate. Additionally, the **AnnualDecayRate** field models the power degradation on a per year basis. The base power is computed using

$$P_{Base} = P_0(1 - \tau/100)^{\Delta t}$$

where "tau" is the power **AnnualDecayRate**, P_0 is **InitialMaxPower**, and "delta t" is the elapsed time between the simulation epoch and **InitialEpoch**.

Computation of Bus Power

The power required by the spacecraft bus for all subsystems other than the propulsion system is computed using

$$P_{Bus} = A_{Bus} + B_{Bus}(\frac{1}{r}) + C_{Bus}(\frac{1}{r^2})$$

where A_{Bus} , B_{Bus} , and C_{Bus} are **BusCoeff1**, **BusCoeff2**, and **BusCoeff3** respectively and r is the distance from the Sun in Au.

Computation of Power Available for Propulsion

Total power is compute using

$$P_{Tot} = P_{Base}$$

Thrust power available for electric propulsion is finaly computed using

$$P_{Thrust} = (1 - \frac{\delta M}{100})(P_{Tot} - P_{Bus})$$

Where "delta M" is power **Margin**.

Examples

Create a **NuclearPowerSystem** and attach it to a **Spacecraft**.

```
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
DefaultSC.PowerSystem = NuclearPowerSystem1

Create NuclearPowerSystem NuclearPowerSystem1

BeginMissionSequence
```

For a complete descriptor of how to configure all Resources required for electric propulsion modeling, see the Tutorial named [Electric Propulsion](#).

OrbitView

A user-defined resource that plots 3-Dimensional trajectories

Description

The **OrbitView** resource allows you to plot trajectories of a spacecraft or a celestial body. GMAT also allows you to plot trajectories associated with multiple spacecrafts or celestial bodies. You can create multiple **OrbitView** resources by using either the GUI or script interface of GMAT. **OrbitView** plots also come with multiple options that allow you to customize the view of spacecraft's trajectories. See the [Fields](#) section below for detailed discussion on available plotting and drawing options.

GMAT also provides the option of when to start and stop plotting spacecraft's trajectories to an **OrbitView** resource through the **Toggle On/Off** command. See the [Remarks](#) section below for detailed discussion of the interaction between an **OrbitView** resource and the **Toggle** command. GMAT's **Spacecraft**, **SolarSystem** and **OrbitView** resources also interact with each other throughout the entire mission duration. Discussion of the interaction between these resources is also mentioned in the [Remarks](#) section.

See Also: [Toggle](#), [Spacecraft](#), [SolarSystem](#), [CoordinateSystem](#), [Color](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
Add	<p>This field allows you to add a Spacecraft, Celestial body, Libration Point, or Barycenter resource to a plot. When creating a plot, the Earth is added as a default body and may be removed at any time. You can add a Spacecraft, Celestial body, Libration Point, or Barycenter to a plot by using the name used to create the resource. The GUI's Selected field is the equivalent of the script's Add field. In the event of no Add command or no resources in the Selected field, GMAT should run without the OrbitView plot and a warning message will be displayed in the message window. The following warning message is sufficient: The OrbitView named "DefaultOrbitView" will be turned off. No SpacePoints were added to plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Spacecraft, CelestialBody, LibrationPoint, Barycenter</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>DefaultSC, Earth</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Reference Array	Allowed Values	Spacecraft , CelestialBody , LibrationPoint , Barycenter	Access	set	Default Value	DefaultSC , Earth	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Axes	<p>Allows you to draw the Cartesian axis system associated with the coordinate system selected under the CoordinateSystem field of an OrbitView plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 417 720 444">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="859 417 959 444">Boolean</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 449 774 476">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="859 449 959 476">On, Off</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 480 673 507">Access</td><td data-bbox="859 480 894 507">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 512 759 539">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="859 512 894 539">On</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 543 657 570">Units</td><td data-bbox="859 543 917 570">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 574 716 601">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="859 574 997 601">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Boolean	Allowed Values	On, Off	Access	set	Default Value	On	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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EclipticPlane	<p>Allows you to draw a grid representing the Ecliptic Plane in an OrbitView plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 772 720 799">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="859 772 959 799">Boolean</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 804 774 831">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="859 804 959 831">On, Off</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 835 673 862">Access</td><td data-bbox="859 835 894 862">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 866 759 893">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="859 866 894 893">Off</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 898 657 925">Units</td><td data-bbox="859 898 917 925">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 929 716 956">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="859 929 997 956">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Boolean	Allowed Values	On, Off	Access	set	Default Value	Off	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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CoordinateSystem	<p>Allows you to select which coordinate system to use to draw the plot data. A coordinate system is defined as an origin and an axis system. The CoordinateSystem field allows you to determine the origin and axis system of an OrbitView plot. See the CoordinateSystem resource fields for information of defining different types of coordinate systems. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1271 720 1298">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="859 1271 927 1298">String</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1302 774 1329">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="859 1302 1192 1329">CoordinateSystem resource</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1334 673 1361">Access</td><td data-bbox="859 1334 894 1361">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1365 759 1392">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="859 1365 1065 1392">EarthMJ2000Eq</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1397 657 1423">Units</td><td data-bbox="859 1397 917 1423">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1428 716 1455">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="859 1428 997 1455">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	CoordinateSystem resource	Access	set	Default Value	EarthMJ2000Eq	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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DataCollectFrequency	<p>Allows you to define how data is collected for plotting. It is often inefficient to draw every ephemeris point associated with a trajectory. Often, drawing a smaller subset of the data still results in smooth trajectory plots, while executing more quickly. The DataCollectFrequency is an integer that represents how often to collect data and store for plotting. If DataCollectFrequency is set to 10, then data is collected every 10 integration steps. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1801 720 1828">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="859 1801 943 1828">Integer</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1832 774 1859">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="859 1832 990 1859">Integer ≥ 1</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1864 673 1891">Access</td><td data-bbox="859 1864 894 1891">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1895 759 1922">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="859 1895 878 1922">1</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1927 657 1954">Units</td><td data-bbox="859 1927 917 1954">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="584 1958 716 1985">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="859 1958 997 1985">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Integer	Allowed Values	Integer ≥ 1	Access	set	Default Value	1	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Field	Description
DrawObject	<p>The DrawObject field allows you the option of displaying Spacecraft or Celestial resources on the OrbitView plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	<p>Data Type Boolean array Allowed Values true, false Access set Default Value [true true] Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
EnableConstellations	<p>Allows you the option of displaying star constellations on the OrbitView Plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	<p>Data Type Boolean Allowed Values On, Off Access set Default Value On Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
EnableStars	<p>This field gives you the option of displaying stars on the OrbitView Plot. When the EnableStars field is turned off, then EnableConstellations field is automatically disabled. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	<p>Data Type Boolean Allowed Values On, Off Access set Default Value On Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Grid	<p>Allows you to draw a grid representing the longitude and latitude lines on the celestial bodies added to an OrbitView plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	<p>Data Type Boolean Allowed Values On, Off Access set Default Value Off Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Maximized	<p>Allows you to maximize the OrbitView plot window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	<p>Data Type Boolean Allowed Values True, False Access set Default Value false Units N/A Interfaces script</p>

Field	Description
NumPointsToRedraw	When NumPointsToRedraw field is set to zero, all ephemeris points are drawn. When NumPointsToRedraw is set to a positive integer, say 10 for example, only the last 10 collected data points are drawn. See DataCollectFrequency for explanation of how data is collected for an OrbitView plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values Integer ≥ 1</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
RelativeZOrder	Allows you to select which OrbitView window to display first on the screen. The OrbitViewPlot with lowest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed last while OrbitViewPlot with highest Relative-ZOrder value will be displayed first. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values Integer ≥ 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
ShowPlot	Allows you to turn off a plot for a particular run, without deleting the plot, or removing it from the script. If you select true, then the plot will be shown. If you select false, then the plot will not be shown. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values True, False</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value True</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ShowLabels	Allows you to turn on or off spacecraft and celestial body Object labels. If you select true, then spacecraft and celestial body object labels will show up in orbit view plot. If you select false, then space-craft and celestial body labels will not be shown in the orbit plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values True, False</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value True</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description												
Size	<p>Allows you to control the display size of OrbitViewPlot window. First value in [0 0] matrix controls horizontal size and second value controls vertical size of OrbitViewPlot display window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 417 827 449">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="949 417 1076 449">Real array</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 451 874 482">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="949 451 1160 482">Any Real number</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 485 763 516">Access</td><td data-bbox="949 485 990 516">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 518 854 550">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="949 518 1006 550">[0 0]</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 552 752 583">Units</td><td data-bbox="949 552 1017 583">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 586 811 617">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="949 586 1022 617">script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real array	Allowed Values	Any Real number	Access	set	Default Value	[0 0]	Units	N/A	Interfaces	script
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SolverIterations	<p>This field determines whether or not data associated with perturbed trajectories during a solver (Targeter, Optimize) sequence is plotted to OrbitView. When SolverIterations is set to All, all perturbations/iterations are plotted to an OrbitView plot. When SolverIterations is set to Current, only current solution is plotted to an OrbitView. When SolverIterations is set to None, this shows only final solution after the end of an iterative process and draws only final trajectory to an OrbitView plot.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 952 827 983">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="949 952 1113 983">Enumeration</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 985 874 1017">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="949 985 1192 1017">All, Current, None</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1019 763 1051">Access</td><td data-bbox="949 1019 990 1051">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1053 854 1084">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="949 1053 1060 1084">Current</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1087 752 1118">Units</td><td data-bbox="949 1087 1017 1118">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1123 811 1154">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="949 1123 1092 1154">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Enumeration	Allowed Values	All , Current , None	Access	set	Default Value	Current	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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SunLine	<p>Allows you to draw a line that starts at the center of central body and points towards the Sun. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1671 827 1702">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="949 1671 1060 1702">Boolean</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1704 874 1736">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="949 1704 1060 1736">On, Off</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1738 763 1769">Access</td><td data-bbox="949 1738 990 1769">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1772 854 1803">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="949 1772 1006 1803">Off</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1805 752 1837">Units</td><td data-bbox="949 1805 1017 1837">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="679 1841 811 1873">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="949 1841 1092 1873">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Boolean	Allowed Values	On, Off	Access	set	Default Value	Off	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Field	Description
UpdatePlotFrequency	This field lets you specify how often to update an OrbitView plot is updated with new data collected during the process of propagating spacecraft and running a mission. Data is collected for a plot according to the value defined by DataCollectFrequency . An OrbitView plot is updated with the new data, according to the value set in UpdatePlotFrequency . If UpdatePlotFrequency is set to 10 and DataCollectFrequency is set to 2, then the plot is updated with new data every 20 (10^*2) integration steps. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	Data Type
	Integer
	Allowed Values
	Integer ≥ 1
	Access
	set
	Default Value
	50
	Units
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	Interfaces
	GUI, script
UpperLeft	Allows you to pan the OrbitView plot window in any direction. First value in [0 0] matrix helps to pan the OrbitView window horizontally and second value helps to pan the window vertically. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	Data Type
	Real array
	Allowed Values
	Any Real number
	Access
	set
	Default Value
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	Units
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	Interfaces
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UseInitialView	This field lets you control the view of an OrbitView plot between multiple runs of a mission sequence. The first time a specific OrbitView plot is created, GMAT will automatically use the view as defined by the fields associated with View Definition , View Up Direction , and View Option . However, if you change the view using the mouse, GMAT will retain this view upon rerunning the mission as long as UseInitialView is set to false. If UseInitialView is set to true, the view for an OrbitView plot will be returned to the view defined by the initial settings. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
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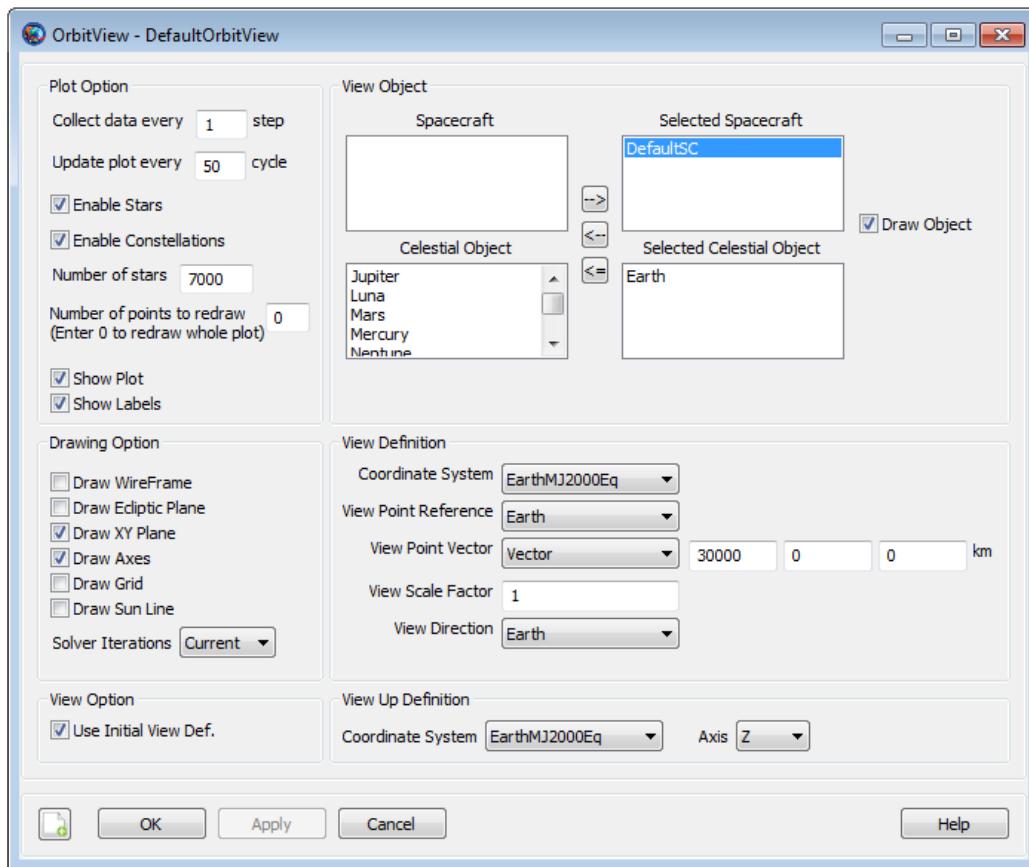
Field	Description
ViewDirection	<p>Allows you to select the direction of view in an OrbitView plot. You can specify the view direction by choosing a resource to point at such as a Spacecraft, Celestial body, Libration Point, or Barycenter. Alternatively, you can also specify a vector of the form [x y z]. If the user specification of ViewDirection, ViewPointReference, and ViewPointVector results in a zero vector, GMAT uses [0 0 10000] for ViewDirection. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
Data Type	Reference array
Allowed Values	Spacecraft, CelestialBody, Libration-Point, Barycenter, or a 3-vector of numerical values
Access	set
Default Value	Earth
Units	km or N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
ViewPointReference	<p>This optional field allows you to change the reference point from which ViewPointVector is measured. ViewPointReference defaults to the origin of the coordinate system for the plot. A ViewPointReference can be any Spacecraft, Celestial body, Libration Point, or Barycenter. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
Data Type	Reference array
Allowed Values	Spacecraft, CelestialBody, Libration-Point, Barycenter, or a 3-vector of numerical values
Access	set
Default Value	Earth
Units	km or N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
ViewPointVector	<p>The product of ViewScaleFactor and ViewPointVector field determines the view point location with respect to ViewPointReference. ViewPointVector can be a vector, or any of the following resources: Spacecraft, Celestial body, Libration Point, or Barycenter. The location of the view point in three-dimensional space is defined as the vector addition of ViewPointReference and the vector defined by product of ViewScaleFactor and ViewPointVector in the coordinate system chosen by you. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
Data Type	Reference array
Allowed Values	Spacecraft, CelestialBody, Libration-Point, Barycenter, or a 3-vector of numerical values
Access	set
Default Value	[30000 0 0]
Units	km or N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

Field	Description
ViewScaleFactor	<p>This field scales ViewPointVector before adding it to ViewPointReference. The ViewScaleFactor allows you to back away from an object to fit in the field of view. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	Real Number ≥ 0
Access	set
Default Value	1
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
ViewUpAxis	<p>This field lets you define which axis of the ViewUpCoordinateSystem field will appear as the up direction in an OrbitView plot. See the comments under ViewUpCoordinateSystem for more details of fields used to determine the up direction in an OrbitView plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
Data Type	Enumeration
Allowed Values	X , -X , Y , -Y , Z , -Z
Access	set
Default Value	Z
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
ViewUpCoordinateSystem	<p>The ViewUpCoordinateSystem and ViewUpAxis fields are used to determine which direction appears as up in an OrbitView plot and together with the fields associated with the View Direction, uniquely define the view. The fields associated with the View Definition allows you to define the point of view in three-dimensional space, and the direction of the line of sight. However, this information alone is not enough to uniquely define the view. We also must provide how the view is oriented about the line of sight. This is accomplished by defining what direction should appear as the up direction in the plot and is configured using the ViewUpCoordinateSystem field and the ViewUpAxis field. The ViewUpCoordinateSystem allows you to select a coordinate system to define the up direction. Most of the time this system will be the same as the coordinate system chosen under the CoordinateSystem field. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	CoordinateSystem resource
Access	set
Default Value	EarthMJ2000Eq
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

Field	Description
WireFrame	When the WireFrame field is set to On , celestial bodies are drawn using a wireframe model. When the WireFrame field is set to Off , then celestial bodies are drawn using a full map. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence. Data Type Boolean Allowed Values Off, On Access set Default Value Off Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
XYPlane	Allows you to draw a grid representing the XY-plane of the coordinate system selected under the CoordinateSystem field of the OrbitView plot. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence. Data Type Boolean Allowed Values On, Off Access set Default Value On Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script

GUI

The figure below shows the default settings for the **OrbitView** resource:



OrbitView Window Mouse Controls

The list of controls in the table below helps you navigate through the **OrbitView** graphics window. "Left" and "Right" designate the mouse button which have to be pressed.

Control	Description
Left Drag	Helps to change camera orientation. Camera orientation can be changed in Up/Down/Left/Right directions.
Right Drag	Helps to zoom in and out of the graphics window. Moving the cursor in Up direction leads to zoom out of the graphics window. Moving the cursor in Down direction helps to zoom into the graphics window.
Shift+Right Drag	Helps to adjust the Field of View .

Remarks

Behavior when using OrbitView Resource & Toggle Command

The **OrbitView** resource plots spacecraft's trajectory at each propagation step of the entire mission duration. If you want to report data to an **OrbitView** plot at specific points in your mission, then a **Toggle On/Off** command can be inserted into the mission sequence to control when **OrbitView** is to plot a given trajectory. When **Toggle Off** command is issued for an **OrbitView**, no trajectory is drawn until a **Toggle On** command is issued. Similarly, when a **Toggle On** command is used, trajectory is plotted at each integration step until a **Toggle Off** command is used.

```

Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Toggle anOrbitView Off
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
Toggle anOrbitView On
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 4}

```

Behavior when using OrbitView, Spacecraft and SolarSystem Resources

Spacecraft resource contains information about spacecraft's orbit. **Spacecraft** resource interacts with **OrbitView** throughout the entire mission duration. The trajectory data retrieved from the spacecraft is what gets plotted at each propagation step of the entire mission duration. Similarly, the sun and all other planets available under the **SolarSystem** resource may be plotted or referenced in the **OrbitView** resource as well.

Behavior when reporting data in Iterative Processes

GMAT allows you to specify how trajectories are plotted during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. The **SolverIterations** field of **OrbitView** resource supports 3 options which are described in the table below:

SolverIterations options	Description
Current	Shows only current iteration/perturbation in an iterative process and plots current trajectory.
All	Shows all iterations/perturbations in an iterative process and plots all perturbed trajectories.
None	Shows only the final solution after the end of an iterative process and plots only that final trajectory.

Behavior when plotting multiple spacecrafts

GMAT allows you to plot trajectories of any number of spacecrafts when using the **OrbitView** resource. The initial epoch of all the spacecrafts must be same in order to plot the trajectories. If initial epoch of one of the spacecrafts does not match with initial epoch of other spacecrafts, then GMAT throws in an error alerting you that there is a coupled propagation error mismatch between the spacecrafts. GMAT also allows you to propagate trajectories of spacecrafts using any combination of the propagators that you may create.

Below is an example script snippet that shows how to plot trajectories of multiple spacecrafts that use different propagators:

```

Create Spacecraft aSat aSat2 aSat3
aSat2.INC = 45.0
aSat3.INC = 90.0

```

```

aSat3.SMA = 9000

Create Propagator aProp
Create Propagator bProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView anOrbitView2

anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, aSat2, Earth}
anOrbitView2.Add = {aSat3, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat, aSat2) bProp(aSat3) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}

```

OrbitView View Definition Controls

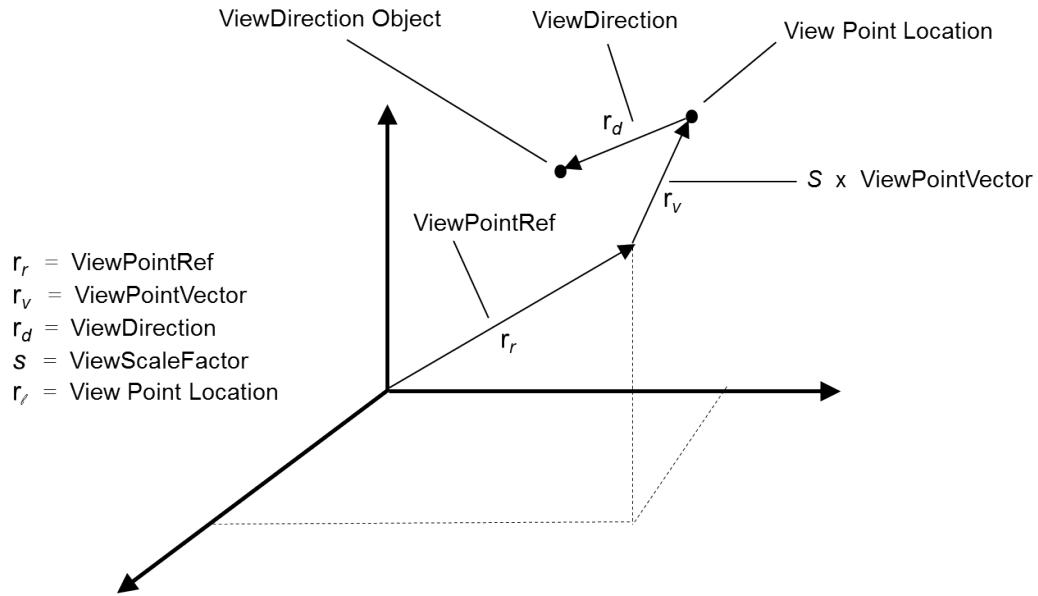
GMAT is capable of drawing orbit plots that allow you to visualize the motion of spacecraft and celestial bodies throughout the mission sequence. Here we discuss the options you can use in setting up and viewing Orbit plots. You can choose many properties including the coordinate system of the orbit view plot and the view location and direction from where visualizations can be seen. The script snippet below shows how to create **OrbitView** resource that includes key view definition controls fields as well. Detailed definitions of all fields for **OrbitView** resource can be found in [Fields](#) section.

```

Create OrbitView PlotName
PlotName.CoordinateSystem = CoordinateSystemName
PlotName.Add = [SpacecraftName, BodyName, ...
               LibrationPoint, Barycenter]
PlotName.ViewPointReference = [ObjectName, VectorName]
PlotName.ViewPointVector = [ObjectName, VectorName]
PlotName.ViewDirection = [ObjectName, VectorName]
PlotName.ViewScaleFactor = [Real Number]
PlotName.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = CoordinateSystemName
PlotName.ViewUpAxis = [X,-X,Y,-Y,Z,-Z];

```

You can specify the view location and direction of **OrbitView** plot object by using the **ViewPointReference**, **ViewPointVector**, **ViewDirection**, **ViewUpCoordinateSystem** and **ViewUpAxis** fields. Figure below shows a graphical definition of **ViewPointReference**, **ViewPointVector**, and **ViewDirection** fields and how they determine the actual view location and view direction. You can supply **ViewPointReference**, **ViewPointVector** and **ViewDirection** fields by either giving a vector in the format [x y z] or by specifying an object name. If a vector is given for one of the quantities, then we simply use it in its appropriate place in the computations below. If an object is given, we must determine the vector associated with it. The rest of this section is devoted in determining **ViewPointReference**, **ViewPointVector** and **ViewDirection** fields if you specify an object.



ViewPointReference field defines the point from which **ViewPointVector** is measured. If an object is given for **ViewPointReference** field, i.e. when you have the following in the sample script:

```
MyOrbitViewPlot.CoordinateSystemm      = MyCoordSys
MyOrbitViewPlot.ViewPointReference     = ViewRefObject
```

then we need to determine \mathbf{r}_r as illustrated in above figure. If ViewRefObject is the same as the origin of MyCoordSys, then $\mathbf{r}_r = [0\ 0\ 0]$. Otherwise \mathbf{r}_r is the cartesian position of **ViewPointReference** in MyCoordSys.

$$\mathbf{r}_r = \begin{pmatrix} \text{ViewRefObject.MyCoordSys.X} \\ \text{ViewRefObject.MyCoordSys.Y} \\ \text{ViewRefObject.MyCoordSys.Z} \end{pmatrix}$$

ViewPointVector field points from **ViewPointReference** (\mathbf{r}_r) in the direction of the view point location. If an object is given for **ViewPointVector** field, i.e. you have the following in the sample script:

```
MyOrbitViewPlot.CoordinateSystemm      = MyCoordSys
MyOrbitViewPlot.ViewPointVector        = ViewPointObject
```

then we need to determine \mathbf{r}_v as illustrated in above figure by using the coordinate system conversion routine to calculate the following:

$$\mathbf{r}_v = \begin{pmatrix} \text{ViewPointObject.MyCoordSys.X} \\ \text{ViewPointObject.MyCoordSys.Y} \\ \text{ViewPointObject.MyCoordSys.Z} \end{pmatrix}$$

We now know everything to calculate the location of the view point in the desired coordinate system. From inspection of the above figure, we see that the relation is:

$$\mathbf{r}_v = \mathbf{r}_r + s \mathbf{r}_v$$

Now that we know the view point location, we need to determine the ViewDirection: \mathbf{r}_d as illustrated in above figure. If a vector was specified for **ViewDirection** field, then no computations are required. However, if an object was given as shown in the following sample script:

```
MyOrbitViewPlot.CoordinateSystemm      = MyCoordSys
MyOrbitViewPlot.ViewDiection          = ViewDirectionObject
```

then we calculate \mathbf{r}_d from the following:

$$\mathbf{r}_d = \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{ViewDirectionObject.MyCoordSys.X} \\ \text{ViewDirectionObject.MyCoordSys.Y} \\ \text{ViewDirectionObject.MyCoordSys.Z} \end{array} \right] - \mathbf{r}_r$$

Note that ViewDirection vector \mathbf{r}_d must not be zero vector [0 0 0].

ViewUpCoordinateSystem and **ViewUpAxis** fields are used to determine which direction appears as up in an **OrbitView** plot. Most of the time, coordinate system chosen under **ViewUpCoordinateSystem** field will be the same as the coordinate system selected under the **CoordinateSystem** field. **ViewUpAxis** field allows you to define which axis of the **ViewUpCoordinateSystem** field will appear as the up direction in an orbit plot.

Below are some examples that show how to generate **OrbitView** plots using different View Definition Controls configurations:

Earth Inertial view with spacecraft: This example shows orbit view plot with Earth and a spacecraft. Since **ViewPointReference** field is set to an object (i.e. Earth), hence ViewPointRef vector in above figure is [0 0 0] in EarthMJ2000Eq coordinate system. The **ViewPointVector** field is set to a vector (i.e. set to [0 0 40000]). This means that the view is from 40000 km above the Earth's equatorial plane on the z-axis of the EarthMJ2000Eq coordinate system. The view direction (specified in **ViewDirection** field) is towards the earth.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Earth
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = [ 0 0 40000 ]
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Earth
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 1
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewUpAxis = Z

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Earth Inertial view with spacecraft and Luna: This example shows orbit view plot with Earth, spacecraft and Moon. Note **ViewPointReference** field is set to an object (i.e. Earth), hence ViewPointRef vector in above figure = [0 0 0] in EarthMJ2000Eq coordinate system. **ViewPointVector** field is still set to a vector (i.e. set to [0 0 500000]). This means that the view is from 500000 km above the Earth's equatorial plane on the z-axis of the EarthMJ2000Eq coordinate system. **ViewDirection** field defines the view direction which is set towards the earth.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp
Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth, Luna}

anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Earth
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = [ 0 0 500000 ]
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Earth
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 1
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewUpAxis = Z

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 5}
```

View of spacecraft from Luna in Earth inertial frame: This example of an orbit view plot shows spacecraft as viewed from Luna orbiting around Earth in an inertial reference frame. **ViewPointReference** field is set to an object (i.e. Earth), hence ViewPointRef vector is [0 0 0] in EarthMJ2000Eq coordinate system. This time **ViewPointVector** field is set to an object (i.e. Luna). This means that the spacecraft will be seen from the vantage point of Luna. Note that **ViewDirection** field is set to spacecraft (aSat). This means that view direction as seen from Luna is towards the spacecraft. After you run this example, re-run this example but this time with **ViewScaleFactor** field set to 2 and see what happens. You'll notice that **ViewScaleFactor** simply scales **ViewPointVector** field.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp
Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth, Luna}

anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Earth
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = Luna
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = aSat
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 1
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewUpAxis = Z

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 5}
```

View towards Luna from Earth as spacecraft orbits around Luna in inertial frame: This example of an orbit view plot shows view of Luna from vantage point of Earth as a spacecraft orbits

around Luna. **ViewPointReference** field is set to an object (i.e. Luna), hence ViewPointRef vector in above figure is [0 0 0] in LunaMJ2000Eq coordinate system. **ViewPointVector** field is set to an object (i.e. Earth). This means that the camera or vantage point is located at Earth. **ViewDirection** field is also set to an object (i.e. Luna). This means that view direction as seen from Earth is towards Luna.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

Create CoordinateSystem LunaMJ2000Eq
LunaMJ2000Eq.Origin = Luna
LunaMJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

aSat.CoordinateSystem = LunaMJ2000Eq
aSat.SMA = 7300
aSat.ECC = 0.4
aSat.INC = 90
aSat.RAAN = 270
aSat.AOP = 315
aSat.TA = 180

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Luna
aFM.PointMasses = {Luna}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Luna, Earth}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = LunaMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Luna
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = Earth
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Luna
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 1;
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = LunaMJ2000Eq;
anOrbitView.ViewUpAxis = Z;

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 5}
```

View towards spacecraft1 from spacecraft2 in inertial frame: This example of an orbit view plot shows spacecraft1 (aSat1) being viewed from spacecraft2 (aSat2) as they move in inertial reference frame. **ViewPointReference** field is set to an object (i.e. Earth), hence ViewPointRef vector in above figure is [0 0 0] in EarthMJ2000Eq coordinate system. **ViewPointVector** field is set to an object (i.e. aSat2) and **ViewDirection** field is also set to an object (i.e. aSat1). This means that aSat1 will be viewed from the vantage point of aSat2.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat aSat2

aSat2.X = 19500
aSat2.Z = 10000

Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, aSat2, Earth,}
```

```

anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Earth
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = aSat2
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = aSat
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 1.0
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewUpAxis = Z

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat, aSat2){aSat.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}

```

Orbit view plot of Sun-Earth-Moon L1 Rotating System: This example of an orbit view plot shows the Earth and spacecraft in the Sun-Earth-Moon rotating coordinate system. **ViewPointReference** field is set to an object (i.e. ESL1), hence ViewPointRef vector in above figure is [0 0 0] in SunEarthMoonL1 rotating coordinate system. **ViewPointVector** field is set to a vector (i.e. [0 0 30000]). This means that the view is taken from 30000 km above the SunEarthMoonL1 coordinate system's XY plane on the z-axis of the SunEarthMoonL1 coordinate system. **ViewDirection** field is also set to an object (i.e. ESL1). This means that view direction as seen from 30000 km above the SunEarthMoonL1 coordinate system's XY plane is towards ESL1. Note that in this example, **ViewScaleFactor** is set to 25. This simply scales or amplifies **ViewPointVector** field 25 times its original value.

```

Create Spacecraft aSat

GMAT aSat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian;
GMAT aSat.EPOCH = '01 Apr 2013 00:00:00.000'
GMAT aSat.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
GMAT aSat.DisplayStateType = Cartesian
GMAT aSat.X = 1429457.8833484
GMAT aSat.Y = 147717.32846679
GMAT aSat.Z = -86529.655549364
GMAT aSat.VX = -0.037489820883615
GMAT aSat.VY = 0.32032521614858
GMAT aSat.VZ = 0.15762889268226

Create Barycenter EarthMoonBarycenter
GMAT EarthMoonBarycenter.BodyNames = {Earth, Luna}

Create LibrationPoint ESL1
GMAT ESL1.Primary = Sun
GMAT ESL1.Secondary = EarthMoonBarycenter
GMAT ESL1.Point = L1

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Earth
aFM.PointMasses = {Luna, Sun}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create CoordinateSystem SunEarthMoonL1
GMAT SunEarthMoonL1.Origin = ESL1
GMAT SunEarthMoonL1.Axes = ObjectReferenced
GMAT SunEarthMoonL1.XAxis = R
GMAT SunEarthMoonL1.ZAxis = N
GMAT SunEarthMoonL1.Primary = Sun

```

```

GMAT SunEarthMoonL1.Secondary = EarthMoonBarycenter

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth, Sun}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = SunEarthMoonL1
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = ESL1
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = [ 0 0 30000 ]
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = ESL1
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 25
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = SunEarthMoonL1
anOrbitView.ViewUpAxis = Z

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 15}

```

Behavior when using View Definition panel of OrbitView Resource

Currently in **OrbitView** resource's View Definition panel, fields like **ViewPointReference**, **ViewPointVector** and **ViewDirection** are initialized but not dynamically updated during a mission run. **OrbitView** resource's View Definition panel sets up geometry at initial epoch and then mouse controls geometry of the simulation from that point on.

Spacecraft Model Considerations in GMAT's OrbitView

GMAT displays spacecraft models by reading model data from 3D Studio files describing the spacecraft shape and colors. These files have the file extension .3ds, and are generally called 3ds files. 3ds files contain data that defines the 3-dimensional coordinates of vertices outlining the spacecraft, a mapping of those vertices into triangles used to create the displayed surface of the spacecraft, and information about the colors and texture maps used to fill in the displayed triangles.

GMAT's implementation of the spacecraft model can display models consisting of up to 200,000 vertices that map up to 100,000 triangles. The GMAT model can use up 500 separate color or texture maps to fill in these triangles.

Behavior When Specifying Empty Brackets in OrbitView's Add Field

When using **OrbitView.Add** field, if brackets are not populated with user-defined spacecrafts, then GMAT turns off **OrbitView** resource and no plot is generated. If you run the script with **Add** field having empty brackets, then GMAT throws in a warning message in the Message Window indicating that **OrbitView** resource will be turned off since no SpacePoints were added to the plot. Below is a sample script snippet that generates such a warning message:

```

Create Spacecraft aSat aSat2
Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {}

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate aProp(aSat, aSat2){aSat.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}

```

Examples

Propagate spacecraft for 1 day and plot the orbit at every integrator step:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
```

```
Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Plotting orbit during an iterative process. Notice **SolverIterations** field is selected as **All**. This means all iterations/perturbations will be plotted.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}
anOrbitView.SolverIterations = All

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis}

Target aDC
  Vary aDC(TOI.Element1 = 0.24, {Perturbation = 0.001, Lower = 0.0, ...
    Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.5})
  Maneuver TOI(aSat)
  Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Apoapsis}
  Achieve aDC(aSat.Earth.RMAG = 42165)
EndTarget
```

Plotting spacecraft's trajectory around non-default central body. This example shows how to plot a spacecraft's trajectory around Luna:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

Create CoordinateSystem LunaMJ2000Eq
LunaMJ2000Eq.Origin = Luna
LunaMJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

aSat.CoordinateSystem = LunaMJ2000Eq
aSat.SMA = 7300
aSat.ECC = 0.4
aSat.INC = 90
aSat.RAAN = 270
aSat.AOP = 315
aSat.TA = 180

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Luna
aFM.PointMasses = {Luna}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM
```

```
Create OrbitView anOrbitView

anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Luna}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = LunaMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Luna
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Luna

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Plotting spacecraft's trajectory around non-default central body. This example shows how to plot a spacecraft's trajectory around Mars:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

Create CoordinateSystem MarsMJ2000Eq
MarsMJ2000Eq.Origin = Mars
MarsMJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

aSat.CoordinateSystem = MarsMJ2000Eq
aSat.SMA = 7300
aSat.ECC = 0.4
aSat.INC = 90
aSat.RAAN = 270
aSat.AOP = 315
aSat.TA = 180

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Mars
aFM.PointMasses = {Mars}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create OrbitView anOrbitView

anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Mars}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = MarsMJ2000Eq
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Mars
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Mars

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Plotting spacecraft's trajectory around non-default central body. This example shows how to plot a spacecraft's trajectory around Sun. This is an interplanetary trajectory. Spacecraft is shown on an out-going hyperbolic trajectory in an EarthView and then an interplanetary trajectory is drawn around Sun in a SunView. Mars Orbit around Sun is also shown:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

aSat.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
aSat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
aSat.Epoch = '18 Nov 2013 20:26:24.315'

aSat.X = 3728.345810006184
```

```
aSat.Y = 4697.943961035268
aSat.Z = -2784.040094879185
aSat.VX = -9.502477543864449
aSat.VY = 5.935188001372066
aSat.VZ = -2.696272103530009

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Earth
aFM.PointMasses = {Earth}

Create ForceModel bFM
aFM.CentralBody = Sun
aFM.PointMasses = {Sun}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create Propagator bProp
aProp.FM = bFM

Create CoordinateSystem SunEcliptic
SunEcliptic.Origin = Sun
SunEcliptic.Axes = MJ2000Ec

Create OrbitView EarthView SunView

EarthView.Add = {aSat, Earth}
EarthView.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
EarthView.ViewPointReference = Earth
EarthView.ViewDirection = Earth

SunView.Add = {aSat, Mars, Sun}
SunView.CoordinateSystem = SunEcliptic
SunView.ViewPointReference = Sun
SunView.ViewDirection = Sun
SunView.ViewPointVector = [ 0 0 500000000 ]

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 3}
Propagate bProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 225}
```


Propagator

A propagator models spacecraft motion

Overview of Propagator Components

A **Propagator** is the GMAT component used to model spacecraft motion. GMAT contains two types of propagators: a numerical integrator type, and an ephemeris type. When using a numerical integrator type **Propagator**, you can choose among a suite of numerical integrators implementing Runge-Kutta and predictor corrector methods. Numeric **Propagators** also require a **Force-Model**. Additionally, you can configure a **Propagator** to use SPICE kernels for propagation. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence. However, you set one **Propagator** equal to another **Propagator** in the mission, (i.e. `myPropagator = yourPropagator`).

GMAT's documentation for **Propagator** components is broken down into three sections:

- For numerical **Propagator** documentation see Numerical Propagator
 - For **ForceModel** documentation see Force Model
 - For SPICE **Propagator** documentation see SPK-Configured Propagator

See Also: [Spacecraft](#), [Propagate](#)

Numerical Propagator

Overview

A **Propagator** object that uses a numerical integrator (as opposed to an ephemeris propagator) is one of a few objects in GMAT that is configured differently in the scripting and in the GUI. In the GUI, you configure the integrator and force model setting on the same dialog box. See the [Remarks](#) section below for detailed discussion of GMAT's numerical integrators as well as performance and accuracy comparisons, and usage recommendations. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence. However, you can do whole object assignment in the mission,(i.e. `myPropagator = yourPropagator`).

When working in the script, you must create a **ForceModel** object separately from the **Propagator** and specify the force model using the “FM” field on the propagator object. See the [Examples](#) section later in this section for details.

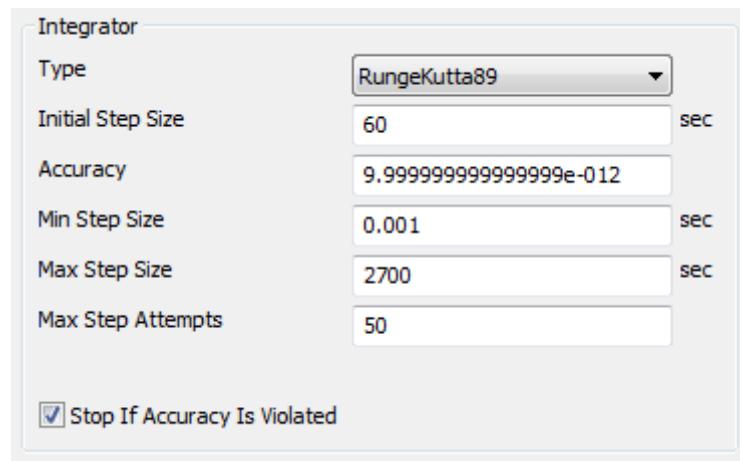
Options

Option	Description
Accuracy	The desired accuracy for an integration step. GMAT uses the method selected in the ErrorControl field on the Force Model to determine a metric of the integration accuracy. For each step, the integrator ensures that the error in accuracy is smaller than the value defined by the ErrorControl metric.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	Real > 0 AND Real < 1
Default Value	1e-11 except for ABM integrator which is
	1e-10
Interfaces	GUI, script
Access	set
Units	N/A

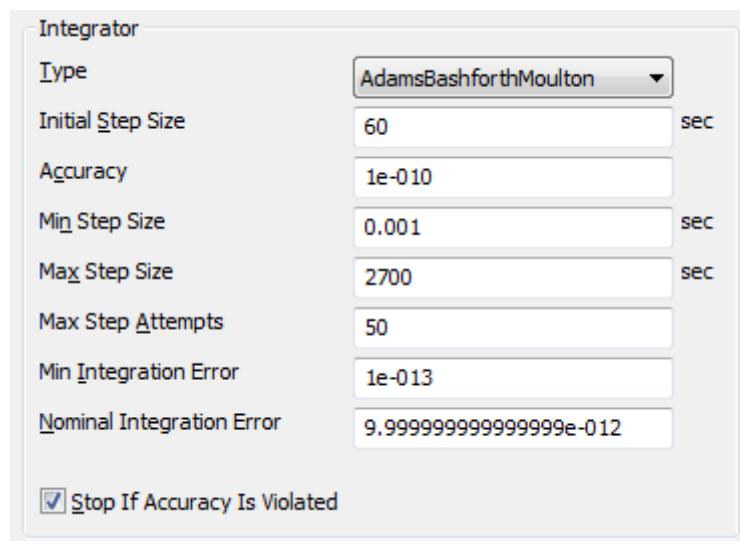
Option	Description
FM	Identifies the force model used by an integrator. If no force model is provided, GMAT uses an Earth centered propagator with a 4x4 gravity model.
	Data Type Resource reference Allowed Values ForceModel Default Value N/A Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units N/A
InitialStepSize	The size of the first step attempted by the integrator.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0.0001 Default Value 60 Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units sec.
LowerError	The lower bound on integration error, used to determine when to make the step size larger. Applies only to AdamsBashforthMoulton integrator.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0 AND 0 < LowerError < TargetError < Accuracy Default Value 1e-13 Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units N/A
MaxStep	The maximum allowable step size.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0 AND MinStep <= MaxStep Default Value 2700 Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units N/A
MaxStepAttempts	The number of attempts the integrator takes to meet the tolerance defined by the Accuracy field.
	Data Type Integer Allowed Values Integer >= 1 Default Value 50 Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units N/A

Option	Description	
MinStep	The minimum allowable step size.	
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0 AND MinStep <= MaxStep Default Value 0.001 Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units sec.	
StopIfAccuracy-IsViolated	Flag to stop propagation if integration error value defined by Accuracy is not satisfied.	
	Data Type Boolean Allowed Values true, false Default Value true Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units N/A	
TargetError	The nominal bound on integration error, used to set the target integration accuracy when adjusting step size. Applies only to AdamsBashforthMoulton integrator.	
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0 AND 0 < LowerError < TargetError < Accuracy Default Value 1e-11 Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units N/A	
Type	Specifies the integrator or analytic propagator used to model the time evolution of spacecraft motion.	
	Data Type Enumeration Allowed Values PrinceDormand78, PrinceDormand853, PrinceDormand45, RungeKutta89, RungeKutta68, RungeKutta56, AdamsBashforthMoulton, SPK Default Value RungeKutta89 Interfaces GUI, script Access set Units N/A	

GUI



Settings for the embedded Runge-Kutta integrators. Select the desired integrator from the **Type** menu.



The Adams-Bashforth-Moulton integrator has additional settings as shown.

Remarks

Best Practices for Using Numerical Integrators

The comparison data presented in a later section suggest that the **PrinceDormand78** integrator is the best all purpose integrator in GMAT. When in doubt, use the **PrinceDormand78** integrator, and set **MinStep** to zero so that the integrator's adaptive step algorithm controls the minimum integration step size. Below are some important comments on GMAT's step size control algorithms and the dangers of using a non-zero value for the minimum integration step size. The **AdamsBashforthMoulton** integrator is a low order integrator and we only recommend its use for low precision analysis when a predictor-corrector algorithm is required. We recommend that you study the performance and accuracy analysis documented later in this section to select a numerical integrator for your application. You may need to perform further analysis and comparisons for your application.

Caution

Caution: GMAT's default error computation mode is **RSStep** and this is a more stringent error control method than **RSSState** that is often used as the default in other software such as STK. If you set Accuracy to a very small number, 1e-13 for example, and leave **ErrorControl** set to **RSSStep**, integrator performance will be poor, for little if any improvement in the accuracy of the orbit integration. To find the best balance between integration accuracy and performance, we recommend you experiment with the accuracy setting for your selected integrator for your application. You can start with a relatively high setting of **Accuracy**, say 1e-9, and lower the accuracy by an order of magnitude at a time and compare the final orbital states to determine where smaller values of **Accuracy** result in longer propagation times without providing more accurate orbital solutions.

Caution

Caution: GMAT allows you to set a minimum step on numerical integrators. It is possible that the requested **Accuracy** cannot be achieved given the **MinimumStep** setting. The **Propagator** flag **StopIfAccuracyIsViolated** determines the behavior if **Accuracy** cannot be satisfied. If **StopIfAccuracyIsViolated** is true, GMAT will throw an error and stop execution if integration accuracy is not satisfied. If **StopIfAccuracyIsViolated** is false, GMAT will only throw a warning that the integration accuracy was not satisfied but will continue to propagate the orbit.

Numerical Integrators Overview

The table below describes each numerical integrator in detail.

Option	Description
RungeKutta89	An adaptive step, ninth order Runge-Kutta integrator with eighth order error control. The coefficients were derived by J. Verner. Verner developed several sets of coefficients for an 89 integrator and we have chosen the coefficients that are the most robust but not necessarily the most efficient.
PrinceDormand78	An adaptive step, eighth order Runge-Kutta integrator with seventh order error control. The coefficients were derived by Prince and Dormand.
PrinceDormand853	An adaptive step, eighth order Runge-Kutta integrator with 5th order error control that incorporates a 3rd order correction, as described in section II.10 of "Solving Ordinary Differential Equations I: Nonstiff Problems" by Hairer, Norsett and Wanner. The coefficients were derived by Prince and Dormand. This integrator performs surprisingly well at loose Accuracy settings.
PrinceDormand45	An adaptive step, fifth order Runge-Kutta integrator with fourth order error control. The coefficients were derived by Prince and Dormand.

Option	Description
RungeKutta68	A second order Runge-Kutta-Nystrom type integrator with coefficients developed by by Dormand, El-Mikkawy and Prince. The integrator is a 9-stage Nystrom integrator, with error control on both the dependent variables and their derivatives. This second order implementation will correctly integrate forces that are non-conservative but it is not recommended for this use. See the integrator comparisons below for numerical comparisons. You cannot use this integrator to integrate mass during a finite maneuver because the mass flow rate is a first order differential equation not supported by this integrator.
RungeKutta56	An adaptive step, sixth order Runge-Kutta integrator with fifth order error control. The coefficients were derived by E. Fehlberg.
AdamsBashforthMoulton	A fourth-order Adams-Bashford predictor / Adams-Moulton corrector as described in Fundamentals of Astrodynamics by Bate, Mueller, and White. The predictor step extrapolates the next state of the variables using the derivative information at the current state and three previous states of the variables. The corrector uses derivative information evaluated for this state, along with the derivative information at the original state and two preceding states, to tune this state, giving the final, corrected state. The ABM integrator uses the RungeKutta89 integrator to start the integration process. The ABM is a low order integrator and should not be used for precise applications or for highly nonlinear applications such as celestial body flybys.

Performance & Accuracy Comparison of Numerical Integrators

The tables below contain performance comparison data for GMAT's numerical integrators. The first table shows the orbit types, dynamics models, and propagation duration for each test case included in the comparison. Five orbit types were compared: low earth orbit, Molniya, Mars transfer (Type 2), Lunar transfer, and finite burn (case 1 is blow down, and case 2 is pressure regulated). For each test case, the orbit was propagated forward for a duration and then back-propagated to the intial epoch. The error values in the table are the RSS difference of the final position after forward and backward propagation to the initial position. The run time data for each orbit type is normalized on the integrator with the fasted run time for that orbit type. For all test cases the **ErrorControl** setting was set to **RSSStep**. **Accuracy** was set to 1e-12 for all integrators except for **AdamsBashfourthMoulton** which was set to 1e-11 because of poor performance when **Accuracy** was set to 1e-11.

Orbit	Dynamics Model	Duration
LEO	Earth 20x20, Sun, Moon, drag using 1 day MSISE90 density, SRP	
Molniya	Earth 20x20, Sun, Moon, drag using Jacchia 3 days Roberts density, SRP	

Orbit	Dynamics Model	Duration
Mars Transfer	Near Earth: Earth 8x8, Sun, Moon, SRP	333 days
	Deep Space: All planets as point mass perturbations	
	Near Mars: Mars 8x8 SRP	
Lunar Transfer	Earth central body with all planets as point mass perturbations	5.8 days
Finite Burn (case 1 and 2)	Point mass gravity	7200 sec.

Comparing the run time data for each integrator shown in the table below we see that the **Prince-Dormand78** integrator was the fastest for 4 of the 6 cases and tied with the **RungeKutta89** integrator for LEO test case. For the Lunar flyby case, the **RungeKutta89** was the fastest integrator, however, in this case the **PrinceDormand78** integrator was at least 2 orders of magnitude more accurate given equivalent **Accuracy** settings. Notice that the **AdamsBashforthMoulton** integrator has km level errors for some orbits because it is a low-order integrator.

		RKV89	RKN68	RK56	PD45	PD78	ABM	PD853
ISS	Run Time	1.53	1.00	2.14	2.78	1.46	3.41	1.80
	Error (m)	0.003	64.060	0.022	0.002	0.006	0.012	0.013
Molniya	Run Time	1.32	1.47	1.99	3.08	1.00	3.35	1.92
	Error (m)	0.007	0.601	0.059	0.032	0.043	380.125	0.031
Lunar Flyby	Run Time	1.00	1.01	2.26	2.98	2.21	3.30	1.39
	Error (m)	0.063	0.017	0.002	0.023	0.000	0.236	0.080
Mars Transfer	Run Time	1.02	1.04	1.14	1.40	1.00	3.07	1.11
	Error (m)	0.030	0.001	0.043	0.194	0.009	25.231	0.030
Finite burn 1	Run Time	1.27	N/A	1.24	1.26	1.00	1.45	1.07
	Error (m)	0.002	N/A	0.006	0.002	0.002	0.000	0.002
Finite burn 2	Run Time	1.03	N/A	1.18	1.31	1.00	1.54	1.12
	Error (m)	0.002	N/A	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.003	0.002

Fields Unique to the AdamsBashforthMoulton Integrator

The **AdamsBashforthMoulton** integrator has two additional fields named **TargetError** and **LowerError** that are only active when **Type** is set to **AdamsBashforthMoulton**. If you are using another integrator type, those fields must be removed from your script file to avoid parsing errors. When working in the GUI, this is performed automatically. See examples below for more details.

Examples

Propagate an orbit using a general purpose Runge-Kutta integrator:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ForceModel aForceModel

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM          = aForceModel
aProp.Type        = PrinceDormand78
aProp.InitialStepSize = 60
aProp.Accuracy    = 1e-011
aProp.MinStep     = 0
aProp.MaxStep     = 86400
aProp.MaxStepAttempts = 50
aProp.StopIfAccuracyIsViolated = true
```

```
BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = .2}
```

Propagate using a fixed step configuration. Do this by setting **InitialStepSize** to the desired fixed step size and setting **ErrorControl** to **None**. This example propagates in constant steps of 30 seconds:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.ErrorControl = None

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM          = aForceModel
aProp.Type        = PrinceDormand78
aProp.InitialStepSize = 30

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = .2}
```

Propagate an orbit using an Adams-Bashforth-Moulton predictor-corrector integrator:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.ErrorControl = RSSStep

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM          = aForceModel
aProp.Type        = AdamsBashforthMoulton
aProp.InitialStepSize = 60
aProp.MinStep     = 0
aProp.MaxStep     = 86400
aProp.MaxStepAttempts = 50
% Note the following fields must be set with decreasing values!
aProp.Accuracy   = 1e-010
aProp.TargetError = 1e-011
aProp.LowerError  = 1e-013
aProp.StopIfAccuracyIsViolated = true

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = .2}
```

Force Model

Overview

A **ForceModel** is a model of the environmental forces and dynamics that affect the motion of a spacecraft. GMAT supports numerous force models such as point mass and spherical harmonic gravity models, atmospheric drag, solar radiation pressure, tide models, and relativistic corrections. A **ForceModel** is configured and attached to the **Propagator** object (see the **Propagator** object for differences between script and GUI configuration when configuring a **Propagator**). The **Propagator**, along with the **Propagate** command, uses a **ForceModel** to numerically solve the orbital equations of motion (forwards or backwards in time) using the forces configured in the **ForceModel** object, and may include thrust terms in the case of powered flight. See the dis-

cussion below for detailed information on how to configure force models for your application. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

See Also: [Propagator](#)

Fields

Option	Description
CentralBody	The central body of propagation. CentralBody must be a celestial body and cannot be a LibrationPoint , Barycenter , Spacecraft , or other special point.
	<p>Data Type Resource reference</p> <p>Allowed Values CelestialBody</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Earth</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Drag	Deprecated. This field has been replaced with Drag.AtmosphereModel .
Drag.AtmosphereModel	Specifies the atmosphere model used in the drag force. This field is only active if there is a PrimaryBody .
	<p>Data Type Enumeration</p> <p>Allowed Values If PrimaryBody is Earth: None, JacchiaRoberts, MSISE86, MSISE90 (with plugin), NRLMSISE00 (with plugin)</p> <p>If PrimaryBody is Mars: None, MarsGRAM2005 (with plugin)</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value None</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Drag.CSSISpaceWeatherFile	The file name of the CSSI space weather file with optional path information. See Remarks for details on file format.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values String containing name of the CSSI file with optional path information.</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 'CSSI_2004To2026.txt'</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Option	Description
Drag.DensityModel	Enabled when Drag.AtmosphereModel is Mars-GRAM2005 . Specifies the Mars-GRAM density model to use. Mean is mean density with any optional wave model perturbations enabled by the input file. High is Mean density plus 1 standard deviation. Low is Mean density minus 1 standard deviation.
	Data Type Enumeration
	Allowed Values High, Low, Mean
	Access set
	Default Value Mean
	Units N/A
	Interfaces script
Drag.F107	The instantaneous value of solar flux at wavelength of 10.7 cm. This field is only active if there is a PrimaryBody . Realistic values for this setting are 50 <= Drag.F107 <= 400.
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Drag.F107>= 0
	Access set
	Default Value 150
	Units W/m^2/Hz
	Interfaces GUI, script
Drag.F107A	The average (monthly) value of solar flux at wavelength of 10.7 cm. This field is only active in the script if there is a PrimaryBody . Realistic values for this setting are 50 <= Drag.F107A <= 400.
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Drag.F107A>=0
	Access set
	Default Value 150
	Units W/m^2/Hz
	Interfaces script
Drag.HistoricWeatherSource	Defines the source for historical flux and Geo-magnetic indeces used in Earth density modeling.
	Data Type Enumeration
	Allowed Values ConstantFluxAndGeoMag, CSSISpaceWeatherFile
	Access set
	Default Value ConstantFluxAndGeoMag
	Units N/A
	Interfaces GUI, script

Option	Description																
Drag.InputFile	<p>Enabled when Drag.AtmosphereModel is Mars-GRAM2005. Path to the Mars-GRAM input namelist file that configures the model. See the MarsGRAM2005 section [380] for details on the individual settings in this file and how they are used by GMAT. Relative paths are relative to the GMAT bin directory.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 489 965 525">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="1049 489 1124 525">String</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 525 965 561">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="1049 525 1441 592">Valid path to a Mars-GRAM input namelist file</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 592 965 628">Access</td><td data-bbox="1049 592 1092 619">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 628 965 664">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="1049 628 1124 664">'../'</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 664 965 700">Units</td><td data-bbox="1049 664 1124 700">data/atmosphere/Mars-</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 700 965 736">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="1049 700 1422 736">GRAM2005/inputstd0.txt'</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 736 965 772">N/A</td><td data-bbox="1049 736 1092 772"></td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 772 965 808">script</td><td data-bbox="1049 772 1124 808"></td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	Valid path to a Mars-GRAM input namelist file	Access	set	Default Value	'../'	Units	data/atmosphere/Mars-	Interfaces	GRAM2005/inputstd0.txt'	N/A		script	
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Drag.SchattenModelError	<p>The error model used from the Schatten file. Schatten predicts include mean, +2 sigma, and -2 sigma models. See Remarks for details on the file format.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 1693 965 1727">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="1049 1693 1203 1720">Enumeration</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 1727 965 1763">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="1049 1727 1441 1799">Nominal, PlusTwoSigma, MinusTwoSigma</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 1799 965 1834">Access</td><td data-bbox="1049 1799 1092 1825">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 1834 965 1870">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="1049 1834 1160 1861">Nominal</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 1870 965 1906">Units</td><td data-bbox="1049 1870 1092 1897">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="763 1906 965 1942">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="1049 1906 1176 1933">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Enumeration	Allowed Values	Nominal, PlusTwoSigma, MinusTwoSigma	Access	set	Default Value	Nominal	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script				
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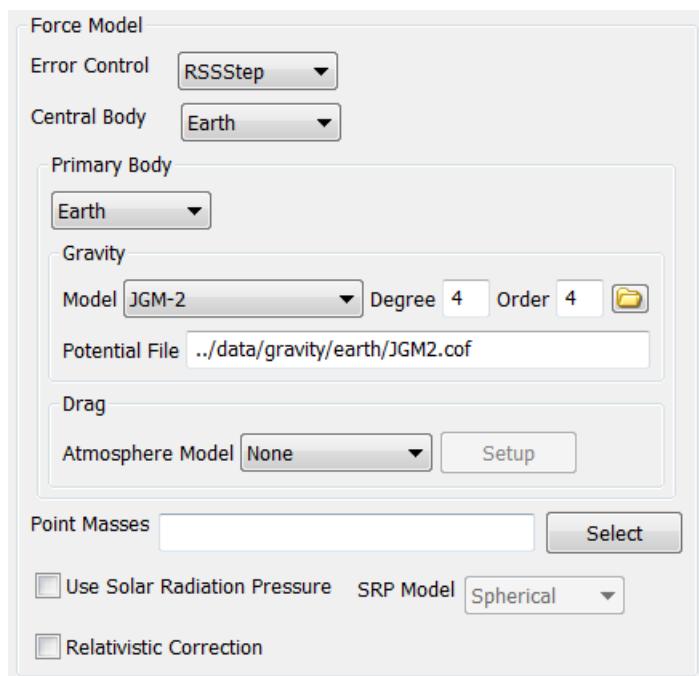
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Drag.SchattenFile	<p>The file name of the Schatten file with optional path information. See Remarks for details on file format.</p>
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	String containing name of the Schatten file with optional path information.
Access	set
Default Value	'SchattenPredict.txt'
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
Drag.SchattenTimingModel	<p>The timing model used from the Schatten file. Schatten predicts include a nominal solar cycle model, an early model, and a late model. See Remarks for details on the file format.</p>
Data Type	Enumeration
Allowed Values	NominalCycle, EarlyCycle, LateCycle
Access	set
Default Value	NominalCycle
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
ErrorControl	<p>Controls how error in the current integration step is estimated. The error in the current step is computed by the selection of ErrorControl and compared to the value set in the Accuracy field to determine if the step has an acceptable error or needs to be improved. All error measurements are relative error, however, the reference for the relative error changes depending upon the selection of ErrorControl. RSSStep is the Root Sum Square (RSS) relative error measured with respect to the current step. RSSState is the (RSS) relative error measured with respect to the current state. LargestStep is the state vector component with the largest relative error measured with respect to the current step. LargestState is the state vector component with the largest relative error measured with respect to the current state. Setting ErrorControl to None turns off error control and the integrator takes constant steps at the value defined by InitialStepSize on the numerical integrator.</p>
Data Type	Enumeration
Allowed Values	None, RSSStep, RSSState, LargestState, LargestStep
Access	set
Default Value	RSSStep
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

Option	Description
GravityField. Earth.EarthTideModel	<p>Flag for type of Earth tide model. This field is always active but only used in the dynamics when there is a harmonic gravity model for Earth.</p> <p>Data Type Enumeration Allowed Values None, SolidAndPole Access set Default Value None Units N/A Interfaces script</p>
GravityField. PrimaryBodyName.Degree	<p>The degree of the harmonic gravity field. This field is only active if there is a PrimaryBody.</p> <p>Data Type Integer Allowed Values $0 < \text{Degree} < \text{Max Degree On File}$ Access set Default Value 4 (When loading a custom file in the GUI, GMAT sets Degree to the max value on the file) Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
GravityField. PrimaryBodyName.Order	<p>The order of the harmonic gravity field. This field is only active if there is a PrimaryBody.</p> <p>Data Type Integer Allowed Values $0 < \text{Order} < \text{Max Degree On File}$ AND $\text{Degree} \leq \text{Order}$ Access set Default Value 4 (When loading a custom file in the GUI, GMAT sets Order to the max value on the file) Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
GravityField. PrimaryBodyName.PotentialFiles	<p>The gravity potential file. This field is only active if there is a PrimaryBody. See discussion below for detailed explanation of supported file types and how to configure gravity files.</p> <p>Data Type String Allowed Values path and name of .cof OR .grv file Access set Default Value JGM2.cof Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Option	Description												
Model	<p>A GUI list of "configured" gravity files defined in the file gmat_startup_file.txt. Model allows you to quickly choose between gravity files distributed with GMAT. For example, if PrimaryBody is Earth, you can select among Earth gravity models provided with GMAT such as JGM-2 and EGM-96. If you select Other, you can provide the path and filename for a custom gravity file.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>JGM-2, JGM-3, EGM-96, Mars-50C, MGPNP-180U</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>JGM-2</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	JGM-2 , JGM-3 , EGM-96 , Mars-50C , MGPNP-180U	Access	set, get	Default Value	JGM-2	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI
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Access	set, get												
Default Value	JGM-2												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI												
PointMasses	<p>A list of celestial bodies to be treated as point masses in the force model. A body cannot be both the PrimaryBody and in the PointMasses list. An empty list "{}" removes all points masses from the list.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Resource array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>array of CelestialBodies not selected as PrimaryBody</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Empty List</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Resource array	Allowed Values	array of CelestialBodies not selected as PrimaryBody	Access	set	Default Value	Empty List	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Interfaces	GUI, script												
PrimaryBodies	<p>A body modeled with a "complex" force model. A primary body can have an atmosphere and harmonic gravity model. Currently GMAT only supports one primary body per force model. The primary body must be the same as the Central-Body, and cannot be included in the PointMasses field.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Resource reference</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>CelestialBody not included in PointMasses.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Earth</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Resource reference	Allowed Values	CelestialBody not included in PointMasses .	Access	set	Default Value	Earth	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Default Value	Earth												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
RelativisticCorrection	<p>Sets relativistic correction on or off.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Enumeration</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>On, Off</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Off</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Enumeration	Allowed Values	On , Off	Access	set	Default Value	Off	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Allowed Values	On , Off												
Access	set												
Default Value	Off												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												

Option	Description
SRP	<p>Sets SRP force on or off. See the Remarks section for a detailed explanation of SRP configuration. The SRP model used is set in the SRP.Model field.</p>
	<p>Data Type Enumeration Allowed Values On, Off Access set Default Value Off Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
SRP.Flux	<p>The value of SRP flux at 1 AU. This field is only active in the script if SRP is on.</p>
	<p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $1200 < \text{SRP.Flux} < 1450$ Access set Default Value 1367 Units W/m² Interfaces script</p>
SRP.Flux_Pressure	<p>The solar flux at 1 AU divided by the speed of light. This field is only active in the script if SRP is on. See the Remarks section for a detailed explanation of SRP configuration.</p>
	<p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $4.33e-6 < \text{SRP.Flux_Pressure} < 4.84e-6$ Access set Default Value 4.55982118135874e-006 Units W *s/m³ Interfaces script</p>
SRP.Model	<p>The model for SRP acceleration.</p>
	<p>Data Type Enumeration Allowed Values Spherical,SPADFile Access set Default Value Spherical Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
SRP.Nominal_Sun	<p>The value of one Astronomical Unit in km used in scaling SRP.Flux, which is flux at 1 AU, to the flux at spacecraft distance from sun. This field is only active in the script if SRP is on. See the Remarks section for a detailed explanation of SRP configuration.</p>
	<p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $135e6 < \text{Nominal_Sun} < 165e6$ Access set Default Value 149597870.691 Units km Interfaces script</p>

GUI



Settings for the **ForceModel** object.

Remarks

Overview of Primary Body/Central Body and Field Interactions

In GMAT, a primary body is a celestial body that is modeled with a complex force model which may include a spherical harmonic gravity model, tides, or drag. A body cannot appear in both the **PrimaryBodies** and **PointMasses** fields. GMAT currently requires that there are no more than one primary body per **ForceModel**, but this behavior will change in future versions and the user interface is designed to naturally support this future development area.

GMAT currently requires that the primary body is either the same as the **CentralBody** or set to **None**. If you change the **CentralBody** in the GUI, GMAT changes the primary body to **None**, and you can then select between **None** and the central body. When you select a primary body in the GUI, the **Gravity** and **Drag** fields activate and allow you to select models for those forces consistent with the body selected in the **PrimaryBodies** field. For example, if you select Earth as the primary body, you can only select Earth drag models in the **DragAtmosphereModel** field. See the field list above for available models.

Configuring Gravitational Models

GMAT supports point mass gravity, spherical harmonic, and Earth tide models. On a **Propagator**, all celestial bodies are classified into two mutually exclusive categories: **PrimaryBodies**, and **Point Masses**. To model a body as a point mass, add it to the **PointMasses** list. GMAT currently requires that there be only a single body in the **PrimaryBodies** list. When a primary body is selected, the **CentralBody** and primary body must be the same.

Bodies modeled as **PointMasses** use the gravitational parameter defined on the body (i.e. Earth.Mu) in the equations of motion. Bodies defined as **PrimaryBodies** use the constants defined on the potential file in the equations of motion. GMAT supports two gravity file formats: the .cof format and the STK .grv format. You can provide a custom potential file for your ap-

plication as long as it is one of the supported formats. Potential files defined in the startup file are available in the **Model** list in the GUI. For example, the following lines in the startup file configure GMAT so that EGM96 is an available option for **Model** in the GUI when the primary body is Earth:

```
EARTH_POT_PATH      = DATA_PATH/gravity/earth/
EGM96_FILE          = EARTH_POT_PATH/EGM96.cof
```

Below is an example script snippet for configuring a custom gravity model including Earth tides.

```
Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.CentralBody = Earth
aForceModel.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
aForceModel.GravityField.Earth.Degree = 21
aForceModel.GravityField.Earth.Order = 21
aForceModel.GravityField.Earth.PotentialFile = 'c:\MyData\file.cof'
aForceModel.GravityField.Earth.EarthTideModel = 'SolidAndPole'
```

Configuring Drag Models

GMAT supports many density models for Earth including **Jacchia-Roberts** and various MSISE models. Density models for non-Earth bodies -- the Mars-GRAM model for example -- are included using custom plug-in components and are currently only supported in the script interface.

To configure Earth density models, select Earth as the primary body. In the GUI, this activates the **AtmosphereModel** list. You can configure the solar flux values using the **Setup** button next to the **AtmosphereModel** list after you have selected an atmosphere model. Below is an example script snippet for configuring the **NRLMSISE00** density model.

```
Create ForceModel aForceModel
GMAT aForceModel.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.AtmosphereModel = NRLMSISE00
```

Caution



Caution: GMAT uses the original single precision FORTAN code developed by the scientists who created the MSISE models. At low altitudes, the single precision density can cause numeric issues in the double precision integrator step size control and integration can be unacceptably slow. You can avoid the performance issue by using either fixed step integration or by using a relatively high **Accuracy** value such as 1e-8. You may need to experiment with the **Accuracy** setting to a value acceptable for your application.

Note that when you select **None** for **Drag.AtmosphereModel**, the fields associated with density configuration, such as **Drag.F107**, **Drag.F107A**, and **Drag.MagneticIndex** and others are inactive and must be removed from your script file to avoid parsing errors. When working in the GUI, this is performed automatically.

The table below describes the limits on altitude for drag models supported by GMAT.

Model	Theoretical Altitude (h) Limits	Comments
MSISE86	90 < h < 1000	GMAT will not allow propagation below 90 km altitude.

Model	Theoretical Altitude (h) Comments Limits	
MSISE90	$0 < h < 1000$	GMAT will allow propagation below 0 km altitude but results are non-physical.
NRLMSISE00	$0 < h < 1000$	GMAT will allow propagation below 0 km altitude but results are non-physical.
JacchiaRoberts	$h > 100$	GMAT will not allow propagation below 100 km altitude.

MarsGRAM2005

When **PrimaryBody** is **Mars**, you can choose Mars-GRAM 2005 as your atmosphere model. This model is only available when the **libMarsGRAM** plugin is available and enabled in the GMAT startup file.

**Warning**

As of version R2015a, you can only have one unique Mars-GRAM force model configuration in a given script. If you include multiple propagators with Mars-GRAM force models with different Mars-GRAM configurations, the different configurations are not honored, and all of the propagators will use the same configuration for Mars-GRAM.

When using the **MarsGRAM2005** atmosphere model, three new fields are available in the script language (but not the GUI):

- **Drag.InputFile**
- **Drag.DensityModel**

See the [Fields section](#) for details on these fields.

In addition, the space weather fields are treated as follows:

- **Drag.F107**: value of 10.7 cm solar flux at 1 AU, as documented in the [Fields section](#)
- **Drag.F107A**: not used
- **Drag.MagneticIndex**: not used

The Mars-GRAM 2005 input file is a text file in FORTRAN NAMELIST format. Most variables in this file are passed directly to the Mars-GRAM model and are used as intended. However, some are replaced internally by GMAT-supplied values. The following table lists those input variables that are handled specially.

Input Variable	GMAT usage
(Unlisted)	Passed through to Mars-GRAM 2005 model
DATADIR	Always ' <code>../data/atmosphere/MarsGRAM2005/bin-Files</code> '
GCMDIR	Always ' <code>../data/atmosphere/MarsGRAM2005/bin-Files</code> '

Input Variable	GMAT usage
IERT	Always 1 (Earth-receive time)
IUTC	Always 0 (TT time)
MONTH	Replaced by current propagation epoch
MDAY	Replaced by current propagation epoch
MYEAR	Replaced by current propagation epoch
NPOS	Always 1
IHR	Replaced by current propagation epoch
IMIN	Replaced by current propagation epoch
ISEC	Replaced by current propagation epoch
LonEW	Always 1 (positive East)
F107	Replaced by value of Drag.F107
FLAT	Replaced by current propagation state
FLON	Replaced by current propagation state
FHGT	Replaced by current propagation state
MOLAheights	Always 0 (reference ellipsoid)
iup	Always 0 (no output)
ipclat	Always 0 (planetographic input)
requa	Replaced by value of Mars.EquatorialRadius
rpole	Replaced by GMAT's value of Mars polar radius (calculated from Mars.EquatorialRadius and Mars.Flattening)

The input file is read by the Mars-GRAM 2005 model code, which has limited error checking. If the input file or data files are incorrect or missing, GMAT may exhibit unintended behavior. Note that local winds returned by the Mars-GRAM 2005 model are not included in GMAT's drag model.

Configuring Space Weather Data for Density Models

GMAT supports several space weather input types for drag modelling including constant flux and Geo-magnetic index values, a historical weather data file, and a predicted weather data file. You can separately configure the data used for historical data and predicted data. For historical data you can choose between constant values and a CSSI space weather file. For predicted data you can choose between constant values and a Schatten predict file. Each of those sources is discussed in detail below.

The precedence for data source is determined by the simulation epoch (i.e. the epoch when density is evaluated), and the epochs contained on the data files

- If both historical data and predicted data sources are set to constants, then constant values are always used.
- If you have selected a CSSI file as the historical data source, if the simulation epoch falls before the last row of historical data in the CSSI file's historical data block, then the CSSI data is used (the first row is used if the simulation epoch is before the first historical data record), otherwise, the predicted data source is used. Note: GMAT does not use any of the predicted data from the CSSI file.

- If you have selected the Schatten file for predicted data, if the simulation epoch is NOT in the CSSI file historical data, or the historical data source is set to constant values, then the data is used from the Schatten file.

Constant Values

GMAT supports constant flux and Geo-magnetic index values for all Earth density models. You configure GMAT to use those values for historical and predicted data as shown below using NRLMSISE00 for the example.

```
Create ForceModel aForceModel
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.AtmosphereModel = NRLMSISE00
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.HistoricWeatherSource = 'ConstantFluxAndGeoMag'
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.PredictedWeatherSource = 'ConstantFluxAndGeoMag'
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.F107 = 150
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.F107A = 150
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.MagneticIndex = 3
```

Historical Space Weather Data

You can provide a Center for Space Standards and Innovation (CSSI) file for historical space weather data. GMAT does not use the predicted portion of the file but does use the historical portion of the data. The CSSI file format is described in detail at the [Celestrak](#) website and the files are available for download at that site and [here](#). You configure GMAT to use historical data as shown below.

```
Create ForceModel aForceModel
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.AtmosphereModel = NRLMSISE00
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.HistoricWeatherSource = 'CSSISpaceWeatherFile'
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.CSSISpaceWeatherFile = 'CSSI_2004To2026.txt'
```

You can provide a full or relative path to the file, or put the file in GMAT's data file folders documented in the startup file help.

Predicted Space Weather Data

You configure GMAT to use Schatten predicted data as shown below

```
Create ForceModel aForceModel
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.AtmosphereModel = NRLMSISE00
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.PredictedWeatherSource = 'SchattenFile'
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.SchattenFile = 'SchattenPredict.txt'
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.SchattenErrorModel = 'Nominal'
GMAT aForceModel.Drag.SchattenTimingModel = 'NominalCycle'
```

You can provide a full or relative path to the file, or put the file in GMAT's data file folders documented in the startup file help. Additionally you can choose between **Nominal**, **PlusTwoSigma**, and **MinusTwoSigma** for the **SchattenErrorModel**, and between **NominalCycle**, **EarlyCycle**, and **LateCycle** for the **SchattenTimingModel**.

The Schatten file is distributed by the Flight Dynamics Facility (FDF) at Goddard Space Flight Center. You can apply for an account to obtain Schatten file updates at the [FDF Forms Interface](#). Note that GMAT reads the raw file containing all permutation of mean, +2 sigma, and -2 sigma, and nominal, early and late solar cycles. The files from the FDF must be modified to include keywords that indicate when data starts and ends as shown below:

NOMINAL TIMING	EARLY TIMING	LATE TIMING
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```

mo. yr. mean +2sig -2sig ap mean +2sig -2sig ap mean +2sig -2sig ap
BEGIN_DATA
  2 2011   92  107   76    9  105  125   85   10   77   87   66   8
  3 2011   93  110   77    9  106  128   86   10   79   89   67   8
  4 2011   95  112   78    9  108  129   87   10   80   92   69   8
END_DATA

```

Data must be formatted according to FORMAT(I3,I5,I6,11I5), and no comments or blank lines can occur between the BEGIN_DATA and END_DATA keywords.

Configuring SRP Models

GMAT supports a spherical SRP model, and an SRP file for high fidelity SRP modelling. Both models use a dual cone model for central body shadowing of the spacecraft. See the [Spacecraft Ballistic/Mass Properties](#) documentation for configuring a SPAD file for a spacecraft. The script snippet below shows how to configure two **ForceModels**, one that uses **Spherical** and one that uses a **SPADFile**.

```

% A spherical SRP model
Create ForceModel aForceModel_1
aForceModel_1.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
aForceModel_1.SRP = On
aForceModel_1.SRP.Model = Spherical

% A SPAD SRP model
Create ForceModel aForceModel_2
aForceModel_2.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
aForceModel_2.SRP = On
aForceModel_2.SRP.Model = SPADFile

```

You can define the solar flux using two approaches which are currently only supported in the script interface. One approach is to define the flux value using the **SRP.Flux** field and the value of an astronomical unit (in km) using the **Nominal_Sun** field as shown in the following example.

```

Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
aForceModel.SRP = On
aForceModel.SRP.Flux = 1367
aForceModel.SRP.Nominal_Sun = 149597870.691

```

An alternative approach is to define the flux pressure at 1 astronomical unit using the **Flux_Pressure** field as shown below..

```

Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
aForceModel.SRP = On
aForceModel.SRP.Flux_Pressure = 4.53443218374393e-006
aForceModel.SRP.Nominal_Sun = 149597870.691

```

If you mix flux settings, as shown in the example below, GMAT will use the last approach in the script. Here, GMAT will use the **Flux_Pressure** setting.

```

Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
aForceModel.SRP = On
aForceModel.SRP.Flux = 1370
aForceModel.SRP.Nominal_Sun = 149597870
aForceModel.SRP.Flux_Pressure = 4.53443218374393e-006

```

Caution



Caution: GMAT's default option for configuring solar flux for an SRP model is to use **SRP.Flux** and **Nominal_Sun** fields. If you initially configured the **Flux_Pressure** field, when you save your mission via the save button in the toolbar, GMAT will write out **SRP.Flux** and **Nominal_Sun** values consistent with your setting of **Flux_Pressure**.

Variational Equations and the STM

GMAT can optionally propagate the orbit State Transition Matrix (STM). For more information on how to configure GMAT to compute the STM, see the Propagate command documentation.

Caution



Caution: GMAT allows you to propagate the State Transition Matrix (STM) along with the orbital state. However, not all variational terms are implemented for STM propagation. The following are implemented: point mass perturbation, spherical harmonics (with tide models), and solar radiation pressure. The following are NOT implemented: drag and relativistic terms, and finite burns. Additionally, the SRP variational term does not include the partial derivative of the percent shadow with respect to orbital state. This approximation is acceptable for orbits with short penumbra durations but is inaccurate for orbits that spend relatively long periods of time in penumbra.

Examples

A **ForceModel** for point mass propagation.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat  
  
Create ForceModel aForceModel  
aForceModel.CentralBody = Earth  
aForceModel.PointMasses = {Earth}  
  
Create Propagator aProp  
aProp.FM = aForceModel  
  
BeginMissionSequence  
  
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = .2}
```

A **ForceModel** for high fidelity low Earth orbit propagation.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat  
  
Create ForceModel aForceModel  
aForceModel.CentralBody = Earth  
aForceModel.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}  
aForceModel.PointMasses = {Sun, Luna}  
aForceModel.SRP = On  
aForceModel.RelativisticCorrection = On  
aForceModel.ErrorControl = RSSStep  
aForceModel.GravityField.Earth.Degree = 20
```

```

aForceModel.GravityField.Earth.Order = 20
aForceModel.GravityField.Earth.PotentialFile = 'EGM96.cof'
aForceModel.GravityField.Earth.EarthTideModel = 'None'
aForceModel.Drag.AtmosphereModel = MSISE90
aForceModel.Drag.F107 = 150
aForceModel.Drag.F107A = 150
aForceModel.Drag.MagneticIndex = 3
aForceModel.SRP.Flux = 1359.388569998901
aForceModel.SRP.SRPMODEL = Spherical;
aForceModel.SRP.Nominal_Sun = 149597870.691

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aForceModel

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat){aSat.ElapsedDays = .2}

```

A **ForceModel** that uses a SPAD SRP File.

```

Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft;
aSpacecraft.DryMass = 2000
aSpacecraft.SPADSRPFILE = '..\data\vehicle\spad\SphericalModel.spo'
aSpacecraft.SPADSRPScaleFactor = 1;

Create ForceModel aFM;
aFM.SRP = On;
aFM.SRP.SRPMODEL = SPADFile

Create Propagator aProp;
aProp.FM = aFM;

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.ElapsedDays = 0.2}

```

A **ForceModel** for high fidelity lunar orbit propagation.

```

Create Spacecraft moonSat
GMAT moonSat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
GMAT moonSat.EPOCH.UTCGregorian = 01 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000
GMAT moonSat.CoordinateSystem = MoonMJ2000Eq
GMAT moonSat.DisplayStateType = Cartesian
GMAT moonSat.X = -1486.792117191545200
GMAT moonSat.Y = 0.0
GMAT moonSat.Z = 1486.792117191543000
GMAT moonSat.VX = -0.142927729144255
GMAT moonSat.VY = -1.631407624437537
GMAT moonSat.VZ = 0.142927729144255

Create CoordinateSystem MoonMJ2000Eq
MoonMJ2000Eq.Origin = Luna
MoonMJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

Create ForceModel MoonLP165P
GMAT MoonLP165P.CentralBody = Luna
GMAT MoonLP165P.PrimaryBodies = {Luna}
GMAT MoonLP165P.SRP = On

```

```

GMAT MoonLP165P.SRP.Flux = 1367
GMAT MoonLP165P.SRP.Nominal_Sun = 149597870.691
GMAT MoonLP165P.Gravity.Luna.PotentialFile = ../data/gravity/luna/LP165P.cof
GMAT MoonLP165P.Gravity.Luna.Degree = 20
GMAT MoonLP165P.Gravity.Luna.Order = 20

Create Propagator RKV89
GMAT RKV89.FM = MoonLP165P

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate RKV89(moonSat) {moonSat.ElapsedSecs = 300}

```

SPK-Configured Propagator

Description

An SPK-configured **Propagator** propagates a spacecraft by interpolating user-provided SPICE kernels. You configure a **Propagator** to use an SPK kernel by setting the **Type** field to **SPK**. SPK kernels and the **NAIFId** are defined on the **Spacecraft** Resource. You control propagation, including stopping conditions, using the **Propagate** command. This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence. However, you can do whole object assignment in the mission, (i.e. **myPropagator = yourPropagator**).

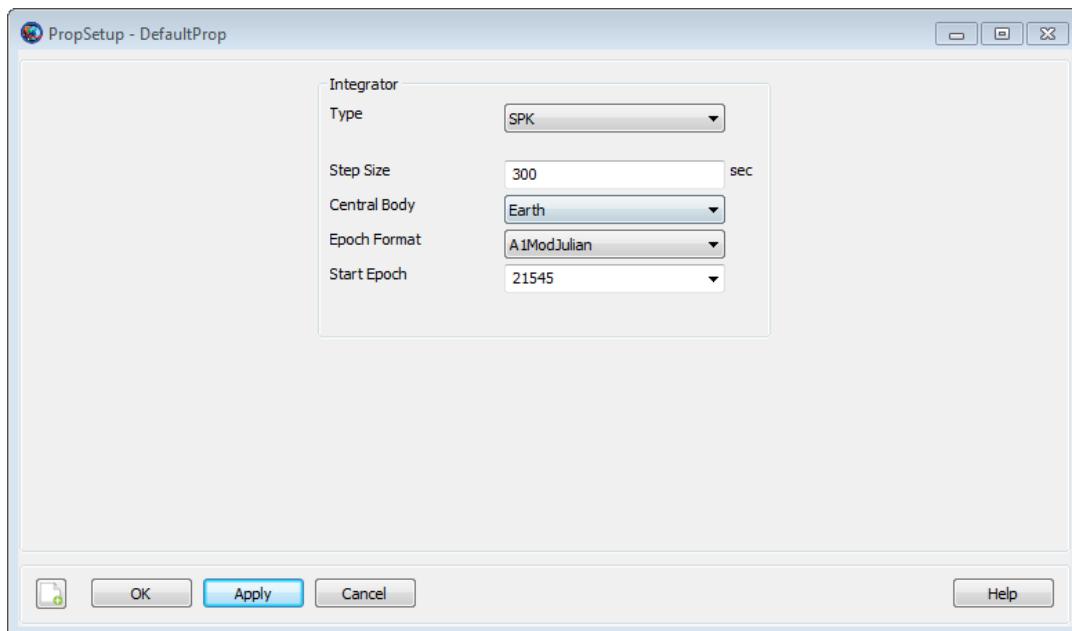
See Also: [Spacecraft](#), [Propagate](#)

Fields

Field	Description	
CentralBody	The central body of propagation. This field has no affect for SPK propagators.	Data Type Resource reference Allowed Values Celestial body Access set Default Value Earth Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
EpochFormat	Only used for an SPK propagator. The format of the epoch contained in the StartEpoch field.	Data Type Enumeration Allowed Values A1ModJulian, TAIModJulian, UTC-ModJulian, TTModJulian, TDBModJulian, A1Gregorian, TAIGregorian, TTGregorian, UTCGregorian, TDB-Gregorian Access set Default Value A1ModJulian Units N/A unless Mod Julian and in that case Modified Julian Date Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description		
Start Epoch	Only used for an SPK propagator. The initial epoch of propagation. When an epoch is provided that epoch is used as the initial epoch. When the keyword "FromSpacecraft" is provided, the start epoch is inherited from the spacecraft.		
	Data Type	String	
	Allowed Values	"Gregorian: 04 Oct 1957 12:00:00.000 <= Epoch <= 28 Feb 2100 00:00:00.000 Modified Julian: 6116.0 <= Epoch <= 58127.5 or "FromSpacecraft"	
	Access	set	
	Default Value	21545	
	Units	N/A	
	Interfaces	GUI, script	
StepSize	The step size for an SPK Propagator.		
	Data Type	Real	
	Allowed Values	Real > 0	
	Access	set	
	Default Value	300	
	Units	N/A	
	Interfaces	GUI, script	
Type	Specifies the integrator or analytic propagator used to model time evolution of spacecraft motion.		
	Data Type	Enumeration	
	Allowed Values	PrinceDormand78, PrinceDormand45, RungeKutta89, RungeKutta68, RungeKutta56, BulirschStoer, Adams-BashforthMoulton, SPK	PrinceDormand45, RungeKutta89, RungeKutta68, RungeKutta56, BulirschStoer, Adams-BashforthMoulton, SPK
	Access	set	
	Default Value	RungeKutta89	
	Units	N/A	
	Interfaces	GUI, script	

GUI



To configure a **Propagator** to use SPK files, on the **Propagator** dialog box, select **SPK** in the **Type** menu. There are four fields you can configure for an SPK propagator including **StepSize**, **CentralBody**, **EpochFormat**, and **StartEpoch**. Note that changing the **EpochFormat** setting converts the input epoch to the selected format. You can also type **FromSpacecraft** into the **StartEpoch** field and the **Propagator** will use the epoch of the **Spacecraft** as the initial propagation epoch.

Remarks

To use an SPK-configured **Propagator**, you must specify the SPK kernels and **NAIFId** on the **Spacecraft**, configure a **Propagator** to use SPK files as opposed to numerical methods, and configure the **Propagate** command to use the configured SPK propagator. The subsections and examples below discuss each of these items in detail.

Configuring Spacecraft SPK Kernels

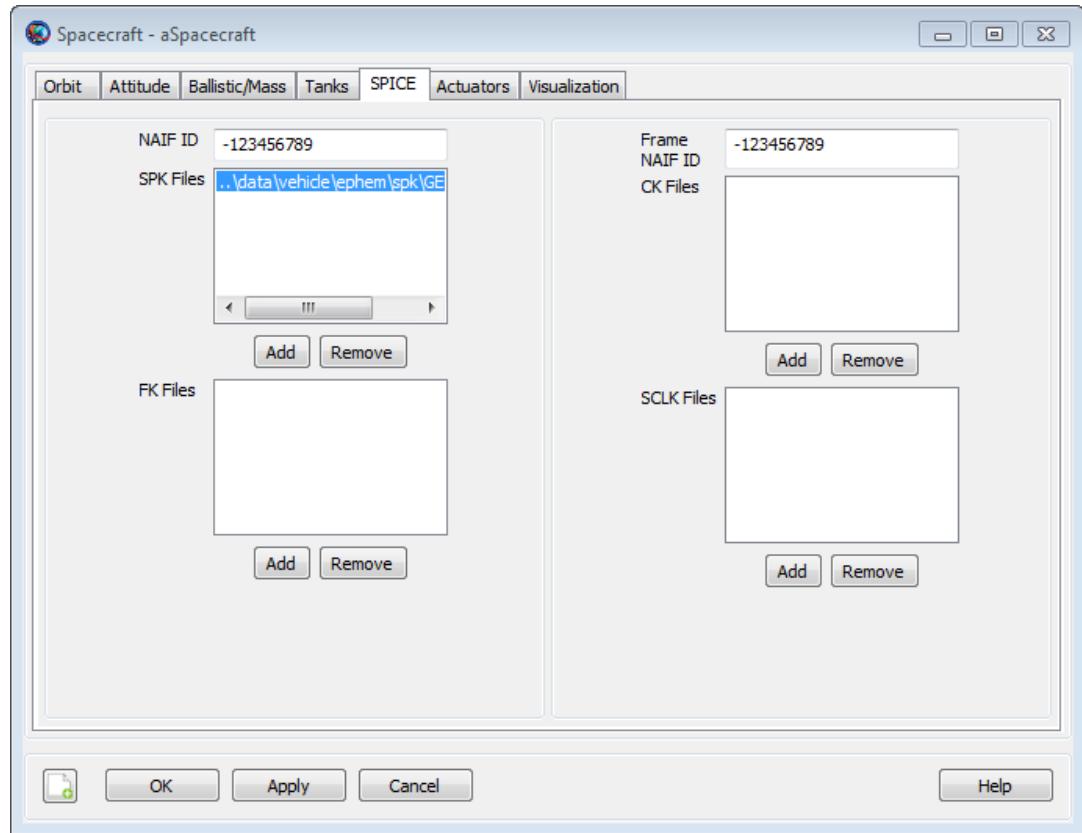
To use an SPK-configured **Propagator**, you must add the SPK kernels to the **Spacecraft** and define the spacecraft's **NAIFId**. SPK Kernels for selected spacecraft are available [here](#). Two sample vehicle spk kernels, (GEOSat.bsp and MoonTransfer.bsp) are distributed with GMAT for example purposes. An example of how to add spacecraft kernels via the script interface is shown below.

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
GMAT aSpacecraft.NAIFId = -123456789
GMAT aSpacecraft.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {...}
    '..\data\vehicle\ephem\spk\GEOSat.bsp'}
```

To add **Spacecraft** SPK kernels via the GUI:

1. On the **Spacecraft** dialog box, click the **SPICE** tab.
2. Under the **SPK Files** list, click **Add**.
3. Browse to locate and select the desired SPK file
4. Repeat to add all necessary SPK kernels

5. In the **NAIF ID** field, enter the spacecraft integer NAIF id number. Note: For a given mission, each spacecraft should have a unique NAIF ID if the spacecraft are propagated with an SPK propagator.



You can add more than one kernel to a spacecraft as shown via scripting below, where the files GEOSat1.bsp and GEOSat2.bsp are dummy file names used for example purposes only and are not distributed with GMAT. In the script, you can use relative path or absolute path to define the location of an SPK file. Relative paths are defined with respect to the GMAT bin directory of your local installation.

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.OrbitSpiceKernelName ={ 'C:\MyDataFiles\GEOSat1.bsp', ...
                                'C:\MyDataFiles\GEOSat2.bsp'}
```

Configuring an SPK Propagator

You can define the **StartEpoch** of propagation of an SPK-configured **Propagator** on either the **Propagator** Resource or inherit the **StartEpoch** from the **Spacecraft**. Below is a script snippet that shows how to inherit the **StartEpoch** from the **Spacecraft**. To inherit the **StartEpoch** from the **Spacecraft** using the GUI

1. Open the SPK propagator dialog box,
2. In the **StartEpoch** field., type **FromSpacecraft** or select **FromSpacecraft** from the drop-down menu

To explicitly define the **StartEpoch** on the **Propagator** Resource use the following syntax.

```
Create Propagator spkProp
spkProp.EpochFormat = 'UTCGregorian'
spkProp.StartEpoch = '22 Jul 2014 11:29:10.811'
```

```
Create Propagator spkProp2  
spkProp2.EpochFormat = 'TAIModJulian'  
spkProp2.StartEpoch = '23466.5'
```

To configure the step size, use the StepSize field.

```
Create Propagator spkProp  
spkProp.Type = SPK  
spkProp.StepSize = 300
```

Interaction with the Propagate Command

An SPK-configured **Propagator** works with the **Propagate** command in the same way numerical propagators work with the **Propagate** command with the following exceptions:

- If a **Propagate** command uses an SPK propagator, then you can only propagate one spacecraft using that propagator. You can however, mix SPK propagators and numeric propagators in a single propagate command.
- SPK-configured **Propagators** will not propagate the STM or compute the orbit Jacobian (A matrix).

In the example below, we assume a **Spacecraft** named **aSpacecraft** and a **Propagator** named **spkProp** have been configured a-priori. An example command to propagate **aSpacecraft** to Earth Periapsis using **spkProp** is shown below.

```
Propagate spkProp(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.Earth.Periapsis}
```

Below is a script snippet that demonstrates how to propagate backwards using an SPK propagator.

```
Propagate BackProp spkProp(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.ElapsedDays = -1.5}
```

Behavior Near Ephemeris Boundaries

In general, ephemeris interpolation is less accurate near the boundaries of ephemeris files and we recommend providing ephemeris for significant periods beyond the initial and final epochs of your application for this and other reasons. When propagating near the beginning or end of ephemeris files, the use of the double precision arithmetic may affect results. For example, if an ephemeris file has an initial epoch TDBModJulian = 21545.00037249916, and you specify the StartEpoch in UTC Gregorian, round off error in time conversions and/or truncation of time using the Gregorian format (only accurate to millisecond) may cause the requested epoch to fall slightly outside of the range provided on the ephemeris file. The best solution is to provide extra ephemeris data to avoid time issues at the boundaries and the more subtle issue of poor interpolation.



Warning

To locate requested stopping conditions, GMAT needs to bracket the root of the stopping condition function. Then, GMAT uses standard root finding techniques to locate the stopping condition to the requested accuracy. If the requested stopping condition lies at or near the beginning or end of the ephemeris data, then bracketing the stopping condition may not be possible without stepping off the ephemeris file which throw an error and execution will stop. In this case, you must provide more ephemeris data to locate the desired stopping condition.

Examples

Propagate a GEO spacecraft using an SPK-configured **Propagator**. Define the **StartEpoch** from the spacecraft. Note: the SPK kernel GEOSat.bsp is distributed with GMAT.

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft;
aSpacecraft.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '02 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000'
aSpacecraft.NAIFId = -123456789
aSpacecraft.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'..\data\vehicle\ephem\spk\GEOSat.bsp'}

Create Propagator spkProp
spkProp.Type = SPK
spkProp.StepSize = 300
spkProp.CentralBody = Earth
spkProp.StartEpoch = FromSpacecraft

Create OrbitView EarthView
EarthView.Add = {aSpacecraft, Earth, Luna}
EarthView.ViewPointVector = [ 30000 -20000 10000 ]
EarthView.ViewScaleFactor = 2.5

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate spkProp(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.TA = 90}
Propagate spkProp(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.ElapsedDays = 2.4}
```

Simulate a lunar transfer using an SPK-configured **Propagator**. Define **StartEpoch** on the **Propagator**. Note: the SPK kernel MoonTransfer.bsp is distributed with GMAT.

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.NAIFId = -123456789
aSpacecraft.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {...'..\data\vehicle\ephem\spk\MoonTransfer.bsp'}

Create Propagator spkProp
spkProp.Type = SPK
spkProp.StepSize = 300
spkProp.CentralBody = Earth
spkProp.EpochFormat = 'UTCGregorian'
spkProp.StartEpoch = '22 Jul 2014 11:29:10.811'

Create OrbitView EarthView
EarthView.Add = {aSpacecraft, Earth, Luna}
EarthView.ViewPointVector = [ 30000 -20000 10000 ]
EarthView.ViewScaleFactor = 30

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate spkProp(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.ElapsedDays = 12}
```


ReportFile

Report data to a text file

Description

The **ReportFile** resource allows you to write data to a text file that can be viewed after a mission run has been completed. GMAT allows you to report user-defined **Variables**, **Arrays**, **Strings** and **Object Parameters**. GMAT gives you control over setting formatting properties of the output report file that is generated at the end of a mission run. You can create **ReportFile** resource in either the GUI or script interface. GMAT also provides the option of when to write and stop writing data to a text file through the **Toggle On/Off** command. See the [Remarks](#) section below for detailed discussion of the interaction between **ReportFile** resource and **Toggle** command.

See Also: [Report](#), [Toggle](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
Add	<p>Allows a user to add any number of user-defined Variables, Arrays, Strings or Object Parameters to a report file. To add multiple user-defined variables or parameters, enclose the reported values with curly brackets. Ex. <code>MyReportName.Add ={Sat.X, Sat.Y, Var1, Array(1,1)}</code>; The GUI's Selected Value(s) field is the equivalent of the script's Add field. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Reference array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Any user-defined parameter. Ex. Variables, Arrays, Strings, or Object parameters</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td><code>{DefaultSC.A1ModJulian, DefaultSC.EarthMJ2000Eq.X}</code></td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Reference array	Allowed Values	Any user-defined parameter. Ex. Variables, Arrays, Strings, or Object parameters	Access	set	Default Value	<code>{DefaultSC.A1ModJulian, DefaultSC.EarthMJ2000Eq.X}</code>	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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ColumnWidth	<p>This field defines the width of the data columns in a report file. The value for ColumnWidth is applied to all columns of data. For example, if ColumnWidth is set to 20, then each data column will be 20 white-spaces wide.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Integer</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Integer > 1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>Characters</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Integer	Allowed Values	Integer > 1	Access	set	Default Value	23	Units	Characters	Interfaces	GUI, script
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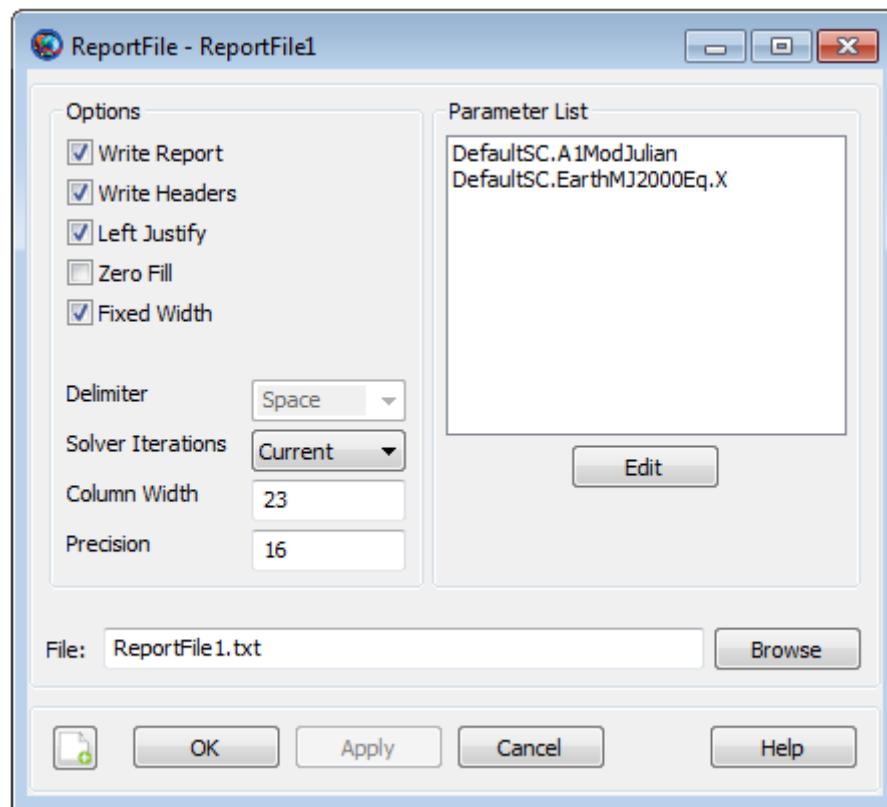
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Delimiter	<p>When FixedWidth field is turned off, this field become active. The Delimiter field allows you to report data to a report file in Comma, Semicolon, Space and Tab delimited format.</p>												
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FixedWidth	<p>Allows you to enable or disable Delimiter and ColumnWidth fields. When this field is turned on, the Delimiter field is inactive and ColumnWidth field is active and can be used to vary the width of the data columns. When FixedWidth field is turned off, the ColumnWidth field becomes inactive and Delimiter field is active for use.</p>												
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LeftJustify	<p>When the LeftJustify field is set to On, then the data is left justified and appears at the left most side of the column. If the LeftJustify field is set to Off, then the data is centered in the column.</p>												
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Maximized	<p>Allows the user to maximize the ReportFile window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>												
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Field	Description
Precision	Allows the user to set the number of significant digits of the data written to a report.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values Integer > 1</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 16</p> <p>Units Same as variable being reported</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
RelativeZOrder	Allows the user to select which ReportFile to display first on the screen. The ReportFile with lowest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed last while ReportFile with highest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed first. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values Integer ≥ 0</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
Size	Allows the user to control the display size of generated report file. First value in [0 0] matrix controls horizontal size and second value controls vertical size of report file window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	<p>Data Type Real array</p> <p>Allowed Values Any Real number</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value [0 0]</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
SolverIterations	This field determines whether or not data associated with perturbed trajectories during a solver (Targeter , Optimize) sequence is written to a report file. When SolverIterations is set to All , all perturbations/iterations are written to a report file. When SolverIterations is set to Current , only current solution is written to a report file. When SolverIterations is set to None , this shows only final solution after the end of an iterative process and reports only final solution to a report file.
	<p>Data Type Enumeration</p> <p>Allowed Values All, Current, None</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Current</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
Upperleft	Allows the user to pan the generated report file display window in any direction. First value in [0 0] matrix helps to pan the report file window horizontally and second value helps to pan the window vertically. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	Data Type Real array Allowed Values Any Real number Access set Default Value [0 0] Units N/A Interfaces script
WriteHeaders	This field specifies whether to include headers that describe the variables in a report file.
	Data Type Boolean Allowed Values True, False Access set Default Value True Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
WriteReport	This field specifies whether to write data to the report FileName .
	Data Type Boolean Allowed Values True, False Access set Default Value True Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
ZeroFill	Allows zeros to be placed in data written to a report to match set precision.
	Data Type Boolean Allowed Values On, Off Access set Default Value Off Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script

GUI

Figure below shows default name and settings for the **ReportFile** resource:



Remarks

Behavior When using Filename field

GMAT allows you to specify the name of the report file in two ways. The default naming convention for a report file when using **FileName** field is shown below:

```
Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Filename = 'ReportFile1.txt'
aReport.WriteReport = true
```

An alternate method for naming a report file is to name the file without using any single quotes around the report file's name.

```
Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Filename = ReportFile1.txt
aReport.WriteReport = true
```

How data is reported to a report file

GMAT allows you to report data to a report file in two ways: You can use **ReportFile.Add** field or a **Report** command.

You can add data using the **.Add** field of **ReportFile** resource and this method reports data to the report file at each propagation step. Below is an example script snippet that shows how to report epoch and selected orbital elements using the **.Add** field:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ReportFile aReport
```

```
aReport.Add = {aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.Earth.SMA, aSat.Earth.ECC, ...
aSat.Earth.TA, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.RAAN}
```

```
Create Propagator aProp
```

```
BeginMissionSequence
```

```
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 8640.0}
```

GMAT's **ReportFile.Add** field will not report selected data to the report file at each propagation step if **Propagate** command is not included under the **BeginMissionSequence**.

An alternative method of reporting data to the report file is via the **Report** command. Using the **Report** command allows you to report data to the report file at specific points in your mission. Below is an example script snippet that shows how to report epoch and selected orbital elements using the **Report** command:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ReportFile aReport
```

```
Create Propagator aProp
```

```
BeginMissionSequence
```

```
Report aReport aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.Earth.SMA aSat.Earth.ECC ...
aSat.Earth.TA aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.RAAN
```

```
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 8640.0}
```

```
Report aReport aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.Earth.SMA aSat.Earth.ECC ...
aSat.Earth.TA aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.RAAN
```

Behavior and Interactions when using ReportFile Resource & Report Command

Suppose you utilize a **ReportFile** resource and opt not to write a report and select **false** for the field name **WriteReport**, as shown in the example below:

```
Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Filename = ReportFile1.txt
aReport.Add = {aSat.A1ModJulian, aSat.Earth.SMA}
aReport.WriteReport = false
```

Now assume that at the same time, you decide to utilize **Report** command in the **Mission** tree, as shown in the example script snippet below:

```
BeginMissionSequence;
Report aReport aSat.A1ModJulian aSat.Earth.SMA aSat.Earth.ECC
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis}
Report aReport aSat.A1ModJulian aSat.Earth.SMA aSat.Earth.ECC
```

At this point, you may think that since **false** option is selected under the field name **WriteReport** in **ReportFile** resource, hence GMAT will not generate the report file called **ReportFile1.txt**. On the Contrary, GMAT will generate a report called **ReportFile1.txt**, but this report will only contain data that was requested using the **Report** command. **ReportFile1.txt** text file will contain epoch, semi-major-axis and eccentricity only at specific points of the mission.

Behavior when reporting data in Iterative Processes

GMAT allows you to specify how data is written to reports during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. **SolverIterations** field of **ReportFile** resource supports 3 options which are described in the table below:

SolverIterations options	Description
All	Shows only current iteration/perturbation after the end of an iterative process and reports current solution to a report file.
Current	Shows all iterations/perturbations in an iterative process and reports all iterations/perturbations to a report file.
None	Shows only final solution after the end of an iterative process and reports only final solution to a report file.

Where Reports are written

GMAT allows you to write reports to any desired path or location. You can do this by going to GMAT's startup file called **gmat_startup_file.txt** and define an absolute path under **OUTPUT_PATH**. This allows you to save report files in the directory of your choice as oppose to saving report files in GMAT's default Output folder. In **ReportFile.FileName** field, If no path is provided and only name of the report file is defined, then report files are written to GMAT's default Output folder. The default path where reports are written to is the Output folder located in the main directory where GMAT is installed.

Below is an example script snippet that shows where generated reports are written when only report file's name is provided under the **FileName** field. In this example, '**ReportFile1.txt**' report is written to the Output folder located in the main directory where GMAT is installed:

```
Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Filename = 'ReportFile1.txt'
aReport.Add = {aSat.A1ModJulian, aSat.Earth.ECC}
```

An alternate method where report files can be written is by defining a relative path. You can define the relative path in GMAT's startup file **gmat_startup_file.txt** under **OUTPUT_PATH**. For example, you can set a relative path by setting **OUTPUT_PATH = C:/Users/rqureshi/Desktop/GMAT/mytestfolder/../../output2/**. In this path, the syntax ".." means to "go up one level". After saving the startup file, when the script is executed, the generated report file named under **FileName** field will be written to a path **C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\GMAT\output2**.

Another method where report files can be written to is by defining an absolute path in GMAT's startup file **gmat_startup_file.txt** under **OUTPUT_PATH**. For example, you can set an absolute path by setting **OUTPUT_PATH = C:/Users/rqureshi/Desktop/GMAT/mytestfolder/**. When the script is executed, report file named under **FileName** field will be written to an absolute path **C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\GMAT\mytestfolder**.

Instead of defining a relative or an absolute path in GMAT's startup file, you can choose to define an absolute path under **FileName** field too. For example, if you set **ReportFile.FileName**

= C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\GMAT\mytestfolder\ReportFile.txt, then report file will be saved in mytestfolder.

Behavior when using ReportFile Resource & Toggle Command

GMAT allows you to use **Toggle** command while using the **Add** field of **ReportFile** resource. When **Toggle Off** command is issued for a **ReportFile**, not data is sent to a report file until a **Toggle On** command is issued. Similarly, when a **Toggle On** command is used, data is sent to a report file at each integration step until a **Toggle Off** command is used.

Below is an example script snippet that shows how to use **Toggle Off** and **Toggle On** command while using the **ReportFile** resource. Spacecraft's cartesian position vector is reported to the report file.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Filename = 'ReportFile1.txt'
aReport.Add = {aSat.UTCGregorian, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z}

BeginMissionSequence

Toggle aReport Off
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
Toggle aReport On
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 4}
```

Behavior When Specifying Empty Brackets in ReportFile's Add Field

When using **ReportFile.Add** field, GMAT does not allow brackets to be left empty. The brackets must always be populated with values that you wish to report. If brackets are left empty, then GMAT throws in an exception. Below is a sample script snippet that shows an example of empty brackets. If you were to run this script, then GMAT throws in an execption reminding you that brackets cannot be left empty.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp
Create ReportFile aReport

aReport.Add = {}

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 8640.0}
```

Examples

Propagate an orbit and write cartesian state to a report file at every integrator step

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create ReportFile aReport
GMAT aReport.Filename = 'ReportFile1.txt'
aReport.Add = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX ...}
```

```
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 8640.0}
```

Propagate an orbit for 1 day and write cartesian state to a report file at specific points in your mission

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create ReportFile aReport
GMAT aReport.Filename = 'ReportFile1.txt'

BeginMissionSequence

Report aReport aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}

Report aReport aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ
```


SNOPT

The Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) optimizer, SNOPT

Description

The **SNOPT** optimizer is a SQP-based Nonlinear Programming solver developed by Stanford Business Software, Inc. It is a proprietary component that is not distributed with GMAT and must be obtained from the vendor. **SNOPT** performs nonlinear constrained optimization and supports both linear and nonlinear constraints. To use this solver, you must configure the solver options including convergence criteria, maximum iterations, among other options. In the mission sequence, you implement an optimizer such as SNOPT by using an **Optimize/EndOptimize** sequence. Within this sequence, you define optimization variables by using the **Vary** command, and define cost and constraints by using the **Minimize** and **NonlinearConstraint** commands respectively.

This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

See Also: [FminconOptimizer](#), [Optimize](#), [Vary](#), [NonlinearConstraint](#), [Minimize](#)

Fields

Field	Description
MajorFeasibilityTolerance	Specifies how accurately the nonlinear constraints should be satisfied. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0 Access set Default Value 1e-5 Units None Interfaces GUI, script
MajorIterationsLimit	The maximum number of major iterations allowed. It is intended to guard against an excessive number of linearizations of the constraints Data Type Integer Allowed Values Integer > 0 Access set Default Value 1e-5 Units None Interfaces GUI, script
MajorOptimalityTolerance	Specifies the final accuracy of the dual variables. See the SNOPT user guide for further details. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real > 0 Access set Default Value 1e-5 Units None Interfaces GUI, script

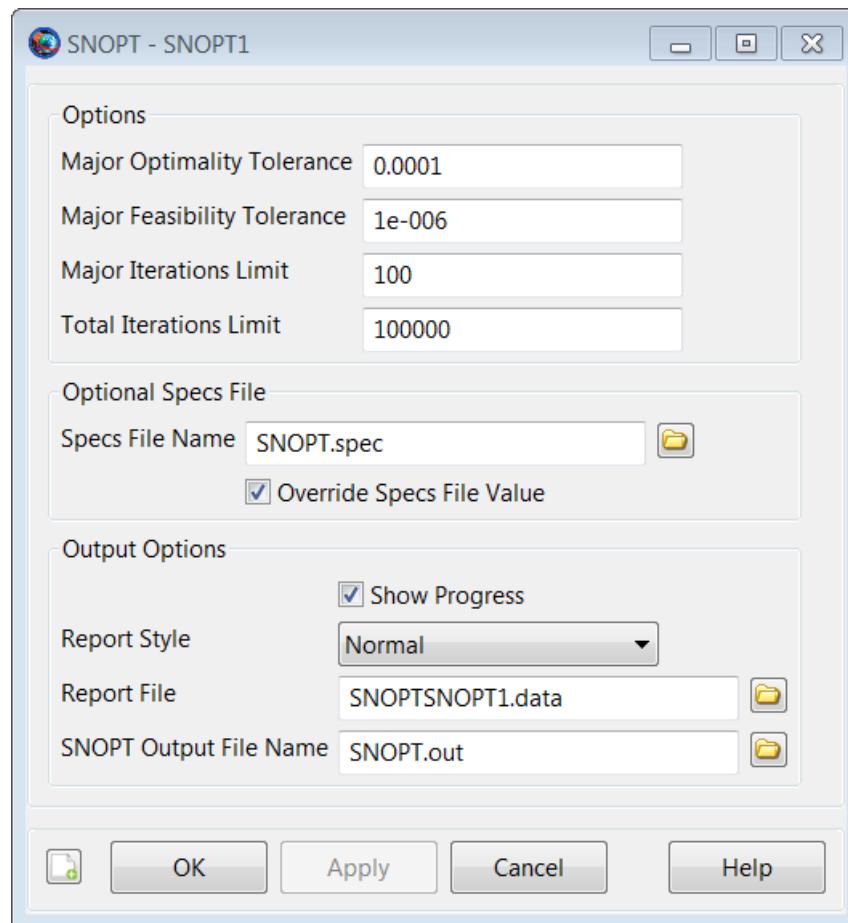
Field	Description
OutputFileName	Contains the path and file name of the report file. This report contains data written by SNOPT regarding optimization progress and information.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Any user-defined file name</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value SNOPT.out</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
OverrideSpecsFile-Values	Flag to indicate if options settable in the GMAT script/GUI should override values set in the SNOPT Specs file. Note that if the specs file is not found during initialization, GMAT configurations are applied even if the OverrideSpecsFileValues field is set to false .
	<p>Data Type Boolean</p> <p>Allowed Values true, false</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value true</p> <p>Units None</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ReportFile	Contains the path and file name of the report file. This report contains data written by GMAT regarding optimization progress and information.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Any user-defined file name</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value SNOPTSNOPT1.data</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI,script</p>
ReportStyle	Determines the amount and type of data written to the message window and to the report specified by field ReportFile for each iteration of the solver (When ShowProgress is true). Currently, the Normal , Debug , and Concise options contain the same information: the values for the control variables, the constraints, and the objective function. In addition to this information, the Verbose option also contains values of the optimizer-scaled control variables.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Normal, Concise, Verbose, Debug</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Normal</p> <p>Units None</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

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ShowProgress	Determines whether data pertaining to iterations of the solver is both displayed in the message window and written to the report specified by the ReportFile field. When ShowProgress is true, the amount of information contained in the message window and written in the report is controlled by the ReportStyle field.												
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SpecsFileName	File read by SNOPT to configure all settings of the optimizer. The GMAT script/gui interface only supports a small subset of the SNOPT configuration options. This file allows you to set any options supported by SNOPT. This file is only loaded if it is found during initialization and selected values set on the file can be overwritten by the GMAT configuration by OverrideSpecsFileValues = true . See the Remarks section for more information.												
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TotalIterationsLimit	The maximum number of minor iterations allowed.												
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GUI

The **SNOPT** dialog box allows you to specify properties of a **SNOPT** such as as maximum iterations, cost function tolerance, feasibility tolerance, choice of reporting options, and choice of whether or not to use the central difference derivative method.

To create a **SNOPT** resource, navigate to the **Resources** tree, expand the **Solvers** folder, highlight and then right-click on the **Optimizers** sub-folder, point to **Add** and then select **SNOPT**. This will create a new **SNOPT** resource, **SNOPT1**. Double-click on **SNOPT1** to bring up the **SNOPT** dialog box shown below.



Remarks

SNOPT Optimizer Version and Availability

GMAT currently uses SNOPT 7.2-12.2. This optimizer is not included as part of the nominal GMAT installation and is only available if you have created and installed the SNOPT plug-in or obtained SNOPT from the vendor.

SPECS File Configuration

The Specs file contains a list of options and values in the following general form:

```
Begin options
  Iterations limit 500
  Minor feasibility tolerance 1.0e-7
  Solution Yes
End options
```

The file starts with the keyword Begin and ends with End. The file is in free format. Each line specifies a single option, using one or more items as follows:

1. A keyword (required for all options).
2. A phrase (one or more words) that qualifies the keyword (only for some options).
3. A number that specifies an integer or real value (only for some options). Such numbers may be up to 16 contiguous characters in Fortran 77's I, F, E or D formats, terminated by a space or new line.

The items may be entered in upper or lower case or a mixture of both. Some of the keywords have synonyms, and certain abbreviations are allowed, as long as there is no ambiguity. Blank lines and comments may be used to improve readability. A comment begins with an asterisk (*) anywhere on a line. All subsequent characters on the line are ignored. The Begin line is echoed to the Summary file.

For a complete list of SNOPT options, see the SNOPT user guide.

Configuring SNOPT for Effective Optimization

When using **SNOPT**, the **Upper** and **Lower** bounds in the **Vary** commands are required fields. By setting these values appropriately for your problem, you reduce the likelihood that **SNOPT** will try values that are unphysical or that can result in numerical singularities in the physical models. It is important to set bounds carefully when using **SNOPT**.

Additionally, **SNOPT** is quite sensitive to scaling and care must be taken to provide acceptable values of **AdditiveScaleFactor** and **MultiplicativeScaleFactor** in the **Vary** commands. When using **SNOPT**, derivatives are computed by **SNOPT** via the optimizer's built-in finite differencing. If an optimization problem is not appropriately scaled, optimization may fail, or take an unnecessarily long time. Note that SNOPT has built-in scaling options that can be set via the Specs file and are described in further detail in the SNOPT user guide.

Resource and Command Interactions



Warning

GMAT's **Vary** command is a generic interface designed to support many optimizers and not all settings supported by the **Vary** command are supported by **SNOPT**. See the [Vary](#) command documentation for details on which **Vary** command settings are supported by **SNOPT**.

The **SNOPT** resource can only be used in the context of optimization-type commands. Please see the documentation for **Optimize**, **Vary**, **NonlinearConstraint**, and **Minimize** for more information and worked examples.

Examples

A simple mathematical optimization problem using SNOPT.

```
Create SNOPT NLP
GMAT NLP>ShowProgress = true
GMAT NLP>ReportStyle = Normal
GMAT NLP>ReportFile = output.report
GMAT NLP>MajorOptimalityTolerance = 0.001
GMAT NLP>MajorFeasibilityTolerance = 0.0001
GMAT NLP>MajorIterationsLimit = 456
GMAT NLP>TotalIterationsLimit = 789012
GMAT NLP>OutputFileName = 'SNOPTName123.out'
GMAT NLP>SpecsFileName = 'SNOPT.spec'
GMAT NLP>OverrideSpecsFileValues = true

Create Variable X1 X2 J G

BeginMissionSequence
```

```
Optimize NLP {SolveMode = Solve, ExitMode = DiscardAndContinue}

% Vary the independent variables
Vary 'Vary X1' NLP(X1 = 0, {Perturbation = 0.0000001, Upper = 10, ...
Lower = -10, AdditiveScaleFactor = 0.0, ...
MultiplicativeScaleFactor = 1.0})
Vary 'Vary X2' NLP(X2 = 0, {Perturbation = 0.0000001, Upper = 10, ...
Lower = -10, AdditiveScaleFactor = 0.0, ...
MultiplicativeScaleFactor = 1.0})

% The cost function and Minimize command
J = ( X1 - 2 )^2 + ( X2 - 2 )^2
Minimize 'Minimize Cost (J)' NLP(J)

% Calculate constraint and use NonLinearConstraint command
GMAT G = X2 + X1
NonlinearConstraint NLP(G<=8)

EndOptimize
```

SolarPowerSystem

A solar power system model

Description

The **SolarPowerSystem** models a solar power system including power generated as function of time and distance from the sun, and includes shadow modeling by celestial bodies. The model allows you to configure the power generated by the solar arrays, and the power required by the spacecraft bus.

For a complete description of how to configure all Resources required for electric propulsion modelling, see the Tutorial named [Electric Propulsion](#)

See Also [ElectricTank](#), [ElectricThruster](#), [NuclearPowerSystem](#)

Fields

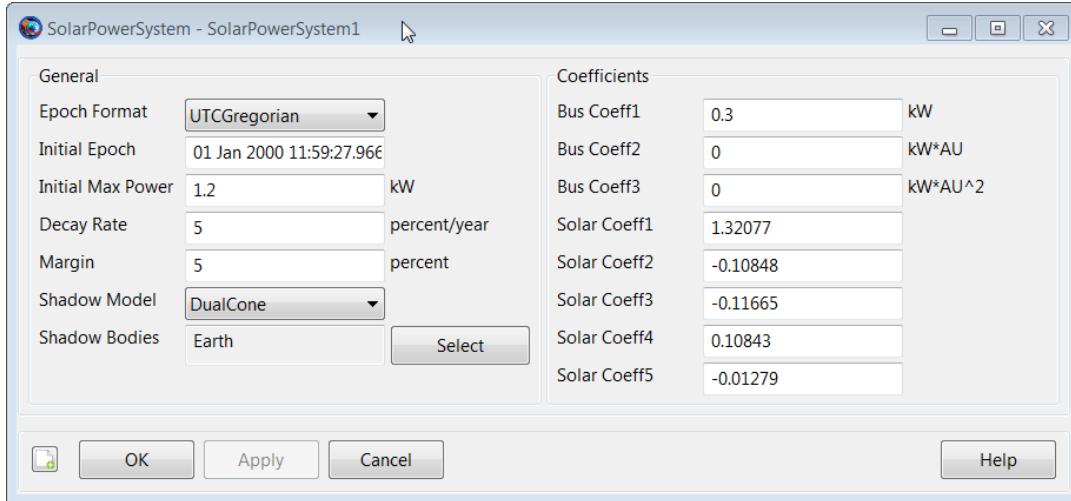
Field	Description
AnnualDecayRate	The annual decay rate of the power system. Data Type Real Allowed Values 0 <=Real <= 100 Access set Default Value 5 Units Percent/Year Interfaces GUI, script
BusCoeff1	Coefficient of power required by spacecraft bus. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set Default Value 0.3 Units kW Interfaces GUI, script
BusCoeff2	Coefficient of power required by spacecraft bus. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set Default Value 0 Units kW*AU Interfaces GUI, script
BusCoeff3	Coefficient of power required by spacecraft bus. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Access set Default Value 0 Units kw*AU ² Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
EpochFormat	The epoch format for the PowerInitialEpoch field.
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces
InitialEpoch	The initial epoch of the system used to define power system elapsed lifetime.
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces
InitialMaxPower	The maximum power generated at the PowerInitialEpoch .
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces
Margin	The required margin between power left after power bus, and power used by the propulsion system.
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces
ShadowBodies	A list of celestial bodies for use in the shadow computation. A body cannot be added more than once.
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces

Field	Description												
ShadowModel	<p>The model used for shadow computation in the Solar System Power Model.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 345 874 379">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="1002 345 1076 379">String</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 384 922 417">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="1002 384 1197 417">None, DualCone</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 422 811 455">Access</td><td data-bbox="1002 422 1041 455">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 460 898 494">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="1002 460 1117 494">DualCone</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 498 795 532">Units</td><td data-bbox="1002 498 1057 532">N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 536 851 570">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="1002 536 1133 570">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	None, DualCone	Access	set	Default Value	DualCone	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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SolarCoeff1	<p>Coefficient of power created by solar power system.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 642 874 676">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="1002 642 1049 676">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 680 922 714">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="1002 680 1049 714">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 718 811 752">Access</td><td data-bbox="1002 718 1041 752">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 756 898 790">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="1002 756 1092 790">1.32077</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 795 795 828">Units</td><td data-bbox="1002 795 1140 828">See Remarks</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="716 833 851 866">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="1002 833 1133 866">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	Real	Access	set	Default Value	1.32077	Units	See Remarks	Interfaces	GUI, script
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GUI

The GUI for the **SolarPowerSystem** is shown below.



Remarks

Computation of Base Power

The **SolarPowerSystem** models power degradation as a function of time. You must provide a power system initial epoch, the power generated at that epoch, and an annual power decay rate. Additionally, the **AnnualDecayRate** field models the power degradation on a per year basis. The base power is computed using

$$\overrightarrow{P}_{Base} = P_0(1 - \tau/100)^{\Delta t}$$

where "tau" is the power **AnnualDecayRate**, P_0 is **InitialMaxPower**, and "delta t" is the elapsed time between the simulation epoch and **InitialEpoch**.

Computation of Bus Power

The power required by the spacecraft bus for all subsystems other than the propulsion system is computed using

$$P_{Bus} = A_{Bus} + B_{Bus}\left(\frac{1}{r}\right) + C_{Bus}\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right)$$

where A_{Bus} , B_{Bus} , and C_{Bus} are **BusCoeff1**, **BusCoeff2**, and **BusCoeff3** respectively and r is the distance from the Sun in Au.

Computation of Power Available for Propulsion

The solar power model scales the base power based on a polynomial function in terms of the solar distance. Total power is compute using

$$P_{Tot} = P_{sun} \frac{P_{Base}}{r^2} \left(\frac{C_1 + C_2/r + C_3/r^2}{1 + C_4r + C_5r^2} \right)$$

where P_Sun is the percent sun (full sun is 1.0, no sun is 0.0), r is the distance from the Sun in Au, and C_1 is **SolarCoeff1** and so on. Thrust power available for electric propulsion is finally computed using

$$P_{Thrust} = (1 - \frac{\delta M}{100})(P_{Tot} - P_{Bus})$$

Where "delta M" is power Margin.

Shadow Modelling and Discontinuities

Note that when modeling shadows for a solar power system, discontinuities in the force model can occur when the power available for propulsion is less than a thruster's minimum useable power setting. As a spacecraft passes from penumbra to umbra, and power available for thrusting goes to zero, thrust power causes thrust acceleration to discontinuously terminate, causing issues when using adaptive step integrators. In this case, there are a few options. You can configure any integrator to use fixed step integration by setting the **ErrorControl** to **None**. Or you can configure the integrator to continue propagating if a bad step, in this case a small discontinuity, occurs. See the [Propagator](#) reference material for more information.

Examples

Create a **SolarPowerSystem** and attach it to a **Spacecraft**.

```
% Create the Solar Power System
Create SolarPowerSystem SolarPowerSystem1

% Create a spacecraft and attach the Solar Power System
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
DefaultSC.PowerSystem = SolarPowerSystem1

BeginMissionSequence
```

For a complete description of how to configure all Resources required for electric propulsion modeling, see the Tutorial named [Electric Propulsion](#).

SolarSystem

High level solar system configuration options

Description

The **SolarSystem** resource allows you to define global properties for the model of the solar system including the ephemeris source for built-in celestial bodies and selected settings to improve performance when medium fidelity modelling is acceptable for your application. This resource cannot be modified in the mission sequence.



Note

As of release R2015a, GMAT uses two separate solar system configurations for core parts of the system. For propagation, GMAT uses the source specified by **SolarSystem.EphemerisSource** and the **CelestialBody** properties configured on each resource. For event location with the new **ContactLocator** and **EclipseLocator** resources, GMAT always uses SPICE data for **SolarSystem** and **CelestialBody** properties. See [ContactLocator](#), [EclipseLocator](#), and [CelestialBody](#) for details.

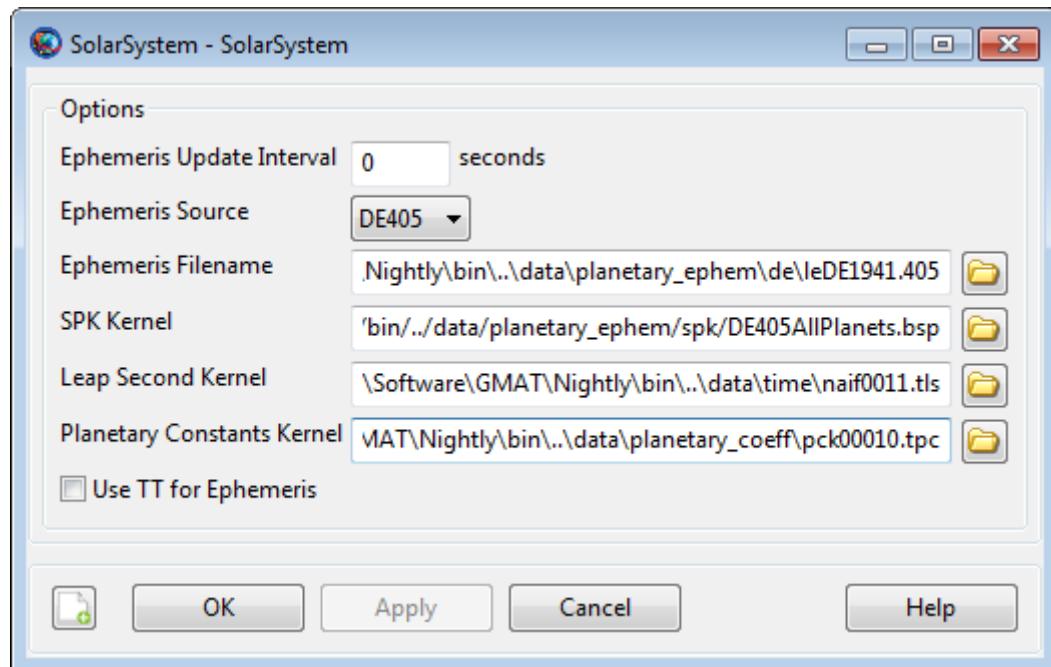
See Also: [CelestialBody](#), [LibrationPoint](#), [Barycenter](#), [CoordinateSystem](#)

Fields

Field	Description	
DEFfilename	The path and name of the DE file.	
	Data Type	String
	Allowed Values	Valid DE file
	Access	set
	Default Value	<code>../data/planetary_ephem/de/leDE1941.405</code>
	Units	N/A
	Interfaces	GUI, script
EphemerisSource	The ephemeris model for built-in celestial bodies.	
	Data Type	String
	Allowed Values	DE405 , DE421 , DE424 , or SPICE
	Access	set
	Default Value	DE405
	Units	N/A
	Interfaces	GUI, script

Field	Description
EphemerisUpdateInterval	<p>The time between time updates for celestial body ephemeris. For example, if EphemerisUpdateInterval = 60, if an ephemeris call is made at time t = 1200, and a subsequent call is made at time t = 1210, the same ephemeris will be returned for the second call. This option is for high speed, low fidelity modelling or for use when modelling orbits far from third body perturbation sources.</p>
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Real ≥ 0
	Access set
	Default Value 0
	Units N/A
	Interfaces GUI, script
LSKFilename	<p>The path and name of the SPK leap second kernel.</p>
	Data Type String
	Allowed Values Valid SPK leapsecond kernel
	Access set
	Default Value <code>../data/time/naif0011.tls</code>
	Units N/A
	Interfaces GUI, script
PCKFilename	<p>The path and name of the PCK planetary constants kernel.</p>
	Data Type String
	Allowed Values Path to valid PCK planetary constants kernel (<code>.tpc</code>)
	Access set
	Default Value <code>../data/planetary_coeff/pck00010.tpc</code>
	Units N/A
	Interfaces GUI, script
SPKFilename	<p>The path and name of the SPK orbit ephemeris kernel.</p>
	Data Type String
	Allowed Values Valid SPK ephemeris kernel (<code>.bsp</code>)
	Access set
	Default Value <code>../data/planetary_ephem/spk/DE405AllPlanets.bsp</code>
	Units N/A
	Interfaces GUI, script
UseTTForEphemeris	<p>Flag to use Terrestrial Time (TT) as input to the orbital ephemeris routines. When set to false, TDB is used.</p>
	Data Type String
	Allowed Values <code>true</code> , <code>false</code>
	Access set
	Default Value <code>false</code>
	Units N/A
	Interfaces GUI, script

GUI



The **SolarSystem** dialog box allows you to configure global properties for solar system modelling. The default configuration is illustrated above. Use **Ephemeris Source** to choose the ephemeris model for built-in celestial bodies. If you select either **DE405**, **DE421**, or **DE424** the dialog box above illustrates available options.

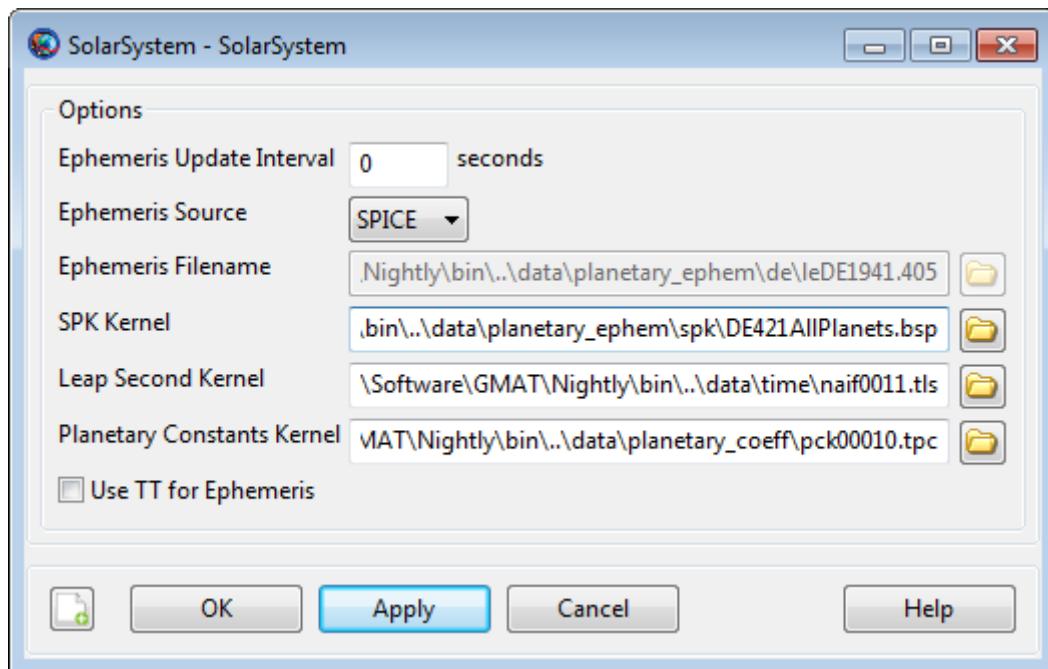


Warning

GMAT allows you to provide user-created DE or SPK kernel files but we recommend using the files distributed with GMAT. The files provided with GMAT have been extensively tested for consistency and accuracy with the original data provided by JPL and other models in GMAT. Using inconsistent ephemeris files or user-generated files can result in instability or numerical issues if the files are not generated correctly.

Changing the ephemeris source for an application is equivalent to making a fundamental change to the model of the solar system. We recommend selecting the **EphemerisSource** early in the analysis process and using that model consistently. In the event that an ephemeris model change is necessary, we recommend that you change the model in the script file and not via the GUI. We allow you to change **EphemerisSource** via the GUI for convenience in early design phases when rigorous consistency in modelling is less important.

Additionally, when using DE as the **EphemerisSource**, modelling is with respect to planetary system barycenter. When using SPICE as the **EphemerisSource**, modelling is with respect to the planet center.



If you select **SPICE** for **Ephemeris Source**, the **SolarSystem** dialog box reconfigures to disable the **Ephemeris Filename** option, indicating that this is no longer used in this mission..

Remarks

GMAT uses the ephemeris file selected in the **EphemerisSource** field for all built-in celestial bodies. For user-defined bodies, the ephemeris model is specified on the **CelestialBody** object.

- For more information on the DE files provided by JPL see [here](#).
- For general information on SPICE ephemeris files see the [JPL NAIF site](#).
- For information on the SPK kernel named **DE???AllPlanets.bsp** distributed with GMAT, see the **Readme-DE???AllPlanets.txt** files located in **\data\planetary_ephem\spk** in the GMAT distribution.

Note: The **SolarSystem** and built-in **CelestialBody** resources require several hundred fields for full configuration. GMAT only saves non-default values for **SolarSystem** and **CelestialBody** to the script so that scripts are not populated with hundreds of default settings.

Examples

Use **DE421** for ephemeris.

```
GMAT SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'DE421'

Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
Create Propagator aPropagator
aPropagator.FM = aForceModel
Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.PointMasses = {Luna, Sun}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aPropagator(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}
```

Use **SPICE** for ephemeris.

```
GMAT SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'SPICE'

Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
Create Propagator aPropagator
aPropagator.FM = aForceModel
Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.PointMasses = {Luna, Sun}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aPropagator(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}
```


Spacecraft

A spacecraft model

Description

A **Spacecraft** resource is GMAT's spacecraft model and includes data and models for the spacecraft's orbit, epoch, attitude, and physical parameters (such as mass and drag coefficient), as well as attached hardware, including tanks and thrusters. The **Spacecraft** model also contains the data that configures how the **Spacecraft** 3-D CAD model is used in an **OrbitView**. **Spacecraft** has certain fields that can be set in the Mission Sequence and some that cannot. See the field tables on the pages below for more information.

GMAT's documentation for **Spacecraft** is extensive and is broken down into the following sections:

- [Spacecraft Orbit State](#)
- [Spacecraft Epoch](#)
- [Spacecraft Ballistic/Mass Properties](#)
- [Spacecraft Attitude](#)
- [Spacecraft Hardware](#)
- [Spacecraft Visualization Properties](#)

Spacecraft Attitude

The spacecraft attitude model

Description

GMAT models the orientation and rate of rotation of a spacecraft using several different mathematical models. Currently, GMAT assumes that a **Spacecraft** is a rigid body. The currently supported attitude models are **Spinner**, **CoordinateSystemFixed**, and **SpiceAttitude**. The **Spinner** model is a simple, inertially fixed spin axis model. The **CoordinateSystemFixed** model allows you to use any **CoordinateSystem** supported by GMAT as the attitude of a **Spacecraft**. The **SpiceAttitude** model allows you to define the **Spacecraft** attitude based on SPICE attitude kernels.

See Also: [Spacecraft](#)

Fields

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AngularVelocityX	<p>The x-component of Spacecraft body angular velocity expressed in the inertial frame. AngularVelocityX is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Real</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set,get</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>deg/sec</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$	Access	set,get	Default Value	0	Units	deg/sec	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Attitude	The attitude mode for the Spacecraft .
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	CoordinateSystemFixed, Spinner, SpiceAttitude, NadirPointing, CCSDS-AEM, PrecessingSpinner
Access	set
Default Value	CoordinateSystemFixed
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
AttitudeConstraintType	The constraint type for resolving attitude ambiguity. The attitude is computed such that the angle between the BodyConstraintVector and the constraint defined by AttitudeConstraintType is minimized. A Velocity constraint uses the inertial velocity vector expressed with respect to the AttitudeReferenceBody . An OrbitNormal constraint uses the orbit normal vector expressed with respect to the AttitudeReferenceBody . AttitudeConstraintType is used for the following attitude models: NadirPointing .
Data Type	Enumeration
Allowed Values	Velocity, OrbitNormal
Access	set
Default Value	OrbitNormal
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
AttitudeCoordinateSystem	The CoordinateSystem used in attitude computations. The AttitudeCoordinateSystem field is only used for the following attitude models: CoordinateSystemFixed .
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	CoordinateSystem resource.
Access	set
Default Value	EarthMJ2000Eq
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
AttitudeFileName	Path (optional) and name of CCSDS attitude ephemeris message file. If a path is not provided, and GMAT does not find the file in the current directory, then an error occurs and execution is halted.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	AEM File
Access	set
Default Value	N/A
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

Field	Description
AttitudeRate-DisplayState-Type	The attitude rate representation to display in the GUI and script file. AttitudeRateDisplayType is used for the following attitude models: Spinner .
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values AngularVelocity, EulerAngleRates</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value AngularVelocity</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
AttitudeReferenceBody	The celestial body used to define nadir. AttitudeReferenceBody is used for the following attitude models: NadirPointing .
	<p>Data Type Resource</p> <p>Allowed Values Celestial Body</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Earth</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
AttitudeSpiceKernelName	SPK Kernels for Spacecraft attitude. SPK attitude kernels have extension ".BC". This field cannot be set in the Mission Sequence. An empty list unloads all kernels of this type on the Spacecraft .
	<p>Data Type String array</p> <p>Allowed Values Array of attitude kernel files</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value empty array</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
BodyAlignmentVectorX	The x-component of the alignment vector, expressed in the body frame, to align with the opposite of the radial vector. BodyAlignmentVectorX is used for the following attitude models: NadirPointing .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 1</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

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BodyAlignmentVectorY	<p>The y-component of the alignment vector, expressed in the body frame, to align with the opposite of the radial vector. BodyAlignmentVectorY is used for the following attitude models: NadirPointing.</p>
Data Type Real Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ Access set Default Value 0 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script	
BodyAlignmentVectorZ	<p>The z-component of the alignment vector, expressed in the body frame, to align with the opposite of the radial vector. BodyAlignmentVectorZ is used for the following attitude models: NadirPointing.</p>
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DCM12	Component (1,2) of the Direction Cosine Matrix. DCM12 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	Data Type Real Allowed Values -1 <= Real <=1 Access set,get Default Value 0 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
DCM13	Component (1,3) of the Direction Cosine Matrix. DCM13 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	Data Type Real Allowed Values -1 <= Real <=1 Access set,get Default Value 0 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
DCM21	Component (2,1) of the Direction Cosine Matrix. DCM21 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	Data Type Real Allowed Values -1 <= Real <=1 Access set,get Default Value 0 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
DCM22	Component (2,2) of the Direction Cosine Matrix. DCM22 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	Data Type Real Allowed Values -1 <= Real <=1 Access set,get Default Value 1 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
DCM23	Component (2,3) of the Direction Cosine Matrix. DCM23 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	Data Type Real Allowed Values -1 <= Real <=1 Access set,get Default Value 0 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script

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DCM31	Component (3,1) of the Direction Cosine Matrix. DCM31 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values -1 <= Real <=1</p> <p>Access set,get</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
DCM32	Component (3,2) of the Direction Cosine Matrix. DCM32 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values -1 <= Real <=1</p> <p>Access set,get</p> <p>Default Value 1</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
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	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values -1 <= Real <=1</p> <p>Access set,get</p> <p>Default Value 1</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
EulerAngle1	The value of the first Euler angle. EulerAngle1 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set,get</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units deg.</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
EulerAngle2	The value of the second Euler angle. EulerAngle2 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set,get</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units deg.</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

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	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values 123,231,312,132,321,213,121, 232,313,131,323,212</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 321</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
InitialPrecessionAngle	The initial precession angle. InitialPrecessionAngle is used for the following attitude models: PrecessingSpinner .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units deg.</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
InitialSpinAngle	The initial attitude spin angle. InitialSpinAngle is used for the following attitude models: PrecessingSpinner .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units deg.</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
NAIFIdReferenceFrame	The Id of the spacecraft body frame used in SPICE kernels.
	<p>Data Type Integer</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Integer} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value -9000001</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
NutationAngle	The attitude nutation angle. NutationAngle is used for the following attitude models: PrecessingSpinner .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value 15</p> <p>Units deg.</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
NutationReferenceVectorX	The x-component of the nutation reference vector, expressed in the inertial frame. NutationReferenceVectorX is used for the following attitude models: PrecessingSpinner .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
NutationReferenceVectorY	The y-component of the nutation reference vector, expressed in the inertial frame. NutationReferenceVectorY is used for the following attitude models: PrecessingSpinner .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$
Access	set
Default Value	0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
NutationReferenceVectorZ	The z-component of the nutation reference vector, expressed in the inertial frame. NutationReferenceVectorZ is used for the following attitude models: PrecessingSpinner .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$
Access	set
Default Value	1
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
MRP1	The value of the first modified Rodrigues parameter. MRP1 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$
Access	set,get
Default Value	0
Units	dimensionless
Interfaces	GUI, script
MRP2	The value of the second modified Rodrigues parameter. MRP2 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner .
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$
Access	set,get
Default Value	0
Units	dimensionless
Interfaces	GUI, script

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MRP3	<p>The value of the second modified Rodrigues parameter. MRP2 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 345 870 381">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="1002 345 1057 381">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 384 922 420">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="1002 384 1171 420">$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 422 811 458">Access</td><td data-bbox="1002 422 1081 458">set,get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 460 901 496">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="1002 460 1025 496">0</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 498 795 534">Units</td><td data-bbox="1002 498 1160 534">dimensionless</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 536 854 572">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="1002 536 1140 572">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$	Access	set,get	Default Value	0	Units	dimensionless	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Default Value	0												
Units	dimensionless												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
PrecessionRate	<p>The rate of attitude precession. InitialPrecessionAngle is used for the following attitude models: PrecessingSpinner.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 678 870 714">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="1002 678 1057 714">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 716 922 752">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="1002 716 1171 752">$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 754 811 790">Access</td><td data-bbox="1002 754 1041 790">set</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 792 901 828">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="1002 792 1025 828">0</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 831 795 866">Units</td><td data-bbox="1002 831 1076 866">deg./s</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 869 854 905">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="1002 869 1140 905">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$	Access	set	Default Value	0	Units	deg./s	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Q1	<p>First component of quaternion. GMAT's quaternion representation includes the three “vector” components as the first three elements in the quaternion and the “rotation” component as the last element in the quaternion. Q1 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1109 870 1145">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="1002 1109 1057 1145">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1147 922 1183">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="1002 1147 1171 1183">$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1185 811 1221">Access</td><td data-bbox="1002 1185 1081 1221">set,get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1224 901 1260">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="1002 1224 1025 1260">0</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1262 795 1298">Units</td><td data-bbox="1002 1262 1160 1298">dimensionless</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1300 854 1336">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="1002 1300 1140 1336">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$	Access	set,get	Default Value	0	Units	dimensionless	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Q2	<p>Second component of quaternion. GMAT's quaternion representation includes the three “vector” components as the first three elements in the quaternion and the “rotation” component as the last element in the quaternion. Q2 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1540 870 1576">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="1002 1540 1057 1576">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1578 922 1614">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="1002 1578 1171 1614">$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1617 811 1653">Access</td><td data-bbox="1002 1617 1081 1653">set,get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1655 901 1691">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="1002 1655 1025 1691">0</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1693 795 1729">Units</td><td data-bbox="1002 1693 1160 1729">dimensionless</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="720 1731 854 1767">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="1002 1731 1140 1767">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$	Access	set,get	Default Value	0	Units	dimensionless	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Q3	<p>Third component of quaternion. GMAT's quaternion representation includes the three “vector” components as the first three elements in the quaternion and the “rotation” component as the last element in the quaternion. Q3 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner.</p>
	<p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ Access set,get Default Value 0 Units dimensionless Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Q4	<p>Fourth component of quaternion. GMAT's quaternion representation includes the three “vector” components as the first three elements in the quaternion and the “rotation” component as the last element in the quaternion. Q4 is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner.</p>
	<p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$ Access set,get Default Value 1 Units dimensionless Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Quaternion	<p>The quaternion vector. GMAT's quaternion representation includes the three “vector” components as the first three elements in the quaternion and the “rotation” component as the last element in the quaternion. Quaternion is used for the following Attitude models: Spinner.</p>
	<p>Data Type Real array Allowed Values Real array (length four) Access set,get Default Value [0 0 0 1]; Units dimensionless Interfaces GUI, script</p>
SCClockSpiceKernelName	<p>SPK Kernels for spacecraft clock. SPK clock kernels have extension ".TSC". This field cannot be set in the Mission Sequence. An empty list unloads all kernels of this type on the Spacecraft. An empty list unloads all kernels of this type on the Spacecraft.</p>
	<p>Data Type String array Allowed Values Array of .tsc file names Access set,get Default Value empty array Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description	
SpinRate	The attitude spin rate. SpinRate is used for the following attitude models: PrecessingSpinner .	
	Data Type	Real
	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Real} < \infty$
	Access	set
	Default Value	10
	Units	deg./s
	Interfaces	GUI, script

Remarks

Overview of Available Attitude Models

GMAT supports many attitude models including the following: **CoordinateSystemFixed**, **SpiceAttitude**, **NadirPointing**, **CCSDS-AEM**, **PrecessingSpinner**, and **Spinner** (we recommend using the new PrecessingSpinner model instead of Spinner). Different attitude models require different information to fully configure the model. For example, when you select the **CoordinateSystemFixed** model, the attitude and body rates are entirely determined by the **CoordinateSystem** model and defining Euler angles or angular velocity components are not required and have no effect. The reference tables above, and the detailed examples for each model type below, describe which fields are used for each model.



Note

GMAT attitude parameterizations such as the DCM rotate from inertial to body.

Overview of State Representations

Quaternion

The quaternion is a four element, non-singular attitude representation. GMAT's quaternion representation includes the three "vector" components as the first three elements in the quaternion and the "rotation" component as the last element in the quaternion. In assignment mode, you can set the quaternions element by element like this

```
aSpacecraft.Q1 = 0.5
aSpacecraft.Q2 = 0.5
aSpacecraft.Q3 = 0.5
aSpacecraft.Q4 = 0.5
```

or simultaneously set the entire quaternion like this

```
aSpacecraft.Quaternion = [0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5]
```

GMAT normalizes the quaternion before use. In command mode, you must enter the entire quaternion as a single vector to avoid scaling components of the quaternion before the entire quaternion is set.

DirectionCosineMatrix (DCM)

The Direction Cosine Matrix is a 3x3 array that contains cosines of the angles that rotate from the x, y, and z inertial axes to the x, y, and z body axes. The direction cosine matrix must be

ortho-normal and you define the DCM element by element. Here is an example that shows how to define the attitude using the DCM.

```
aSpacecraft.DCM11 = 1
aSpacecraft.DCM12 = 0
aSpacecraft.DCM13 = 0
aSpacecraft.DCM21 = 0
aSpacecraft.DCM22 = 1
aSpacecraft.DCM23 = 0
aSpacecraft.DCM31 = 0
aSpacecraft.DCM32 = 0
aSpacecraft.DCM33 = 1
```

Euler Angles

Euler angles are a sequence of three rotations about coordinate axes to transform from one system to another system. GMAT supports all 12 Euler angle sequences. Here is an example setting attitude using a “321” sequence.

```
aSpacecraft.EulerAngleSequence = '321'
aSpacecraft.EulerAngle1 = 45
aSpacecraft.EulerAngle2 = 45
aSpacecraft.EulerAngle3 = 90
```



Warning

Caution: The Euler angles have singularities that can cause issues during modeling. We recommend using other representations for this reason.

Modified Rodrigues parameters

The modified Rodrigues parameters are a modification of the Euler Axis/Angle representation. Specifically, the MRP vector is equal to $n_{\text{hat}}^* \tan(\text{Euler Angle}/4)$ where n_{hat} is the unitized Euler Axis.

```
aSpacecraft.MRP1 = 0.2928932188134525
aSpacecraft.MRP2 = 0.2928932188134524
aSpacecraft.MRP3 = 1.149673585146546e-017
```

Euler Angles Rates

The Euler angle rates are the first time derivative of the Euler angles and can be used to define the body rates. Euler angle rates use the same sequence as the EulerAngles. The example below shows how to define the Euler angle rates for a spacecraft.

```
aSpacecraft.EulerAngleSequence = '321'
aSpacecraft.EulerAngleRate1 = -5
aSpacecraft.EulerAngleRate2 = 20
aSpacecraft.EulerAngleRate3 = 30
```

Angular Velocity

The angular velocity is the angular velocity of the spacecraft body with respect to the inertial frame, expressed in the inertial frame. The example below shows how to define the angular velocity for a spacecraft.

```
aSpacecraft.AngularVelocityX = 5;
aSpacecraft.AngularVelocityY = 10;
```

```
aSpacecraft.AngularVelocityZ = 5;
```

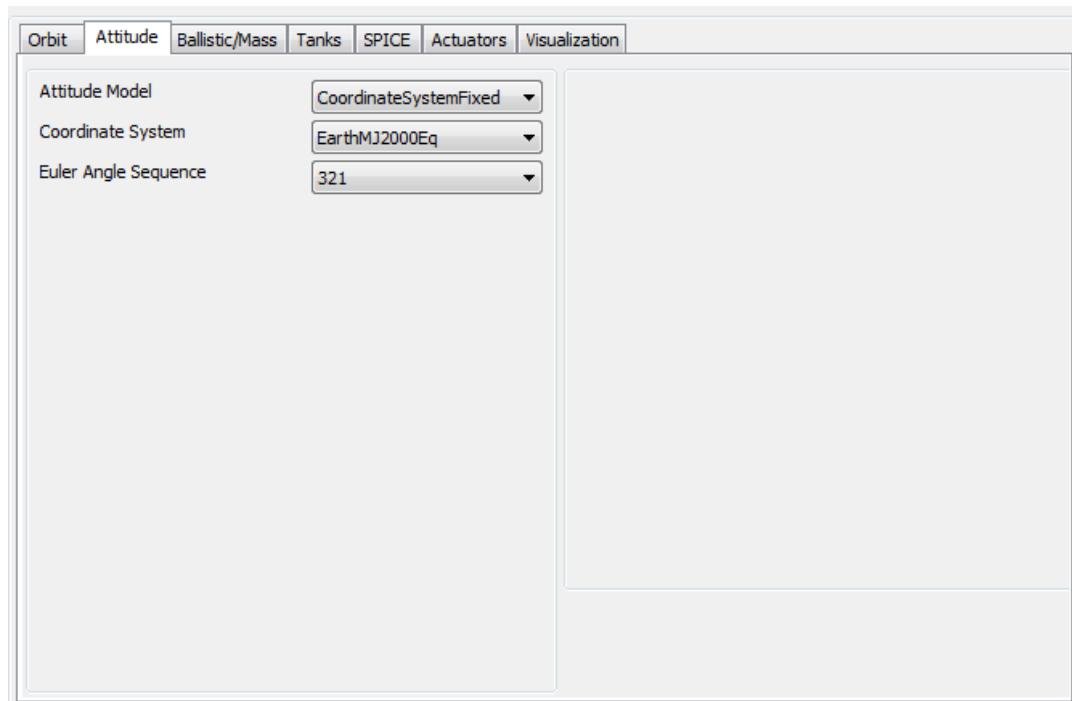
Coordinate System Fixed Attitude Model

The **CoordinateSystemFixed** model allows you to use any existing **CoordinateSystem** to define the attitude of a **Spacecraft**. The attitude uses the axes defined on the **CoordinateSystem** to compute the body fixed to inertial matrix and attitude rate parameters such as the angular velocity. To configure this attitude mode, select **CoordinateSystemFixed**, for **Attitude**. You can define the **EulerAngleSequence** used when outputting **EulerAngles** and **EulerAngle** rates.



Warning

For the **CoordinateSystemFixed** attitude model, the attitude is completely described by the selected coordinate system. If you are working in the script, setting attitude parameters (Euler Angles, Quaternion etc.) or setting attitude rate parameters such as (Euler Angle Rates etc.) has no effect.



The script example below shows how to configure a **Spacecraft** to use a spacecraft VNB attitude system.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.Attitude          = CoordinateSystemFixed
aSat.ModelRotationZ    = -90
aSat.AttitudeCoordinateSystem = 'attCoordSys'

Create ForceModel Propagator1_ForceModel
Create Propagator Propagator1
Propagator1.FM        = Propagator1_ForceModel
Propagator1.MaxStep   = 10

Create CoordinateSystem attCoordSys
attCoordSys.Origin    = Earth
attCoordSys.Axes      = ObjectReferenced
```

```

attCoordSys.XAxis      = V
attCoordSys.YAxis      = N
attCoordSys.Primary    = Earth
attCoordSys.Secondary = aSat

Create OrbitView OrbitView1;
OrbitView1.Add           = {aSat, Earth}
OrbitView1.ViewPointReference = Earth
OrbitView1.ViewPointVector   = [ 30000 0 0 ]

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate Propagator1(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}

```

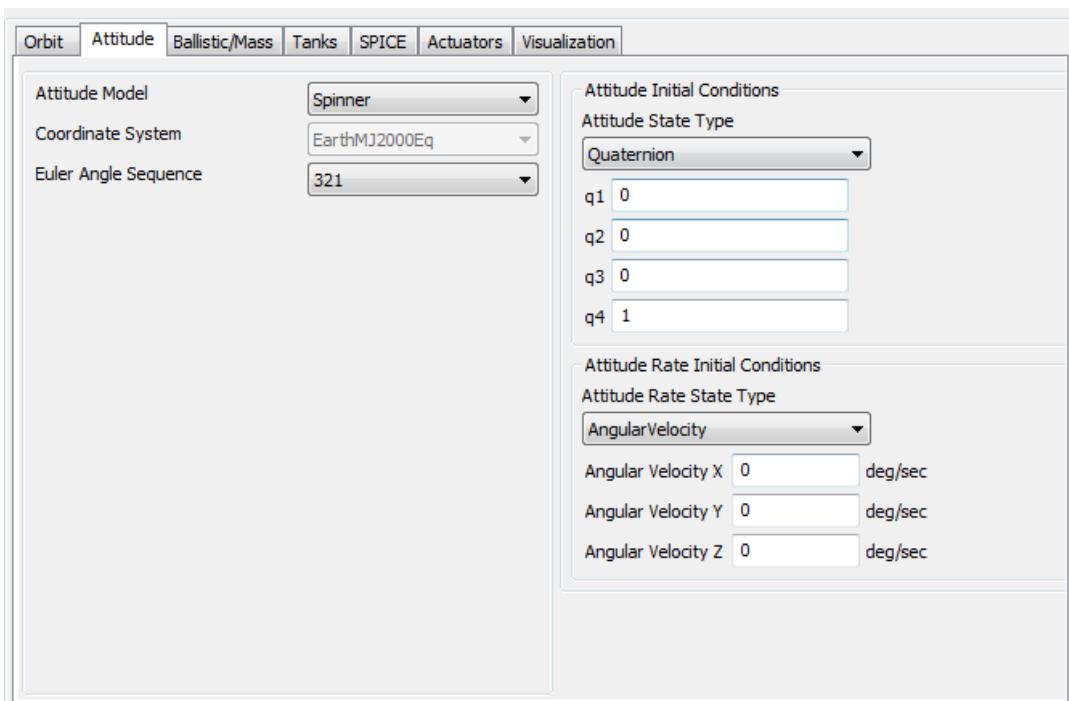
Spinner Attitude Model

The **Spinner** attitude model propagates the attitude assuming the spin axis direction is fixed in inertial space. We recommend using the newer PrecessingSpinner model instead of Spinner, and this model is maintained primarily for backwards compatibility. You define the attitude by providing initial body orientation and rates. GMAT propagates the attitude by computing the angular velocity and then rotates the **Spacecraft** about that angular velocity vector at a constant rate defined by the magnitude of the angular velocity. You can define the initial attitude using quaternions, Euler angles, the DCM, or the modified Rodrigues parameters. You can define the attitude rates using Euler angles rates or angular velocity. When working with Euler angles, the rotation sequence is determined by the **EulerAngleSequence** field.



Warning

Caution: If you are working in the script, setting the **CoordinateSystem** for the Spinner attitude model has no effect.



The example below configures a spacecraft to spin about the inertial z axis.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat;
aSat.Attitude      = Spinner
aSat.ModelRotationZ = -90
aSat.AngularVelocityZ = 5

Create ForceModel Propagator1_ForceModel
Create Propagator Propagator1
GMAT Propagator1.FM      = Propagator1_ForceModel
GMAT Propagator1.MaxStep = 10

Create CoordinateSystem attCoordSys
attCoordSys.Origin      = Earth
attCoordSys.Axes        = ObjectReferenced
attCoordSys.XAxis       = V
attCoordSys.YAxis       = N
attCoordSys.Primary     = Earth
attCoordSys.Secondary   = aSat

Create OrbitView OrbitView1;
OrbitView1.Add           = {aSat, Earth}
OrbitView1.ViewPointReference = Earth
OrbitView1.ViewPointVector = [ 30000 0 0 ]

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate Propagator1(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}
```

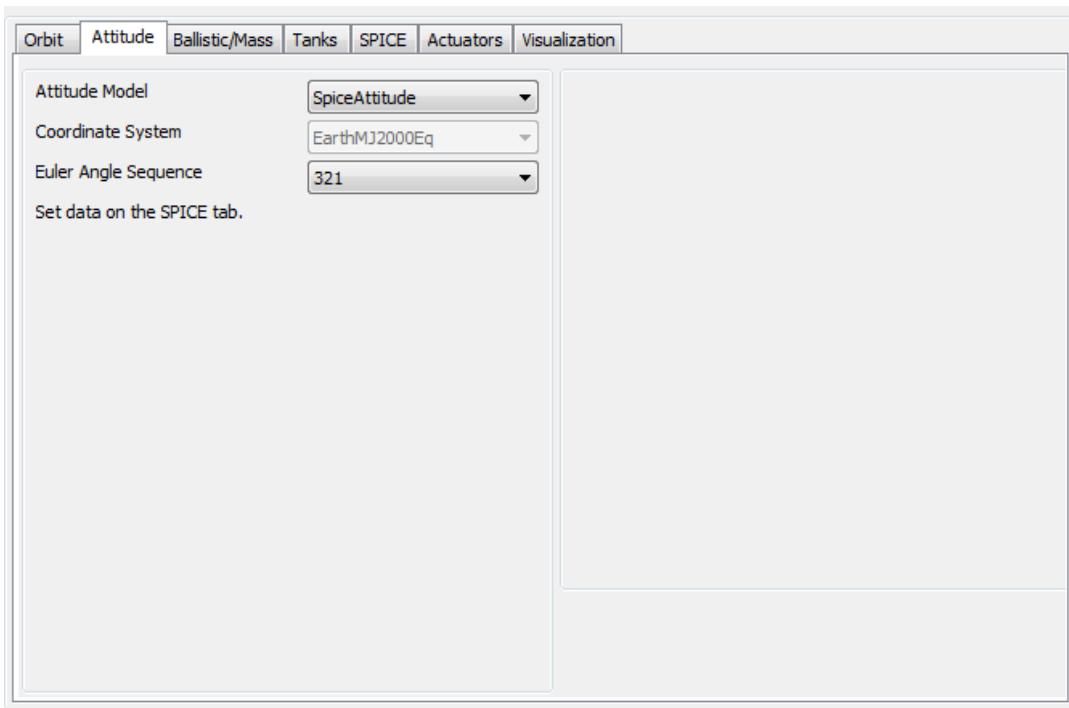
SPK Attitude Model

The **SpiceAttitude** model propagates the attitude using attitude SPICE kernels. To configure a **Spacecraft** to use SPICE kernels select **SpiceAttitude** for the **Attitude** field as shown below.

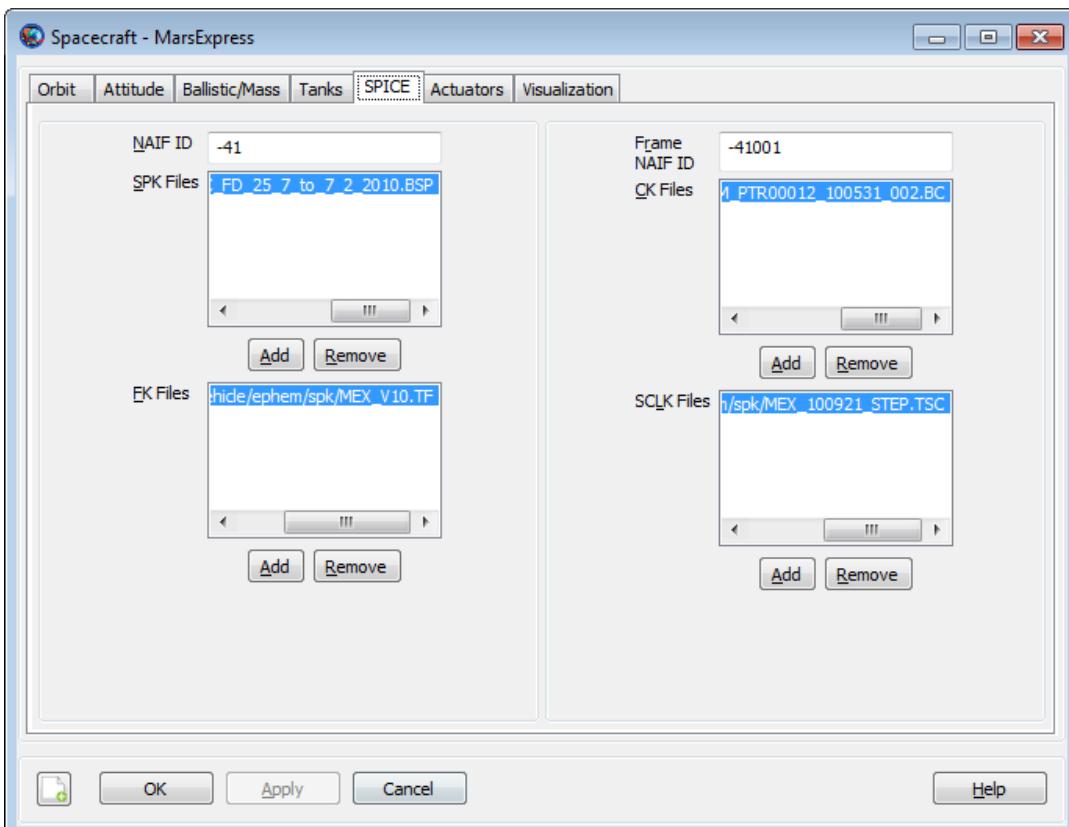


Warning

Caution: For the **SpiceAttitude** model, the attitude is completely described by the spice kernels. When working in the script, setting the **CoordinateSystem**, attitude parameters (**EulerAngles**, **Quaternion** etc.) or attitude rate parameters such as (**EulerAngleRates** etc.) has no effect.



You must provide three SPICE kernel types for the **SpiceAttitude** model: the attitude kernel (.bc file), the frame kernel (.tf file) and the spacecraft clock kernel (.tsc file). These files are defined on the **Spacecraft SPICE tab** as shown below. In addition to the kernels, you must also provide the **Spacecraft NAIFId** and the **NAIFIdReferenceFrame**. Below is an illustration of the SPICE tab configured for MarsExpress script found later in this section.



The example below configures a **Spacecraft** to use SPK kernels to propagator the attitude for Mars Express. The SPK kernels are distributed with GMAT.

```
Create Spacecraft MarsExpress
MarsExpress.NAIFId = -41
MarsExpress.NAIFIdReferenceFrame = -41001
MarsExpress.Attitude = 'SpiceAttitude'
MarsExpress.OrbitSpiceKernelName = ...
{ '../data/vehicle/ephem/spk/MarsExpress_Short.BSP'}
MarsExpress.AttitudeSpiceKernelName = ...
{ '../data/vehicle/ephem/spk/MarsExpress_ATNM_PTR00012_100531_002.BC'}
MarsExpress.SCClockSpiceKernelName = ...
{ '../data/vehicle/ephem/spk/MarsExpress_MEX_100921_STEP.TSC'}
MarsExpress.FrameSpiceKernelName = ...
{ '../data/vehicle/ephem/spk/MarsExpress_MEX_V10.TF'}

Create Propagator spkProp
spkProp.Type = SPK
spkProp.StepSize = 60
spkProp.CentralBody = Mars
spkProp.EpochFormat = 'UTCGregorian'
spkProp.StartEpoch = '01 Jun 2010 16:59:09.815'

Create CoordinateSystem MarsMJ2000Eq
MarsMJ2000Eq.Origin = Mars
MarsMJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

Create OrbitView Enhanced3DView1
Enhanced3DView1.Add = {MarsExpress, Mars}
Enhanced3DView1.CoordinateSystem = MarsMJ2000Eq
Enhanced3DView1.ViewPointReference = Mars
Enhanced3DView1.ViewPointVector = [ 10000 10000 10000 ]
Enhanced3DView1.ViewDirection = Mars

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate spkProp(MarsExpress) {MarsExpress.ElapsedDays = 0.2}
```

Nadir Pointing Model

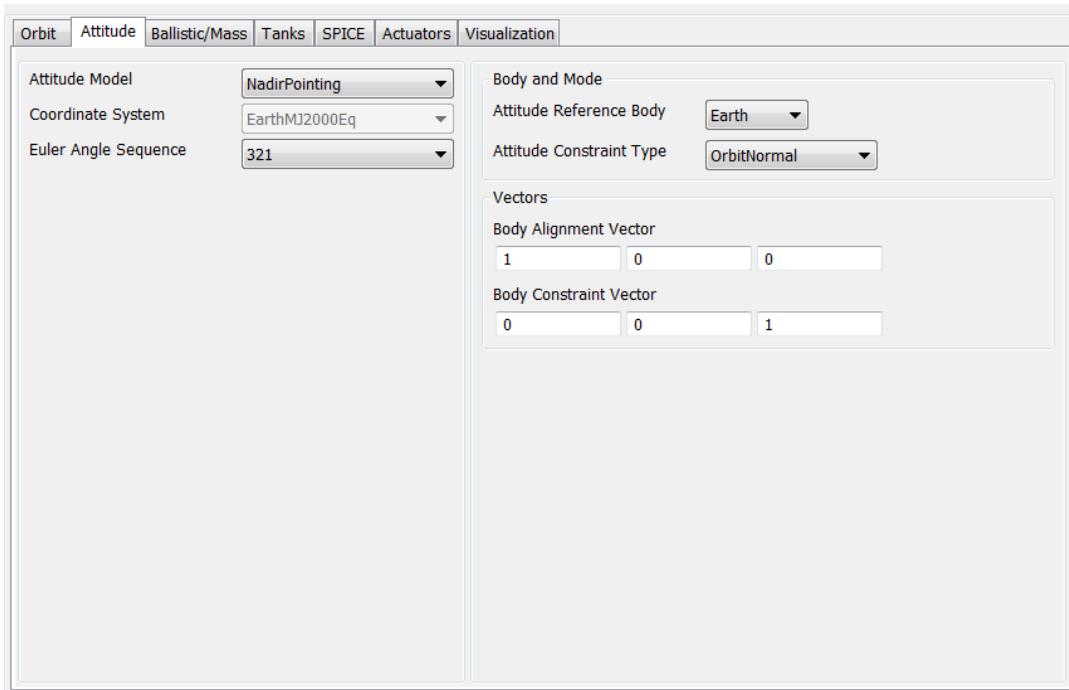
The **NadirPointing** attitude mode configures the attitude of a spacecraft to point a specified vector in the spacecraft body system in the nadir direction. The ambiguity in angle about the nadir vector is resolved by minimizing the angle between two constraint vectors. Note: the nadir pointing mode points the attitude in the negative radial direction (not opposite the planetodetic normal).

To configure which axis points to nadir, set the **AttitudeReferenceBody** field to the desired celestial body and define the body components of the alignment vector using the **BodyAlignmentVector** fields. To configure the constraint, set the **AttitudeConstraintType** field to the desired constraint type, and define the body components of the constraint using the **BodyConstraintVector** fields. GMAT supports two constraint types, **OrbitNormal** and **Velocity**, and in both cases the vectors are constructed using the inertial spacecraft state with respect to the **AttitudeReferenceBody**.



Warning

Attitude rates are not computed for the **NadirPointing** model. If you perform a computation that requires attitude rate information when using the **NadirPointing** mode, GMAT will throw an error message and execution will stop. Similarly, if the definitions of the **BodyAlignmentVector** and **BodyConstraintVector** fields result in an undefined attitude, an error message is thrown and execution will stop.



The script example below shows how to configure a **Spacecraft** to use an Earth **NadirPointing** attitude system where the body y-axis points nadir and the angle between the body x-axis and the orbit normal vector is a minimum.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat;
GMAT aSat.Attitude          = NadirPointing;
GMAT aSat.AttitudeReferenceBody = Earth
GMAT aSat.AttitudeConstraintType = OrbitNormal
GMAT aSat.BodyAlignmentVectorX = 0
GMAT aSat.BodyAlignmentVectorY = 1
GMAT aSat.BodyAlignmentVectorZ = 0
GMAT aSat.BodyConstraintVectorX = 1
GMAT aSat.BodyConstraintVectorY = 0
GMAT aSat.BodyConstraintVectorZ = 0

Create ForceModel Propagator1_ForceModel
Create Propagator Propagator1
Propagator1.FM      = Propagator1_ForceModel
Propagator1.MaxStep = 10

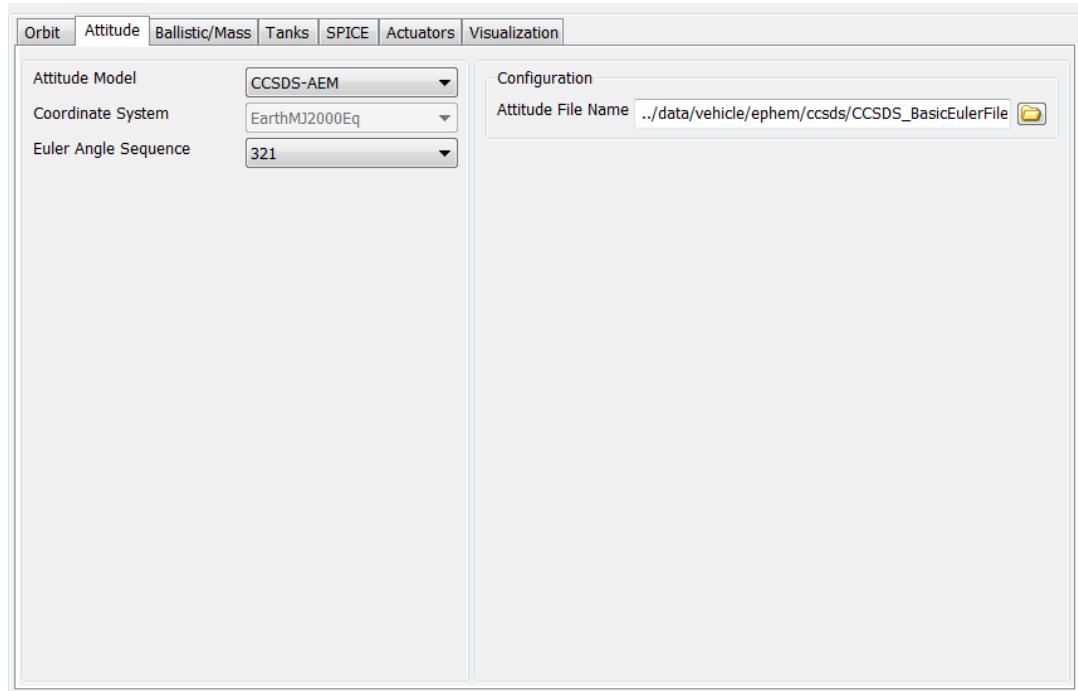
Create OrbitView OrbitView1;
OrbitView1.Add          = {aSat, Earth}
OrbitView1.ViewPointReference = Earth
OrbitView1.ViewPointVector = [ 30000 0 0 ]
```

```
BeginMissionSequence
```

```
Propagate Propagator1(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}
```

CCSDS Attitude Ephemeris Message

The CCSDS Attitude Ephemeris Message (AEM) is an ASCII standard for attitude ephemerides documented in “ATTITUDE DATA MESSAGES” RECOMMENDED STANDARD CCSDS 504.0-B-1. GMAT supports some, but not all, of the attitude messages defined in the standard. According to the CCSDS AEM specification, “The set of attitude data messages described in this Recommended Standard is the baseline concept for attitude representation in data interchange applications that are cross-supported between Agencies of the CCSDS.” Additionally, the forward of the standard states “Derived Agency standards may implement only a subset of the optional features allowed by the Recommended Standard and may incorporate features not addressed by this Recommended Standard. See the details below for supported keyword types and details for creating AEM files that GMAT can use for attitude modelling.



An AEM file must have the format illustrated below described in Table 4-1 of the standard. The header section contains high level information on the version, originator, and date. The body of the file is composed of paired blocks of Metadata and data. The Metadata sections contain information on the data such as the first and last epoch of the block, the time system employed, the reference frames, the attitude type (quaternion, Euler Angle, etc.) and many other items documented in later sections. The data sections contain lines of epoch and attitude data.

Item			Obligatory?
Header			Yes
Body	Segment 1	Metadata 1	Yes
		Data 1	
	Segment 2	Metadata 2	No
		Data 2	
	.	.	No
	Segment n	Metadata n	No
		Data n	

An example CCSDS AEM file is shown below

```

CCSDS_AEM_VERS = 1.0
CREATION_DATE = 2002-11-04T17:22:31
ORIGINATOR = NASA/JPL

META_START
COMMENT This file was produced by M.R. Somebody, MSOO NAV/JPL, 2002 OCT 04.
COMMENT It is to be used for attitude reconstruction only.
COMMENT The relative accuracy of these attitudes is 0.1 degrees per axis.
OBJECT_NAME = MARS GLOBAL SURVEYOR
OBJECT_ID = 1996-062A
CENTER_NAME = mars barycenter
REF_FRAME_A = EME2000
REF_FRAME_B = SC_BODY_1
ATTITUDE_DIR = A2B
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 1996-11-28T21:29:07.2555
USEABLE_START_TIME = 1996-11-28T22:08:02.5555
USEABLE_STOP_TIME = 1996-11-30T01:18:02.5555
STOP_TIME = 1996-11-30T01:28:02.5555
ATTITUDE_TYPE = QUATERNION
QUATERNION_TYPE = LAST
INTERPOLATION_METHOD = hermite
INTERPOLATION_DEGREE = 7
META_STOP

DATA_START
1996-11-28T21:29:07.2555 0.56748 0.03146 0.45689 0.68427
1996-11-28T22:08:03.5555 0.42319 -0.45697 0.23784 0.74533
1996-11-28T22:08:04.5555 -0.84532 0.26974 -0.06532 0.45652
< intervening data records omitted here >
1996-11-30T01:28:02.5555 0.74563 -0.45375 0.36875 0.31964
DATA_STOP

META_START
COMMENT This block begins after trajectory correction maneuver TCM-3.
OBJECT_NAME = mars global surveyor
OBJECT_ID = 1996-062A
CENTER_NAME = MARS BARYCENTER
REF_FRAME_A = EME2000
REF_FRAME_B = SC_BODY_1
ATTITUDE_DIR = A2B
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC

```

```

START_TIME = 1996-12-18T12:05:00.5555
USEABLE_START_TIME = 1996-12-18T12:10:00.5555
USEABLE_STOP_TIME = 1996-12-28T21:23:00.5555
STOP_TIME = 1996-12-28T21:28:00.5555
ATTITUDE_TYPE = QUATERNION
QUATERNION_TYPE = LAST
META_STOP

DATA_START
1996-12-18T12:05:00.5555 -0.64585 0.018542 -0.23854 0.72501
1996-12-18T12:10:05.5555 0.87451 -0.43475 0.13458 -0.16767
1996-12-18T12:10:10.5555 0.03125 -0.65874 0.23458 -0.71418
< intervening records omitted here >
1996-12-28T21:28:00.5555 -0.25485 0.58745 -0.36845 0.67394
DATA_STOP

```

CCSDS files require many keywords and fields, some are required for all file types, others are Situationally Required (SR) depending upon the type of file (i.e. If ATTITUDE_TYPE = QUATERNION, then QUATERNION_TYPE must be included). The tables below describe GMAT's implementation starting with header keywords

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
CCSDS_AEM_VERS	Y	Format version in the form of 'x.y', where 'y' is incremented for corrections and minor changes, and 'x' is incremented for major changes. This particular line must be the first non-blank line in the file. In GMAT the version must be set to 1.0. If the version is not set to a supported version, then GMAT throws an exception.
		Example: CCSDS_AEM_VERS =1.0
COMMENT	N	Comments (allowed after AEM version number and META_START and before a data block of ephemeris lines). Each comment line shall begin with this keyword. GMAT does not use this field.
CREATION_DATE	Y	File creation date/time in one of the following formats: YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss[.d?d] or YYYY-DDDThh:mm:ss[.d?d] where 'YYYY' is the year, 'MM' is the two-digit month, 'DD' is the two-digit day, 'DDD' is the threedigit day of year, 'T' is constant, 'hh:mm:ss[.d?d]' is the UTC time in hours, minutes, seconds, and optional fractional seconds. As many 'd' characters to the right of the period as required may be used to obtain the required precision. All fields require leading zeros. GMAT does not use this field.
ORIGINATOR	Y	Creating agency (value should be specified in an ICD). GMAT does not use this field.

MetaData Keywords are described in the table below.

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
META_START	Y	The AEM message contains both metadata and attitude ephemeris data; this keyword is used to delineate the start of a metadata block within the message (metadata are provided in a block, surrounded by ‘META_START’ and ‘META_STOP’ markers to facilitate file parsing). This keyword must appear on a line by itself.
COMMENT	N	Comments allowed only at the beginning of the Metadata section. Each comment line shall begin with this keyword. GMAT does not use this.
		Example: COMMENT This is a comment
OBJECT_NAME	Y	Spacecraft name of the object corresponding to the attitude data to be given. There is no CCSDS-based restriction on the value for this keyword, but it is recommended to use names from the SPACEWARN Bulletin, which include the Object name and international designator of the participant.
		Example: OBJECT_NAME = EUTELSAT Note: GMAT does not use this field. In GMAT, you associate a file with a particular spacecraft by configuring a particular spacecraft to use the file as shown below.
		<pre>Create Spacecraft aSat aSat.Attitude = CCSDS-AEM aSat.AttitudeFileName = myFile.aem</pre>
OBJECT_ID	Y	Spacecraft identifier of the object corresponding to the attitude data to be given. See the AEM specification for recommendations for spacecraft Ids. GMAT does not use this field.
CENTER_NAME	N	Origin of reference frame, which may be a natural solar system body (planets, asteroids, comets, and natural satellites), including any planet barycenter or the solar system barycenter, or another spacecraft (in this the value for ‘CENTER_NAME’ is subject to the same rules as for ‘OBJECT_NAME’). There is no CCSDS-based restriction on the value for this keyword, but for natural bodies it is recommended to use names from the NASA/JPL Solar System Dynamics Group . GMAT does not use this field.

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
REF_FRAME_A	Y	<p>The name of the reference frame specifying one frame of the transformation, whose direction is specified using the keyword ATTITUDE_DIR. The full set of values is enumerated in annex A of the AEM standard, with an excerpt provided in the ‘Values / Examples’ column.</p>
		<p>In GMAT, REF_FRAME_A can be any of the following and must be different than REF_FRAME_B: EME2000, SC_BODY_1</p>
		<p>Example:</p>
		<pre>REF_FRAME_A = EME2000</pre>
		<pre>REF_FRAME_A = SC_Body_1</pre>
REF_FRAME_B	Y	<p>The name of the reference frame specifying one frame of the transformation, whose direction is specified using the keyword ATTITUDE_DIR. The full set of values is enumerated in annex A of the AEM standard, with an excerpt provided in the ‘Values / Examples’ column.</p>
		<p>In GMAT, REF_FRAME_B can be any of the following and must be different than REF_FRAME_A: EME2000, SC_BODY_1</p>
		<p>Example:</p>
		<pre>REF_FRAME_A = EME2000</pre>
		<pre>REF_FRAME_A = SC_Body_1</pre>
ATTITUDE_DIR	Y	<p>Rotation direction of the attitude specifying from which frame the transformation is to: A2B specifies a transformation from the REF_FRAME_A to the REF_FRAME_B; B2A specifies a transformation from the REF_FRAME_B to the REF_FRAME_A.</p>
		<p>Examples:</p>
		<pre>ATTITUDE_DIR = A2B</pre>
		<pre>ATTITUDE_DIR = B2A</pre>
TIME_SYSTEM	Y	<p>Time system used for both attitude ephemeris data and metadata. GMAT supports the following options: UTC</p>
		<p>Example:</p>
		<pre>TIME_SYSTEM = UTC</pre>

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
START_TIME	Y	Start of TOTAL time span covered by attitude ephemeris data immediately following this metadata block. The START_TIME time tag at a new block of attitude ephemeris data must be equal to or greater than the STOP_TIME time tag of the previous block. See the CREATION_DATE specification for detailed information on time formats. Note: precision in the seconds place is only preserved to a few microseconds.
		Example: START_TIME = 1996-12-18T14:28:15.117
USEABLE_ START_TIME, USE- ABLE_STOP_TIME	N	Optional start and end of USEABLE time span covered by attitude ephemeris data immediately following this metadata block. To allow for proper interpolation near the ends of the attitude ephemeris data block, it may be necessary, depending upon the interpolation method to be used, to utilize these keywords with values within the time span covered by the attitude ephemeris data records as denoted by the START/STOP_TIME time tags. If this is provided, GMAT only uses data in the USEABLE timespan for interpolation. If it is not provided, GMAT uses the data in the START_TIME/STOP_TIME segment for interpolation. See the CREATION_DATE specification for detailed information on time formats.
		Example: USEABLE_START_TIME = 1996-12-18T14:28:15.117 USEABLE_STOP_TIME = 1996-12-18T14:28:15.117
STOP_TIME	Y	End of TOTAL time span covered by the attitude ephemeris data immediately following this metadata block. The STOP_TIME time tag for the block of attitude ephemeris data must be equal to or less than the START_TIME time tag of the next block. See the CREATION_DATE specification for detailed information on time formats. Note: precision in the seconds place is only preserved to a few microseconds.
		Example: STOP_TIME = 1996-12-18T14:28:15.117
ATTITUDE_TYPE	Y	The format of the data lines in the message. GMAT supports the following types ATTITUDE_TYPE = QUATERNION ATTITUDE_TYPE = EULER_ANGLE

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
QUATERNION_TYPE		The placement of the scalar portion of the quaternion (QC) in the attitude data. This keyword is only used if ATTITUDE_TYPE denotes quaternion and in that case the field is required.
		Example: QUATERNION_TYPE = FIRST QUATERNION_TYPE = LAST
EULER_ROT_SEQ	SR	The rotation sequence of the Euler angles that rotate from REF_FRAME_A to REF_FRAME_B, or vice versa, as specified using the ATTITUDE_DIR keyword. This keyword is only used if ATTITUDE_TYPE denotes EulerAngles and in that case the field is required.
		Example: EULER_ROT_SEQ = 321
RATE_FRAME	N	GMAT does not use this field.
INTERPOLATION_METHOD	N	Recommended interpolation method for attitude ephemeris data in the block immediately following this metadata block. Note. GMAT uses spherical linear interpolation when ATTITUDE_TYPE = QUATERNION. GMAT uses lagrange interpolation for ATTITUDE_TYPE = EULER_ANGLE.
		Examples: INTERPOLATION_METHOD = LINEAR INTERPOLATION_METHOD = LAGRANGE
INTERPOLATION_DEGREE	SR	Recommended interpolation degree for attitude ephemeris data in the block immediately following this metadata block. It must be an integer value. This keyword must be used if the 'INTERPOLATION_METHOD' keyword is used. The field is only used for Lagrange Interpolation and in that case the value must be between 0 and 9. In the case order is zero for Lagrange interpolation, no interpolation is performed, and the attitude returned is the value immediately before the requested epoch.
		Example: INTERPOLATION_DEGREE = 7
META_STOP	Y	The end of a metadata block within the message. The AEM message contains both metadata and attitude ephemeris data; this keyword is used to delineate the end of a metadata block within the message (metadata are provided in a block, surrounded by 'META_START' and 'META_STOP' markers to facilitate file parsing). This keyword must appear on a line by itself.

Data Keywords are described in the table below.

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
DATA_START	Y	The start of an attitude data block within the message. The AEM message contains both metadata and attitude ephemeris data; this keyword is used to delineate the start of a data block within the message (data are provided in a block, surrounded by 'DATA_START' and 'DATA_STOP' markers to facilitate file parsing). This keyword must appear on a line by itself.
DATA_STOP	Y	The end of an attitude data block within the message. The AEM message contains both metadata and attitude ephemeris data; this keyword is used to delineate the end of a data block within the message (data are provided in a block, surrounded by 'DATA_START' and 'DATA_STOP' markers to facilitate file parsing). This keyword must appear on a line by itself.
QUATERNION	SR	Required when ATTITUDE_TYPE = QUATERNION. The general format of a quaternion data line is: Epoch, QC, Q1, Q2, Q3 or Epoch, Q1, Q2, Q3, QC
		Example: 2000-01-01T11:59:28.000 0.195286 -0.079460 0.3188764 0.92404936
EULER ANGLE	SR	Required when ATTITUDE_TYPE = EULER_ANGLE. The general format of an Euler angle data line is: Epoch, X_Angle, Y_Angle, Z_Angle.
		Example: 2000-001T11:59:28.000 35.45409 -15.74726 18.803877

Propagate a spacecraft's attitude using a CCSDS AEM file

```
Create Spacecraft aSat ;
GMAT aSat.Attitude = CCSDS-AEM;
GMAT aSat.AttitudeFileName = ...
    '../data/vehicle/ephem/ccsds/CCSDS_BasicEulerFile.aem'

Create Propagator aProp;

Create OrbitView a3DView
a3DView.Add = {aSat,Earth}

BeginMissionSequence;

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 3600};
```

Precessing Spinner Model

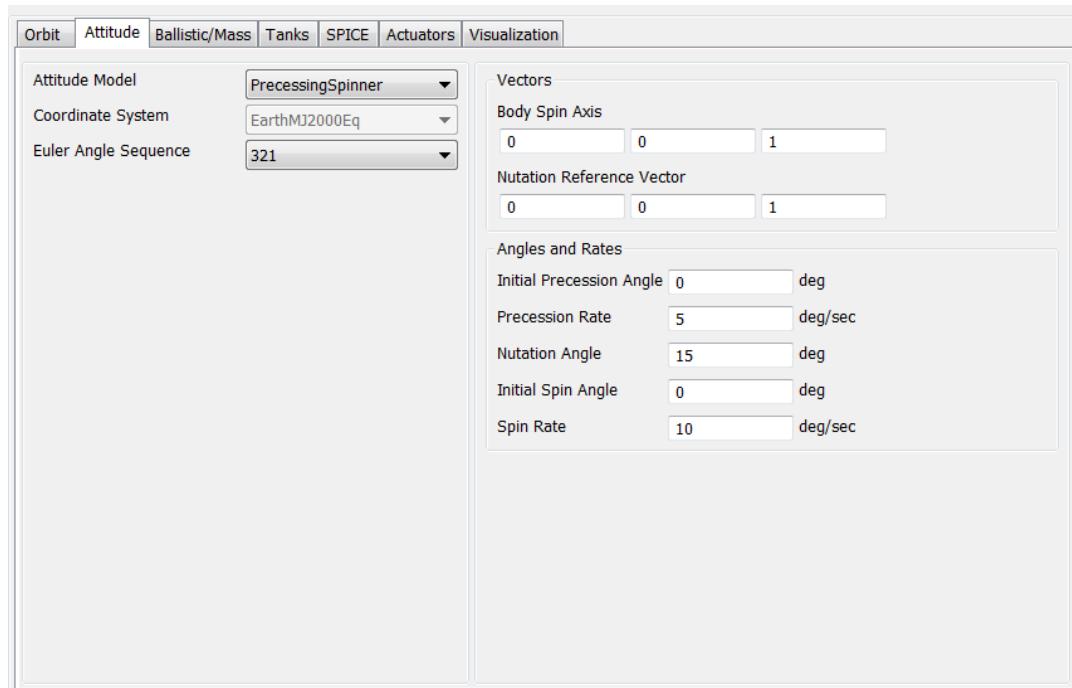
The **PrecessingSpinner** attitude mode configures the attitude of a spacecraft to have steady-state precession motion with respect to a specified vector defined in the inertial frame. The spin axis must be provided in the spacecraft body frame.

To configure the spin axis of the spacecraft body, set the **BodySpinAxis**, which is expressed in the body frame, and define the reference vector of the steady-state precession motion using the **NutationReferenceVector**, which is expressed in the inertial frame. To configure the initial attitude of the spacecraft, set **InitialPrecessionAngle** to define the initial angle of the precession, set **InitialSpinAngle** to define the initial angle of the spin, and set **NutationAngle** to define the nutation angle which is constant. To configure the rate of precession and spin rate, set **PrecessingRate** and **SpinRate** which are constant.



Note

The **PrecessingSpinner** model uses the cross product of the **BodySpinAxis** axis and the inertial x-axis as a reference for the initial attitude. To avoid an undefined attitude when the spin axis is aligned, or nearly aligned, with the inertial x-axis, a different reference vector is used in that case. In the event that the cross product of **BodySpinAxis** and the inertial x-axis is less than 1e-5, the inertial y-axis is used as the reference vector. For further details see the engineering/mathematical specifications.



The script example below shows how to configure a Spacecraft to have **PrecessingSpinner** attitude mode where the body z-axis spins with respect to the inertial z-axis. **PrecessionRate** is set to 1 deg./sec., **InitialPrecessionAngle** is set to 0 deg./sec., **SpinRate** is set to 2 deg./sec., **InitialSpinAngle** is set to 0 deg./sec., and **NutationAngle** is set to 30 deg.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat;
GMAT aSat.Attitude = PrecessingSpinner;
GMAT aSat.NutationReferenceVectorX = 0;
GMAT aSat.NutationReferenceVectorY = 0;
GMAT aSat.NutationReferenceVectorZ = 1;
GMAT aSat.BodySpinAxisX = 0;
GMAT aSat.BodySpinAxisY = 0;
GMAT aSat.BodySpinAxisZ = 1;
GMAT aSat.InitialPrecessionAngle = 0;
```

```
GMAT aSat.PrecessionRate = 1;
GMAT aSat.NutationAngle = 30;
GMAT aSat.InitialSpinAngle = 0;
GMAT aSat.SpinRate = 2;

Create OrbitView OrbitView1;
OrbitView1.Add = {aSat, Earth}
OrbitView1.ViewPointReference = Earth
OrbitView1.ViewPointVector = [ 30000 0 0 ]

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.MaxStep = 10

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 12000.0}
```

Spacecraft Ballistic/Mass Properties

The physical properties of the spacecraft

Description

The **Spacecraft** ballistic and mass properties include the drag and SRP areas and coefficients as well as the spacecraft dry mass. These quantities are used primarily in orbital dynamics modelling. GMAT supports a spherical SRP model, and higher fidelity SRP file option.

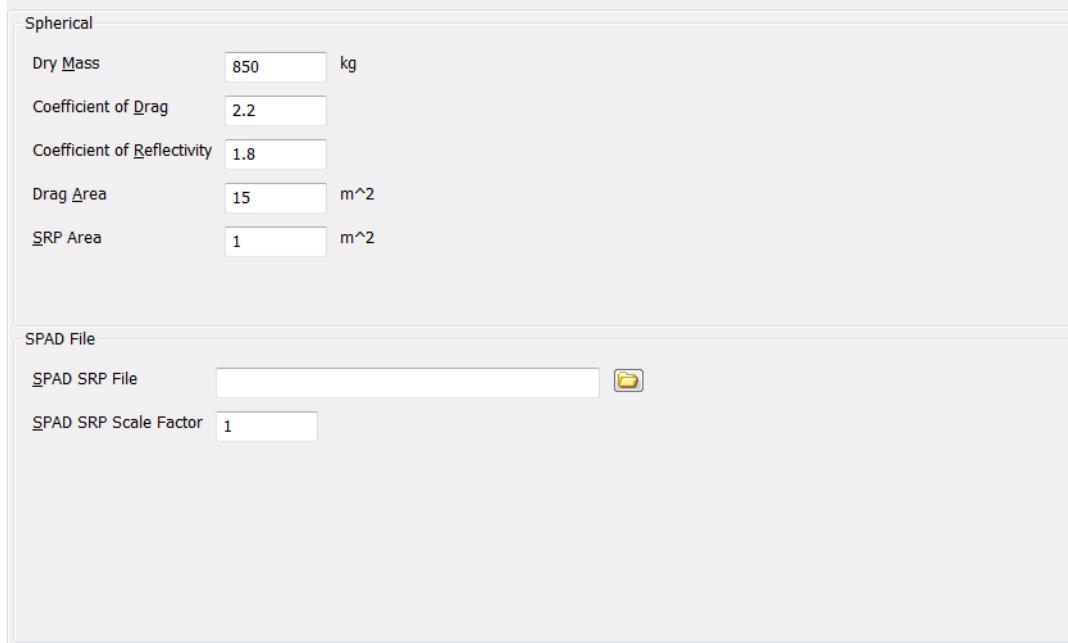
See Also: Propagate, Propagator, Spacecraft

Fields

Field	Description
Cd	<p>The coefficient of drag used to compute the acceleration due to drag.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real ≥ 0 Access set, get Default Value 2.2 Units dimensionless Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Cr	<p>The coefficient of reflectivity used to compute the acceleration due to SRP. A value of zero means the spacecraft is translucent to incoming radiation. A value of 1.0 indicates all radiation is absorbed and all the force is transmitted to the spacecraft. A value of 2.0 indicates all radiation is reflected and twice the force is transmitted to the spacecraft.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $0 \leq Cr \leq 2.0$ Access set, get Default Value 1.8 Units dimensionless Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Drag Area	<p>The area used to compute acceleration due to atmospheric drag.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real ≥ 0 Access set, get Default Value 15 Units m^2 Interfaces GUI, script</p>
DryMass	<p>The dry mass of the Spacecraft (does not include fuel mass).</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real ≥ 0 Access set, get Default Value 850 Units kg Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description	
SPADSRPFile	Name (and optionally path information) of SPAD file.	
	Data Type	String
	Allowed Values	valid path and SPAD file
	Access	set
	Default Value	N/A
	Units	N/A
	Interfaces	GUI, script
SPADSRPScaleFactor	Scale factor applied to SRP force when using a SPADModel in the propagation.	
	Data Type	Real
	Allowed Values	Real ≥ 0
	Access	set
	Default Value	1
	Units	dimensionless
	Interfaces	GUI, script
SRPArea	The area used to compute acceleration due to solar radiation pressure.	
	Data Type	Real
	Allowed Values	Real > 0
	Access	set, get
	Default Value	1
	Units	m^2
	Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI



The GUI interface for ballistic and mass properties is contained on the **Ballistic/Mass** tab of the **Spacecraft** resource. You can enter physical properties such as the drag and SRP areas and coefficients and the **Spacecraft** dry mass which are used in orbital dynamics modelling. GMAT supports a spherical SRP model and a SPAD (Solar Pressure and Aerodynamic Drag) file.

Remarks

Configuring Ballistic and Mass Properties for the Spherical Model

GMAT supports a cannonball model for drag and SRP modeling. In the cannonball model, the area is assumed to be independent of the spacecraft's orientation with respect to the local velocity vector and the sun vector. For more details on the computation and configuration of drag and SRP models see the [Force Model](#) documentation.

Configuring Ballistic and Mass Properties for the SRP File

The (SPAD) SRP file can be used for high fidelity SRP modelling taking into account the physical properties of the spacecraft (shape and reflectivity) and the spacecraft attitude. SPAD stands for Solar Pressure and Aerodynamic Drag. SPAD files are tabulated data that contain the spacecraft area scaled by physical properties like Cr including specular, diffuse, and reflective properties. Data is expressed as a function of azimuth and elevation in the spacecraft body frame. Note: the azimuth and elevation tabulated on the file are the azimuth and elevation of the vector from the Sun, to the Spacecraft, expressed in the body frame. To compute the SRP acceleration, GMAT computes the sun vector's azimuth and elevation in the spacecraft body frame, and then interpolates the SPAD data using bi-linear interpolation. Note that this formulation results in an attitude dependent SRP acceleration. For more details on the computation and configuration of drag and SRP models see the [Force Model](#) documentation.

Caution



When using a SPAD SRP file, GMAT uses the attitude defined on the **Spacecraft** resource to compute the Sun's position in the body frame. If the attitude uses a coordinate system with **Axes** set to **ObjectReferenced**, and those axes refer back to the **Spacecraft** orbit state (i.e. VNB or LVLH systems), GMAT holds the attitude constant over a given integration step. In those cases, we recommend carefully choosing a maximum step size small enough to ensure the resulting approximation is acceptable for your application.

A valid SPAD file header, and the first three lines of data are shown below for illustrative purposes. Note, GMAT does not use all values provided on the file and GMAT's usage of SPAD files is described in detail in the table below the example.

```
Version      : 4.21
System       : sphericalSat
Analysis Type : Area
Pixel Size   : 5
Spacecraft Size : 436.2
Pressure     : 1
Center of Mass : (50.9, 184.9, -49)
Current time  : May 7, 2009 15:53:38.00

Motion      : 1
  Name      : Azimuth
  Method    : Step
  Minimum   : -180
  Maximum   : 180
  Step      : 5
Motion      : 2
```

```

Name      : Elevation
Method    : Step
Minimum   : -90
Maximum   : 90
Step      : 5
: END

Record count       : 2701

AzimuthElevatio Force(X)  Force(Y)  Force(Z)
degrees degrees      m^2        m^2        m^2
-----
-180.00   -90.00 -0.00000000000000 -0.00000000000000 -8.94500000000000
-180.00   -85.00 -0.77960811887780 -0.00000000000000 -8.91096157443066
-180.00   -80.00 -1.55328294923069 -0.00000000000000 -8.80910535069420

```

A SPAD file contains three sections as illustrated below. Data specifications for items in each section are described in the tables below

A SPAD file header may contain many fields but only a few are used by GMAT as described below. Other fields are ignored.

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
Analysis Type	Y	The SPAD software can creates files with Analysis Types of Solar Pressure, Area, and Drag. GMAT only supports the Area option. Example: Analysis Type : Area
Pressure	N	SPAD supports the ability to apply a pressure scale factor for SRP files. GMAT does not read this value, but the SRP properties on the file have been scaled by the Pressure factor. The value is usually “1”. However, when not 1, it is possible to apply an SRP scale factor twice, once from the value applied in SPAD, and once from SPADSRPScaleFactor . Care should be taken to ensure that if the desired scale factor was applied during file creation that it is not reapplied in GMAT.

The SPAD file Motion Data section describes the data contained in the body of the file. The Motion Data fields used by GMAT are described below. Others are ingored.

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
Motion	Y	Together, the Motion and Name fields specify the type of data in the first two columns of the body of the file. GMAT currently supports Azimuth and Elevation Motion only (no articulating appendages) and requires that the first Motion is Azimuth and the second Motion is Elevation as shown below.
Examples:	Motion : 1	Name : Azimuth
and	Motion : 2	Name : Elevation
Name	Y	Together, the Motion and Name fields specify the type of data in the first two columns of the body of the file. GMAT currently supports Azimuth and Elevation Motion only (no articulating appendages) and requires that the first Motion is Azimuth and the second Motion is Elevation as shown below.
Examples:	Motion : 1	Name : Azimuth
and	Motion : 2	Name : Elevation
Method	Y	The step size in the independent variable. The only supported value is Step.
Example:	Motion : 1	Method : Step

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
Maximum	Y	<p>The maximum value for an independent variable (Motion Type). For Azimuth, Maximum must be 180, and for Elevation Maximum must be 90.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Motion : 1</p> <p>Name : Azimuth</p> <p>Maximum : 180</p> <p>Motion : 2</p> <p>Name : Elevation</p> <p>Maximum : 90</p>
Minimum	Y	<p>The minimum value for an independent variable. (Motion Type). For Azimuth, minimum must be -180, and for Elevation minimum must be -90.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Motion : 1</p> <p>Name : Azimuth</p> <p>Minimum : -180</p> <p>Motion : 2</p> <p>Name : Elevation</p> <p>Minimum : -90</p>
Step	Y	<p>The step size for the independent variable (Motion Type). If Step does not divide evenly into the variable range, then errors may occur because the maximum and/or minimum values may not be on the file.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Motion : 1</p> <p>Step : 15</p>
Record count	Y	<p>Record count is the number of rows of data in the data segment. Record count = $(360 / (\text{Azimuth Step}) + 1) * (180 / (\text{Elevation Step}) + 1)$.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Record count : 325</p>

The SPAD file data block contains tabulated acceleration data as described below.

Keyword	Re- quired	Description and Supported Values
Azimuth	Y	<p>Azimuth data column. Must be first column in the data. Units must be degrees. Azimuth is the azimuth of the vector from spacecraft to sun, expressed in the body frame: atan2(ySun,xSun)).</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>AzimuthElevatio degrees degrees ----- -180.00 -90.00 -180.00 -75.00 -180.00 -60.00</pre>
Elevation	N	<p>Elevation data column. Must be second column in the data. Units must be degrees. Elevation is the elevation of the vector from spacecraft to sun, expressed in the body frame: atan2(zSun,sqrt(xSun^2 + ySun^2)).</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>AzimuthElevatio degrees degrees ----- -180.00 -90.00 -180.00 -75.00 -180.00 -60.00</pre>
Force(*)	N	<p>Area vector columns. Must be columns 3-5 in the data. Quantities must be in base units of m^2,mm^2,cm^2,in^2,ft^2. If another unit is provided in the header lines, an exception is thrown. The area vector is the direction of the resulting SRP force, scaled by area and Cr properties.</p> <p>Example: See code listing above.</p>

Total Mass Computation

The **TotalMass** property of a **Spacecraft** is a read-only property that is the sum of the **DryMass** value and the sum of the fuel mass in all attached fuel tanks. GMAT's propagators will not allow the total mass of a spacecraft to be negative. However, GMAT will allow the mass of a **ChemicalTank** to be negative. See the [ChemicalTank](#) documentation for details.

Examples

Configure physical properties for a spherical SRP model.

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.Cd      = 2.2
aSpacecraft.Cr      = 1.8
aSpacecraft.DragArea = 40
aSpacecraft.SRPArea = 35
aSpacecraft.DryMass   = 2000
Create Propagator aPropagator

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aPropagator(aSpacecraft, {aSpacecraft.ElapsedSecs = 600})
```

Configure a SPAD SRP model.

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft;
aSpacecraft.DryMass   = 2000
aSpacecraft.SPADSRPFile = '..\data\vehicle\spad\SphericalModel.spo'
aSpacecraft.SPADSRPScaleFactor = 1;

Create ForceModel aFM;
aFM.SRP = On;
aFM.SRP.SRPMODEL = SPADFile

Create Propagator aProp;
aProp.FM = aFM;

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSpacecraft) {aSpacecraft.ElapsedDays = 0.2}
```

Spacecraft Epoch

The spacecraft epoch

Description

The epoch of a **Spacecraft** is the time and date corresponding to the specified orbit state. See the [Spacecraft Orbit State](#) section for interactions between the epoch, coordinate system, and spacecraft state fields.

See Also: [Spacecraft](#)



Caution

GMAT's Modified Julian Date (MJD) format differs from that of other software. The Modified Julian format is a constant offset from the full Julian date (JD):

$$\text{MJD} = \text{JD} - \text{offset}$$

GMAT uses a non-standard offset, as shown in the following table.

Epoch Type	GMAT	common
reference epoch	05 Jan 1941 12:00:00.000	17 Nov 1858 00:00:00.000
Modified Julian offset	2430000.0	2400000.5

Fields

Field	Description	
DateFormat	The time system and format of the Epoch field. In the GUI, this field is called EpochFormat .	
	Data Type	Enumeration
	Allowed Values	A1ModJulian, TAIModJulian, UTCModJulian, TTModJulian, TDBModJulian, A1Gregorian, TAI-Gregorian, TTGregorian, UTCGregorian, TDBGregorian
	Access	set only
	Default Value	TAIModJulian
	Interfaces	GUI, script
Epoch	The time and date corresponding to the specified orbit state.	
	Data Type	Time
	Allowed Values	Gregorian: 04 Oct 1957 12:00:00.000 <= Epoch <= 28 Feb 2100 00:00:00.000
	Modified Julian: 6116.0 <= Epoch <= 58127.5	
	Access	set only
	Default Value	21545
	Interfaces	GUI, script

Field	Description												
A1ModJulian	<p>The Spacecraft orbit epoch in the A.1 system and the Modified Julian format.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="625 345 768 377">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="911 345 975 377">String</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="625 384 816 415">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="911 384 1038 415">See Epoch</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="625 422 705 453">Access</td><td data-bbox="911 422 1260 453">set, get (mission sequence only)</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="625 460 800 491">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="911 460 1133 491">21545.00000039794</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="625 498 689 530">Units</td><td data-bbox="911 498 975 530">Days</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="625 536 752 568">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="911 536 975 568">script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	See Epoch	Access	set, get (mission sequence only)	Default Value	21545.00000039794	Units	Days	Interfaces	script
Data Type	String												
Allowed Values	See Epoch												
Access	set, get (mission sequence only)												
Default Value	21545.00000039794												
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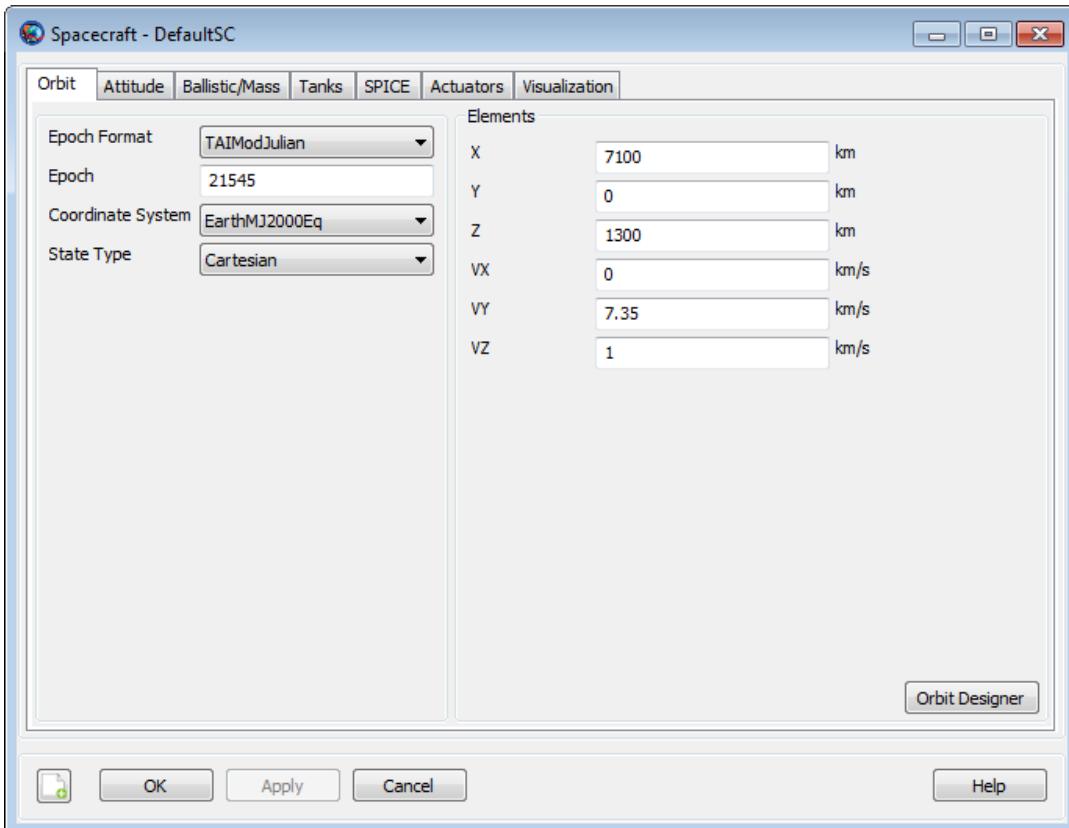
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A change in **EpochFormat** causes an immediate update to **Epoch** to reflect the chosen time system and format.

Remarks

GMAT supports five time systems or scales and two formats:

A.1	USNO atomic time; GMAT's internal time system
TAI	International Atomic Time
TDB	Barycentric Dynamical Time
TT	Terrestrial Time
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time

Gregorian	Text with the following format: dd mmm yyyy HH:MM:SS.FFF dd two-digit day of month mmm first three letters of month yyyy four-digit year HH two-digit hour MM two-digit minute SS two-digit second FFF three-digit fraction of second
Modified Julian	Floating-point number of days from a reference epoch. In GMAT, the reference epoch is 05 Jan 1941 12:00:00.000 (JD 2430000.0).

The epoch can be set in multiple ways. The default method is to set the **DateFormat** field to the desired time system and format, then set the **Epoch** field to the desired epoch. This method cannot be used to get the epoch value, such as on the right-hand side of an assignment statement.

```
aSat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
aSat.Epoch = '18 May 2012 12:00:00.000'
```

An alternate method is to specify the **DateFormat** in the parameter name. This method works in both “get” and “set” modes.

```
aSat.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '18 May 2012 12:00:00.000'
Report aReport aSat.Epoch.UTCGregorian
```

A third method can be used in “get” mode everywhere, but in “set” mode only in the mission sequence (i.e. after the **BeginMissionSequence** command).

```
aSat.UTCGregorian = '18 May 2012 12:00:00.000'
Report aReport aSat.UTCGregorian
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GMAT uses the A.1 time system in the Modified Julian format for its internal calculations. The system converts all other systems and formats on input and again at output.

Leap Seconds

When converting to and from the UTC time system, GMAT includes leap seconds as appropriate, according to the **tai-utc.dat** data file from the IERS. This file contains the conversion between TAI and UTC, including all leap seconds that have been added or announced.

GMAT applies the leap second as the last second before the date listed in the **tai-utc.dat** file, which historically has been either January 1 or July 1. In the Gregorian date format, the leap second appears as a “60th second”: for example, “31 Dec 2008 23:59:60.000”. GMAT will correctly output this epoch, and will accept it as input. GMAT’s Modified Julian format is based on an 86,400-second day, however, and will repeat the first second of the following day. Input of the leap second in Modified Julian format is not supported. (See Release Notes for a known bug related to this functionality).

For epochs prior to the first entry in the leap-second file, the UTC and TAI time systems are considered identical (i.e. zero leap seconds are added). For epochs after the last entry, the leap second count from the last entry is used.

The `tai-utc.dat` file is periodically updated by the IERS when new leap seconds are announced. The latest version of this file can always be found at <http://maia.usno.navy.mil/ser7/tai-utc.dat>. To replace it, download the latest version and replace GMAT's file in the location `<GMAT>/data/time/tai-utc.dat`, where `<GMAT>` is the install directory of GMAT on your system.

Examples

Setting the epoch for propagation

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.DateFormat = TAIModJulian
aSat.Epoch = 25562.5

Create ForceModel aFM
Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Plotting and reporting the epoch (syntax #1)

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.DateFormat = A1Gregorian
aSat.Epoch = '12 Jul 2015 08:21:45.921'

Create XYPlot aPlot
aPlot.XVariable = aSat.UTCModJulian
aPlot.YVariables = aSat.Earth.Altitude

Create Report aReport
aReport.Add = {aSat.UTCGregorian, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.ECC}
```

Plotting and reporting the epoch (syntax #2)

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.DateFormat = TTGregorian
aSat.Epoch = '01 Dec 1978 00:00:00.000'

Create XYPlot aPlot
aPlot.XVariable = aSat.Epoch.TTModJulian
aPlot.YVariables = aSat.Earth.RMAG

Create Report aReport
aReport.Add = {aSat.Epoch.A1Gregorian, aSat.Earth.RMAG}
```

Spacecraft Hardware

Add hardware to a spacecraft

Description

The hardware fields allow you to attach pre-configured hardware models to a spacecraft. Current models include **ChemicalTank**, **ChemicalThruster**, **ElectricTank**, and **ElectricThruster**. Before you attach a hardware model to a **Spacecraft**, you must first create the model.

See Also: [ChemicalTank](#), [ChemicalThruster](#), [ElectricTank](#), [ElectricThruster](#)

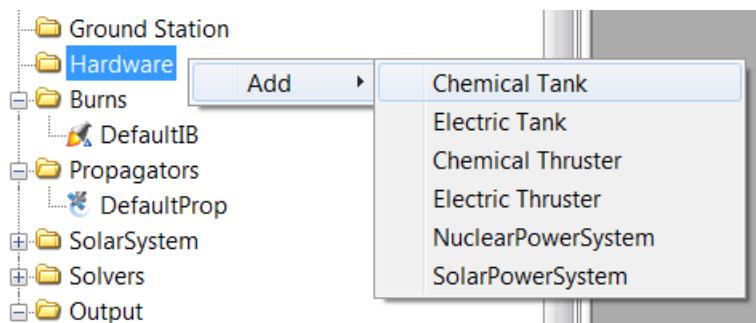
Fields

Field	Description												
Tanks	This field is used to attach FuelTank(s) to a Spacecraft . In a script command, an empty list, e.g., DefaultSC.Tanks={} , is allowed and is used to indicate that no FuelTank(s) is attached to the spacecraft. <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>A list of ChemicalTanks and Chemical Thrusters.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script.</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Reference Array	Allowed Values	A list of ChemicalTanks and Chemical Thrusters .	Access	set	Default Value	N/A	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script.
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Interfaces	GUI, script.												
Thrusters	This field is used to attach Thruster(s) to a Spacecraft . In a script command, an empty list, e.g., DefaultSC.Thrusters={} , is allowed and is used to indicate that no Thrusters are attached to the spacecraft. <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>A list of ChemicalThrusters and ElectricThrusters.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Reference Array	Allowed Values	A list of ChemicalThrusters and ElectricThrusters .	Access	set	Default Value	N/A	Units	N/A	Interfaces	GUI, script
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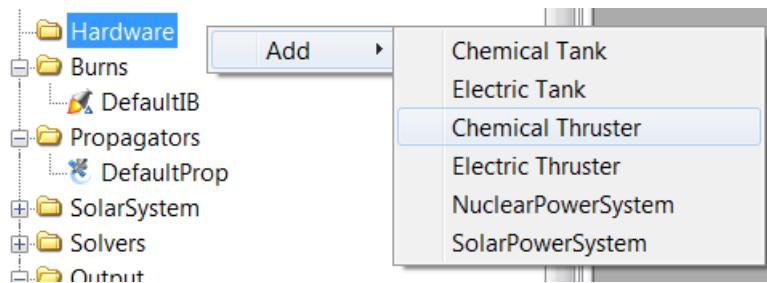
GUI

There are two spacecraft hardware items, the **FuelTank** and the **Thruster**, that can be attached to a **Spacecraft**. Here, we describe the method used to create and then attach these items to a **Spacecraft**. For details on how to configure the **FuelTank** and **Thruster** resources, see the help for the individual hardware item. Note the discussion below uses a chemical system as an example but applies equally to electric systems.

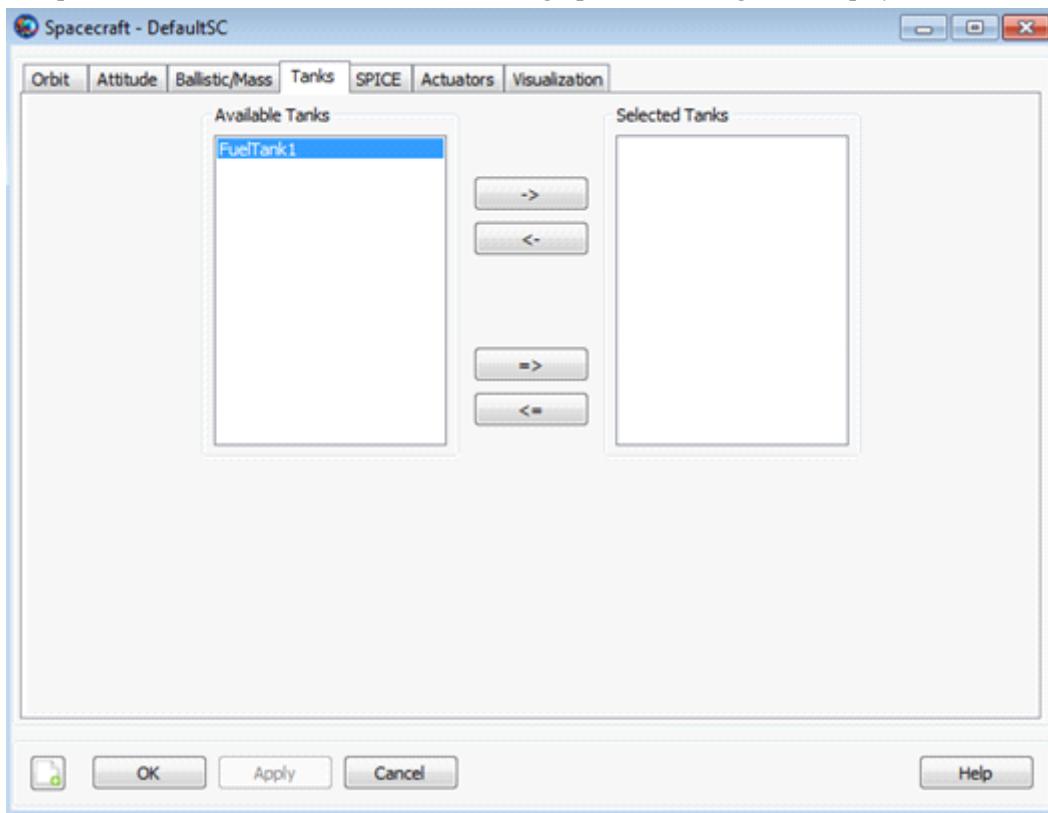
As shown below, to add a **ChemicalTank** to your script, highlight the **Hardware** resource and then right click to add a **ChemicalTank**.



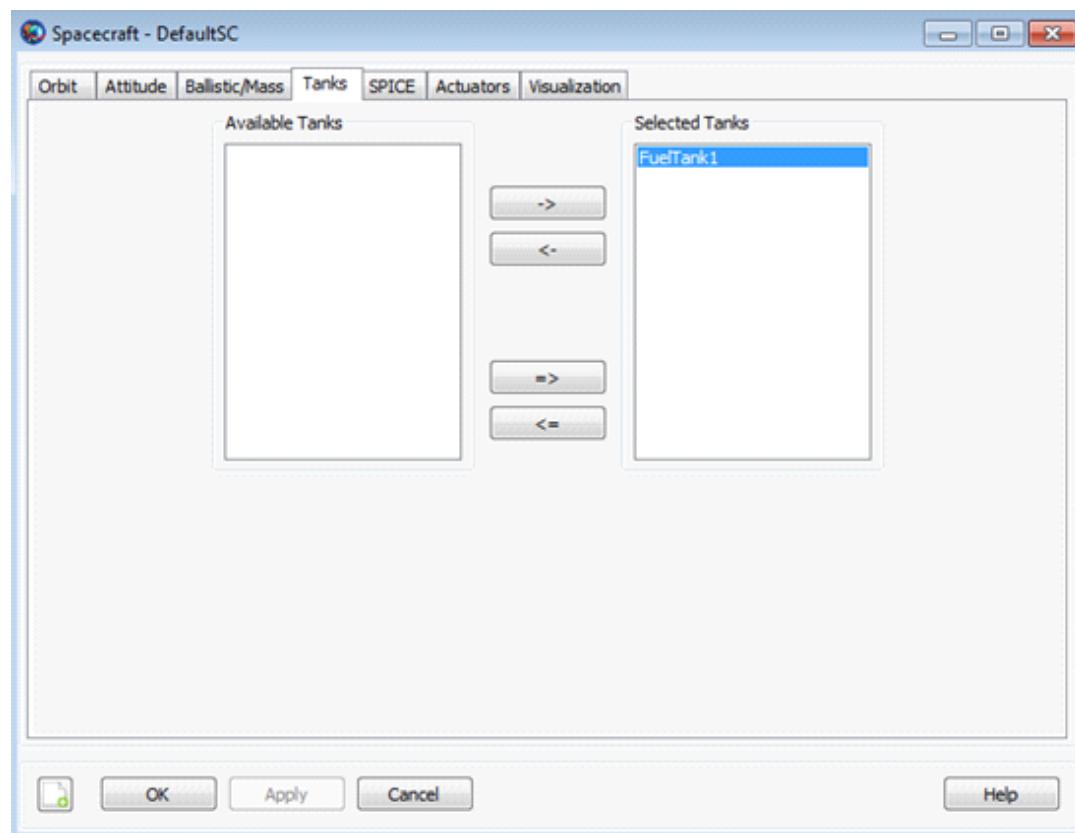
To add a **Thruster** to your script, highlight the **Hardware** resource and then right click to add a **Thruster**.



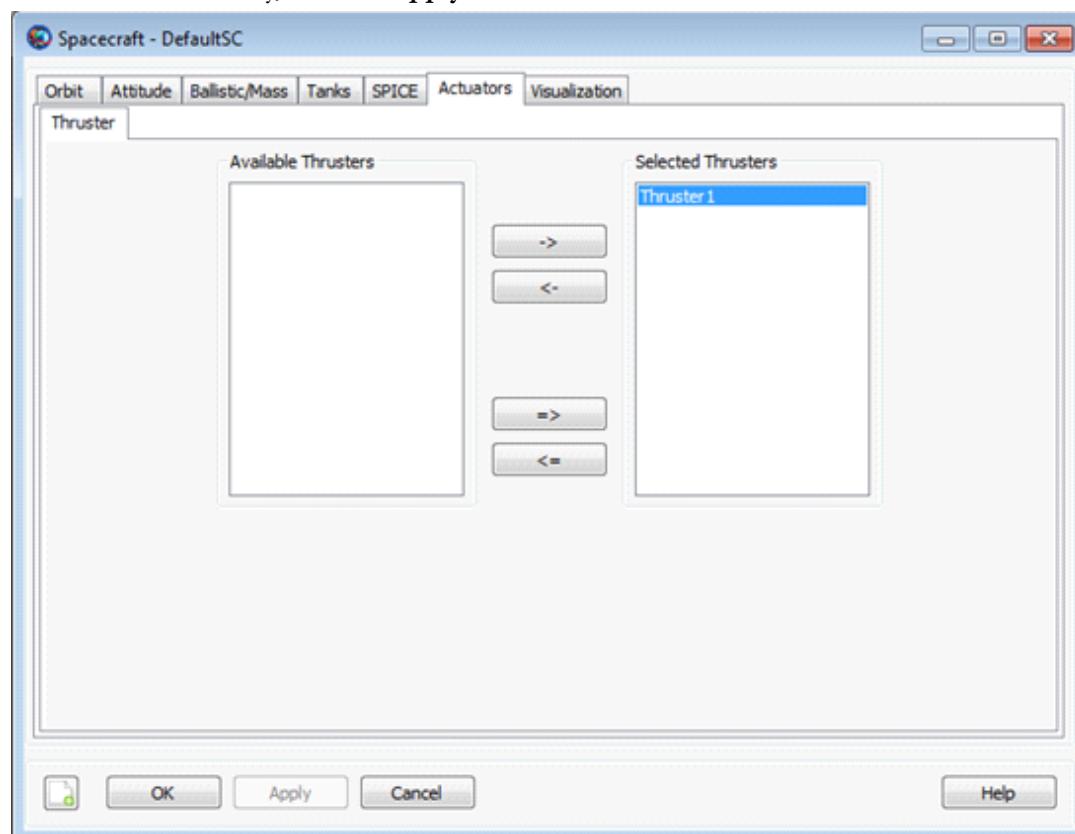
Thus far, we have created both a **ChemicalTank** and a **ChemicalThruster**. Next, we attach both the **ChemicalTank** and the **ChemicalThruster** to a particular **Spacecraft**. To do this, double click on the desired **Spacecraft** under the **Spacecraft** resource to bring up the associated GUI panel. Then click on the **Tanks** tab to bring up the following GUI display.



Next, select the desired **ChemicalTank** and use the right arrow button to attach the **ChemicalTank** to the **Spacecraft** as shown below. Then click the **Apply** button.



Similarly, to attach a **ChemicalThruster** to a **Spacecraft**, double click on the desired **Spacecraft** under the **Spacecraft** resource and then select the **Actuators** tab. Then select the desired **ChemicalThruster** and use the right arrow to attach the **ChemicalThruster** to the **Spacecraft** as shown below. Finally, click the **Apply** button.



Remarks

To use a **Thruster** to apply a finite burn to a **Spacecraft**, additional steps are required. For example, when you create the **ChemicalThruster** resource, you have to associate a **Chemical-Tank** with the **ChemicalThruster**. For details on this and related matters, see the help for the **ChemicalTank**, **ChemicalThruster**, and **FiniteBurn** resources.

Examples

Create a default **Spacecraft**. Create **ChemicalTank** and **ChemicalThruster** resources and attach them to the **Spacecraft**.

```
% Create default Spacecraft, ChemicalTank, and Thruster Resources
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
Create ChemicalTank FuelTank1
Create ChemicalThruster Thruster1

% Attach ChemicalTank and Thruster to the spacecraft
DefaultSC.Thrusters = {Thruster1}
DefaultSC.Tanks = {FuelTank1}

BeginMissionSequence
```

Spacecraft Orbit State

The orbital initial conditions

Description

GMAT supports a suite of state types for defining the orbital state, including **Cartesian** and **Keplerian**, among others. In addition, you can define the orbital state in different coordinate systems, for example **EarthMJ2000Eq** and **EarthFixed**. GMAT provides three general state types that can be used with any coordinate system: **Cartesian**, **SphericalAZFPA**, and **SphericalRADEC**. There are three additional state types that can be used with coordinate systems centered at a celestial body: **Keplerian**, **ModifiedKeplerian**, and **Equinoctial**.

In [the section called “Remarks”](#) below, we describe each state type in detail including state-type definitions, singularities, and how the state fields interact with the **CoordinateSystem** and **Epoch** fields. There are some limitations when setting the orbital state during initialization, which are discussed in [the section called “Remarks”](#). We also include examples for setting each state type in commonly used coordinate systems.

See Also: [Spacecraft](#), [Propagator](#), and [Spacecraft Epoch](#)

Fields

Field	Description												
AltEquinoctialP	A measure of the orientation of the orbit. AltEquinoctialP and AltEquinoctialQ together govern how an orbit is oriented. AltEquinoctialP = $\sin(\text{INC}/2) * \sin(\text{RAAN})$. <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Real</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>$-1 \leq \text{AltEquinoctialP} \leq 1$</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>0.08982062789020774</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>(None)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-1 \leq \text{AltEquinoctialP} \leq 1$	Access	set, get	Default Value	0.08982062789020774	Units	(None)	Interfaces	GUI, script
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AOP	The orbital argument of periapsis expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Real</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>$-\infty < \text{AOP} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>314.1905515359921</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>deg</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{AOP} < \infty$	Access	set, get	Default Value	314.1905515359921	Units	deg	Interfaces	GUI, script
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AZI	The orbital velocity azimuth expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{AZI} < \infty$ Access set, get Default Value 82.37742168155043 Units deg Interfaces GUI, script
BrouwerLongAOP	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean argument of periapsis.
BrouwerShortAOP	Data Type Real Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{BrouwerLongAOP/BrouwerShortAOP} < \infty$ Access set, get Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state Units deg Interfaces GUI, script
BrouwerLongECC	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean eccentricity.
BrouwerShortECC	Data Type Real Allowed Values $0 \leq \text{BrouwerLongECC/BrouwerShortECC} \leq 0.99$ Access set, get Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
BrouwerLongINC	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean inclination.
BrouwerShortINC	Data Type Real Allowed Values $0 \leq \text{BrouwerLongINC/BrouwerShortINC} \leq 180$ Access set, get Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state Units deg Interfaces GUI, script
BrouwerLongMA	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean MA (mean anomaly).
BrouwerShortMA	Data Type Real Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{BrouwerLongMA/BrouwerShortMA} < \infty$ Access set, get Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state Units deg Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
BrouwerLongRAAN	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean RAAN (right ascension of the ascending node).
BrouwerShortRAAN	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{BrouwerLongRAAN}/\text{BrouwerShortRAAN} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
BrouwerLongSMA	Long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean semi-major axis.
BrouwerShortSMA	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $\text{Brouwer*SMA} > 3000/(1-\text{Brouwer*ECC})$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state</p> <p>Units km</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
CoordinateSystem	The coordinate system with respect to which the orbital state is defined. The CoordinateSystem field is dependent upon the DisplayStateType field. If the coordinate system chosen by the user does not have a gravitational body at the origin, then the state types Keplerian , ModifiedKeplerian , and Equinoctial are not permitted.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values CoordinateSystem resource</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value EarthMJ2000Eq</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
DEC	The declination of the orbital position expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-90 \leq \text{DEC} \leq 90$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 10.37584492005105</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
DECV	The declination of orbital velocity expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-90 \leq \text{DECV} \leq 90$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 7.747772036108118</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

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Delaunayg	<p>Delaunay "g" element, identical to AOP, expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 339 743 375">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="822 339 874 375">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 377 743 413">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="822 377 1076 413">$-\infty < \text{Delaunayg} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 415 743 446">Access</td><td data-bbox="822 415 906 446">set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 449 743 485">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="822 449 1049 485">314.1905515359921</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 487 743 523">Units</td><td data-bbox="822 487 863 523">deg</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 525 743 561">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="822 525 954 561">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Delaunayg} < \infty$	Access	set, get	Default Value	314.1905515359921	Units	deg	Interfaces	GUI, script
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DelaunayG	<p>Delaunay "G" element, the magnitude of the orbital angular momentum, expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 702 743 738">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="822 702 874 738">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 741 743 777">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="822 741 1065 777">$0 \leq \text{DelaunayG} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 779 743 815">Access</td><td data-bbox="822 779 906 815">set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 817 743 853">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="822 817 1049 853">53525.52895581695</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 855 743 891">Units</td><td data-bbox="822 855 895 891">km²/s</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 893 743 929">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="822 893 954 929">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$0 \leq \text{DelaunayG} < \infty$	Access	set, get	Default Value	53525.52895581695	Units	km ² /s	Interfaces	GUI, script
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DelaunayH	<p>Delaunay "H" element, the z-component of the orbital angular momentum vector, expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1410 743 1446">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="822 1410 874 1446">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1448 743 1484">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="822 1448 1065 1484">$-\infty < \text{DelaunayH} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1486 743 1522">Access</td><td data-bbox="822 1486 906 1522">set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1525 743 1560">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="822 1525 1049 1560">52184.99999999999</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1563 743 1599">Units</td><td data-bbox="822 1563 895 1599">km²/s</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1601 743 1637">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="822 1601 954 1637">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{DelaunayH} < \infty$	Access	set, get	Default Value	52184.99999999999	Units	km ² /s	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Delaunayl	<p>Delaunay "ℓ" element, identical to the mean anomaly, expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.</p> <table> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1749 743 1785">Data Type</td><td data-bbox="822 1749 874 1785">Real</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1787 743 1823">Allowed Values</td><td data-bbox="822 1787 1065 1823">$-\infty < \text{Delaunayl} < \infty$</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1825 743 1861">Access</td><td data-bbox="822 1825 906 1861">set, get</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1864 743 1900">Default Value</td><td data-bbox="822 1864 1049 1900">97.10782663991999</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1902 743 1938">Units</td><td data-bbox="822 1902 863 1938">deg</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1940 743 1976">Interfaces</td><td data-bbox="822 1940 954 1976">GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Delaunayl} < \infty$	Access	set, get	Default Value	97.10782663991999	Units	deg	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Field	Description
DelaunayL	Delaunay "L" element, related to the two-body orbital energy, expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $0 \leq \text{DelaunayL} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 53541.66590560955</p> <p>Units km²/s</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
DisplayStateType	The orbital state type displayed in the GUI. Allowed state types are dependent upon the selection of CoordinateSystem . For example, if the coordinate system does not have a celestial body at the origin, Keplerian , ModifiedKeplerian , and Equinoctial are not allowed options for DisplayStateType .
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values Cartesian, Keplerian, ModifiedKeplerian, SphericalAZFPA, SphericalRADEC, or Equinoctial</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value Cartesian</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ECC	The orbital eccentricity expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $\text{ECC} < 0.999999$ or $\text{ECC} > 1.000001$. If $\text{ECC} > 1$, SMA must be < 0</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 0.02454974900598137</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
EquinoctialH	A measure of the orbital eccentricity and argument of periapsis. EquinoctialH and EquinoctialK together govern how elliptic an orbit is and where the periapsis is located. $\text{EquinoctialH} = \text{ECC} * \sin(\text{AOP} + \text{RAAN})$.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-0.99999 < \text{EquinoctialH} < 0.99999$, AND $\sqrt{\text{EquinoctialH}^2 + \text{EquinoctialK}^2} < 0.99999$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value -0.02423431419337062</p> <p>Units dimless</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
EquinoctialK	A measure of the orbital eccentricity and argument of periapsis. EquinoctialH and EquinoctialK together govern how elliptic an orbit is and where the periapsis is located. $\text{EquinoctialK} = \text{ECC} * \cos(\text{AOP} + \text{RAAN})$.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-0.99999 < \text{EquinoctialK} < 0.99999$, AND $\sqrt{\text{EquinoctialH}^2 + \text{EquinoctialK}^2} < 0.99999$
Access	set, get
Default Value	-0.003922778585859663
Units	dimless
Interfaces	GUI, script
EquinoctialP	A measure of the orientation of the orbit. EquinoctialP and EquinoctialQ together govern how an orbit is oriented. $\text{EquinoctialP} = \tan(\text{INC}/2) * \sin(\text{RAAN})$.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{EquinoctialP} < \infty$
Access	set, get
Default Value	-0.09038834725719359
Units	dimless
Interfaces	GUI, script
EquinoctialQ	A measure of the orientation of the orbit. EquinoctialP and EquinoctialQ together govern how an orbit is oriented. $\text{EquinoctialQ} = \tan(\text{INC}/2) * \cos(\text{RAAN})$.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{EquinoctialQ} < \infty$
Access	set, get
Default Value	0.06716454898232072
Units	dimless
Interfaces	GUI, script
FPA	The orbital flight path angle expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$0 \leq \text{FPA} \leq 180$
Access	set, get
Default Value	88.60870365370448
Units	Deg
Interfaces	GUI, script

Field	Description
Id	The spacecraft Id used in tracking data files. This field is only used for EstimationPlugin prototype functionality.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values String</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value SatId</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces script</p>
INC	The orbital inclination expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $0 \leq \text{INC} \leq 180$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 12.85008005658097</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
IncomingBVAZI	IncomingBVAZI/OutgoingBVAZI is the B-vector azimuth at infinity of the incoming/outgoing asymptote measured counter-clockwise from south. If C3Energy < 0 the apsides vector is substituted for the outgoing/incoming asymptote.
OutgoingBVAZI	
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{IncomingBVAZI/OutgoingBVAZI} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
IncomingC3Energy	C3 energy . C3Energy = $-\mu/\text{SMA}$. IncomingC3Energy/OutgoingC3Energy differ only in that they are associated with the IncomingAsymptote and OutgoingAsymptote state representations, respectively.
OutgoingC3Energy	
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $\text{IncomingC3Energy} \leq -1e-7$ or $\text{IncomingC3Energy} \geq 1e-7$</p> <p>$\text{OutgoingC3Energy} \leq -1e-7$ or $\text{OutgoingC3Energy} \geq 1e-7$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state</p> <p>Units km^2/s^2</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
IncomingDHA	IncomingDHA/OutgoingDHA is the declination of the incoming/outgoing asymptote. If C3Energy < 0 the apsides vector is substituted for the incoming/outgoing asymptote..
OutgoingDHA	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-90^\circ \leq \text{IncomingDHA/OutgoingDHA} < 90^\circ$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
IncomingRadPer	The orbital radius of periapsis. The radius of periapsis is the minimum distance (osculating) between the spacecraft and celestial body at the origin of coordinate system. IncomingRadPer/OutgoingRadPer differ from RadPer only in that they are associated with the IncomingAsymptote and OutgoingAsymptote state representations, respectively.
OutgoingRadPer	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $\text{abs}(\text{IncomingRadPer}) \geq 1 \text{ meter}$.</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state</p> <p>Units km</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
IncomingRHA	IncomingRHA/OutgoingRHA is the right ascension of the incoming/outgoing asymptote. If C3Energy < 0 the apsides vector is substituted for the incoming/outgoing asymptote.
OutgoingRHA	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{IncomingRHA/OutgoingRHA} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value Conversion from default Cartesian state</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
MLONG	A measure of the location of the spacecraft in it's orbit. MLONG = AOP + RAAN + MA .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-360 \leq \text{MLONG} \leq 360$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 357.9131803707105</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
ModEquinoctialF	Components of the eccentricity vector (with ModEquinoctialG). The eccentricity vector has a magnitude equal to the eccentricity and it points from the central body to perigee. ModEquinoctialF = ECC * cos(AOP+RAAN)
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{ModEquinoctialF} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value -0.003922778585859663</p> <p>Units (None)</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ModEquinoctialG	Components of eccentricity vector (with ModEquinoctialF). ModEquinoctialG = ECC * sin(AOP+RAAN)
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{ModEquinoctialG} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value -0.02423431419337062</p> <p>Units (None)</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ModEquinoctialH	Identical to EquinoctialQ .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{ModEquinoctialH} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 0.06716454898232072</p> <p>Units (None)</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ModEquinoctialK	Identical to EquinoctialP .
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{ModEquinoctialK} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value -0.09038834725719359</p> <p>Units (None)</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
NAIFId	The spacecraft Id used in SPICE kernels.
	<p>Data Type String</p> <p>Allowed Values String</p> <p>Access set</p> <p>Default Value -123456789</p> <p>Units N/A</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
OrbitSpiceKernel-Name	SPK Kernels for spacecraft orbit. SPK orbit kernels have extension ".BSP". This field cannot be set in the Mission Sequence.
Data Type	String array
Allowed Values	List of path and filenames.
Access	set
Default Value	No Default. The field is empty.
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
PlanetodeticAZI	The orbital velocity azimuth expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. Unlike the AZI field, PlanetodeticAZI is associated with the Planetodetic state representation, which is only valid for coordinate systems with BodyFixed axes.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{PlanetodeticAZI} < \infty$
Access	set, get
Default Value	81.80908019114962
Units	deg
Interfaces	GUI, script
PlanetodeticHFA	The orbital horizontal flight path angle expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. PlanetodeticHFA is only valid for coordinate systems with BodyFixed axes.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-90 \leq \text{PlanetodeticHFA} \leq 90$
Access	set, get
Default Value	1.494615814842774
Units	deg
Interfaces	GUI, script
PlanetodeticLAT	The planetodetic latitude expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. This field is only valid for coordinate systems with BodyFixed axes.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-90 \leq \text{PlanetodeticLAT} \leq 90$
Access	set, get
Default Value	10.43478253114861
Units	deg
Interfaces	GUI, script
PlanetodeticLON	The planetodetic longitude expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. This field is only valid for coordinate systems with BodyFixed axes.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{PlanetodeticLON} < \infty$
Access	set, get
Default Value	79.67188405807977
Units	deg
Interfaces	GUI, script

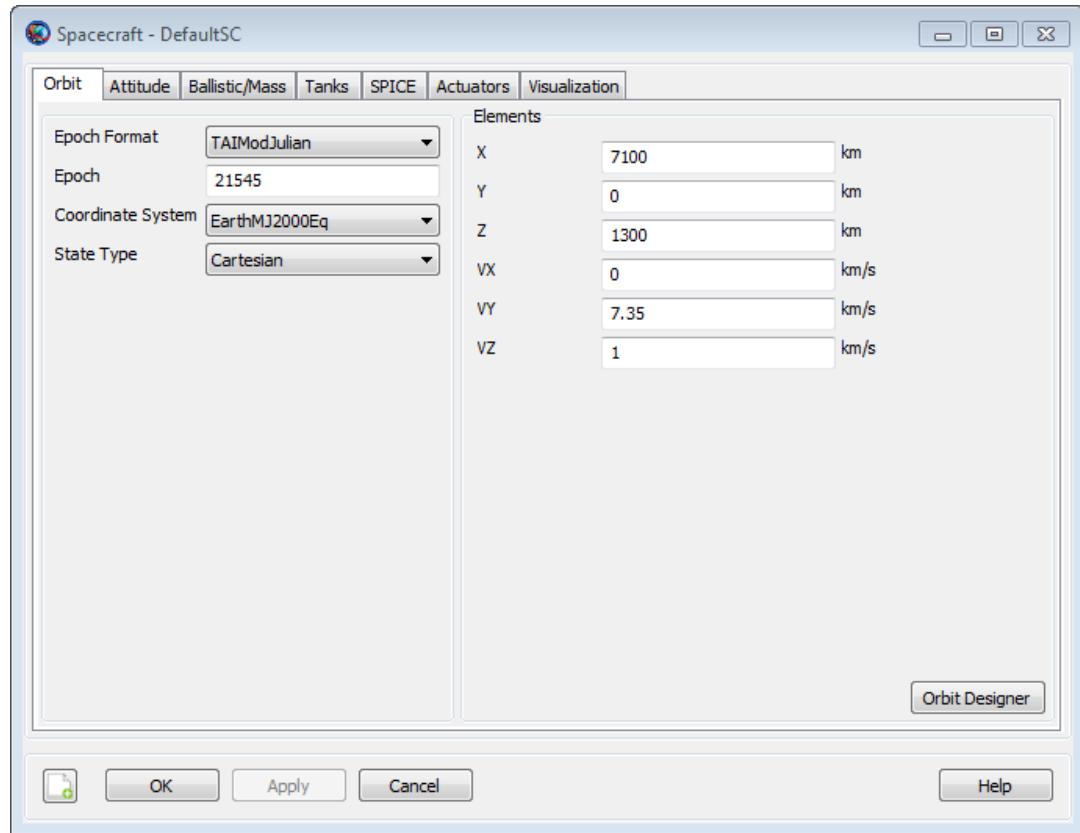
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PlanetodeticRMAG	The magnitude of the orbital position vector expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. Unlike the RMAG field, PlanetodeticRMAG is associated with the Planetodetic state representation, which is only valid for coordinate systems with Body-Fixed axes.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $\text{PlanetodeticRMAG} \geq 1\text{e-}10$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 7218.032973047435</p> <p>Units km</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
PlanetodeticVMAG	The magnitude of the orbital velocity vector expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. Unlike the VMAG field, PlanetodeticVMAG is associated with the Planetodetic state representation, which is only valid for coordinate systems with Body-Fixed axes.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $\text{PlanetodeticVMAG} \geq 1\text{e-}10$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 6.905049647173787</p> <p>Units km/s</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
RA	The right ascension of the orbital position expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{RA} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
RAAN	The orbital right ascension of the ascending node expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{RAAN} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 306.6148021947984</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
RadApo	<p>The orbital radius of apoapsis expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. The radius of apoapsis is the maximum distance (osculating) between the Spacecraft and celestial body at the origin of CoordinateSystem.</p>
	Data Type
	Real
	Allowed Values
	$\text{abs}(\text{RadApo}) \geq 1$ meter.
	Access
	set, get
	Default Value
	7368.49911046818
	Units
	km
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
RadPer	<p>The orbital radius of periapsis expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field. The radius of periapsis is the minimum distance (osculating) between the Spacecraft and celestial body at the origin of CoordinateSystem.</p>
	Data Type
	Real
	Allowed Values
	$\text{abs}(\text{RadPer}) \geq 1$ meter.
	Access
	set, get
	Default Value
	7015.378524789846
	Units
	km
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
RAV	<p>The right ascension of orbital velocity expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.</p>
	Data Type
	Real
	$-\infty < \text{RAV} < \infty$
	Access
	set, get
	Default Value
	90
	Units
	deg
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
RMAG	<p>The magnitude of the orbital position vector expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.</p>
	Data Type
	Real
	Allowed Values
	$\text{RMAG} \geq 1\text{e-}10$
	Access
	set, get
	Default Value
	7218.032973047435
	Units
	km
	Interfaces
	GUI, script
SemilatusRectum	<p>Magnitude of the position vector when at true anomaly of 90 deg.</p>
	Data Type
	Real
	Allowed Values
	$\text{SemilatusRectum} > 1\text{e-}7$
	Access
	set, get
	Default Value
	7187.60430675539
	Units
	km
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Field	Description
SMA	The orbital semi-major axis expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $\text{SMA} < -0.001 \text{ m}$ or $\text{SMA} > 0.001 \text{ meter}$. If $\text{SMA} < 0$, then ECC must be > 1</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 7191.938817629013</p> <p>Units km</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
TA	The orbital true anomaly expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{TA} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 99.8877493320488</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
TLONG	True longitude of the osculating orbit. $\text{TLONG} = \text{RAAN} + \text{AOP} + \text{TA}$
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{TLONG} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 0.6931030628392251</p> <p>Units deg</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
VMAG	The magnitude of the orbital velocity vector expressed in the coordinate system chosen in the CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $\text{VMAG} \geq 1\text{e-}10$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 7.417715281675348</p> <p>Units km/s</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
VX	The x-component of the Spacecraft velocity with respect to the coordinate system chosen in the spacecraft's CoordinateSystem field.
	<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Allowed Values $-\infty < \text{VX} < \infty$</p> <p>Access set, get</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Units km/s</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

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GUI



The **Spacecraft** orbit state dialog box allows you to set the epoch, coordinate system, and state type values for the **Spacecraft** orbital state. When you specify an orbital state, you define the state in the representation selected in the **StateType** menu, with respect to the coordinate system specified in the **CoordinateSystem** menu, at the epoch defined in the **Epoch** menu. If the selected **CoordinateSystem** is time varying, the epoch of the coordinate system is defined by the **Epoch** field, and changing the epoch changes the inertial representation of the orbital state.

A change in **Epoch Format** causes an immediate update to **Epoch** to reflect the chosen time system and format.

The **Keplerian**, **ModifiedKeplerian**, and **Equinoctial** state types cannot be computed if the **CoordinateSystem** does not have a central body at the origin, or if the **CoordinateSystem** references the current spacecraft (resulting in a circular reference). For example, if you have selected the **Keplerian** state type, coordinate systems for which the Keplerian elements cannot be computed do not appear in the **CoordinateSystem** menu. Similarly, if you have selected a **CoordinateSystem** that does not have a celestial body at the origin, Keplerian-based state types will not appear as options in the **StateType** menu. The **Planetodetic** state type cannot be selected until the **CoordinateSystem** has **BodyFixed** axes.

Remarks

Cartesian State

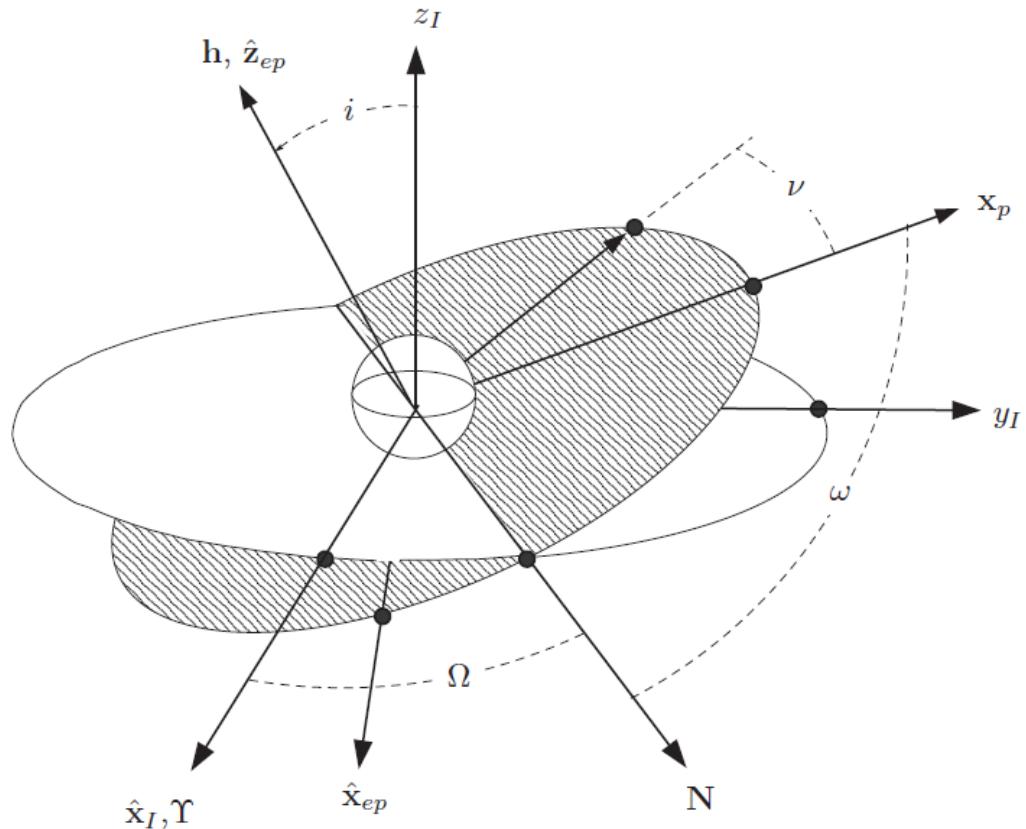
The **Cartesian** state is composed of the position and velocity components expressed with respect to the selected **CoordinateSystem**.

Keplerian and Modified Keplerian State Types

The **Keplerian** and **ModifiedKeplerian** state types use the osculating Keplerian orbital elements with respect to the selected **CoordinateSystem**. To use either the **Keplerian** or **ModifiedKeplerian** state type, the **Spacecraft**'s coordinate system must have a central body at the origin. The two representations differ in how the orbit size and shape are defined. The **Keplerian** state type is composed of the following elements: **SMA**, **ECC**, **INC**, **RAAN**, **AOP**, and **TA**. The **ModifiedKeplerian** state type is composed of the following elements: **RadApo**, **RadPer**, **INC**, **RAAN**, **AOP**, and **TA**. The tables and figures below describe each **Keplerian** state element in detail including singularities.

Geometry of the Keplerian Elements

Name	Description
SMA	SMA contains information on the type and size of an orbit. If SMA > 0 the orbit is elliptic. If SMA < 0 the orbit is hyperbolic. SMA is infinite for parabolic orbits.
ECC	ECC contains information on the shape of an orbit. If ECC = 0, then the orbit is circular. If $0 < \text{ECC} < 1$, the orbit is elliptical. If $\text{ECC} = 1$ the orbit is parabolic. If $\text{ECC} > 1$ then the orbit is hyperbolic.
INC	INC is the angle between the orbit angular momentum vector and the z-axis. If INC < 90 deg, then the orbit is prograde. If INC > 90 deg, then the orbit is retrograde
RAAN	RAAN is defined as the angle between x-axis and the node vector measured counterclockwise. The node vector is defined as the cross product of the z-axis and orbit angular momentum vector. RAAN is undefined for equatorial orbits.
AOP	AOP is the angle between a vector pointing at periapsis and a vector pointing in the direction of the line of nodes. AOP is undefined for circular orbits.
TA	TA is defined as the angle between a vector pointing at periapsis and a vector pointing at the spacecraft. TA is undefined for circular orbits.



The **Keplerian** and **ModifiedKeplerian** state types have several singularities. The table below describes the different singularities and how each is handled in the state conversion algorithms.

Singularity	Comments and Behavior
ECC = 1	SMA is infinite and cannot be used to define the size of the orbit. GMAT requires ECC < 0.999999 or ECC > 1.000001 when setting ECC or when performing conversions. For transformations performed near these limits, loss of precision may occur.
ECC = 0	AOP is undefined. If ECC <= 1e-11, GMAT sets AOP to zero in the conversion from Cartesian to Keplerian/ModKeplerian and includes all orbital-plane angular displacement in the true anomaly.
SMA = 0	Results in a singular conic section. GMAT requires $ \text{SMA} > 1$ meter when inputting SMA .
SMA = INF	SMA is infinite and another parameter is required to capture the size of the orbit. Keplerian elements are not supported.
INC = 0	RAAN is undefined. If INC < 6e-10, GMAT sets RAAN to 0 in the conversion from Cartesian to Keplerian/ModKeplerian . Then, if ECC < 1e-11, AOP is set to 0 and GMAT includes all angular displacement between the x-axis and the spacecraft in the true anomaly. If ECC ≥ 1e-11, then AOP is computed as the angle between the eccentricity vector and the x-axis.

Singularity	Comments and Behavior
INC = 180	RAAN is undefined. If INC > (180 - 6e-10), GMAT sets RAAN to 0 in the conversion from Cartesian to Keplerian/ModKeplerian . Then, if ECC < 1e-11, AOP is set to 0 and GMAT includes all angular displacement between the x-axis and the spacecraft in the true anomaly. If ECC ≥ 1e-11, then AOP is computed as the angle between the eccentricity vector and the x-axis.
RadPer = 0	Singular conic section. GMAT requires RadPer > 1 meter in state conversions.
RadApo = 0	Singular conic section. GMAT requires abs(RadApo) > 1 meter in state conversions.

Delaunay State Type

The conversion between **Delaunay** and **Cartesian** is performed passing through classical **Keplerian** state. Therefore, **Delaunay** state cannot represent parabolic orbits. Also, the **Delaunay** state cannot represent hyperbolic orbits because of the definition of **DelaunayL**, which is not a real value when **SMA** is negative. The table below describes the elements of the **Delaunay** state.

Element	Description
Delaunayl	The mean anomaly. It is related to uniform angular motion on a circle of radius SMA .
Delaunayg	See “Keplerian State” section, AOP
Delaunayh	See “Keplerian State” section, RAAN
DelaunayL	Related to the two-body orbital energy. DelaunayL = $\sqrt{\mu \cdot \text{SMA}}$
DelaunayG	Magnitude of the orbital angular momentum vector. DelaunayG = DelaunayL * $\sqrt{1 - \text{ECC}^2}$
DelaunayH	The K component of the orbital angular momentum. DelaunayH = DelaunayG * $\cos(\text{INC})$

Singularities in the Delaunay Elements

Singularities in the **Delaunay** elements is the same as the **Keplerian** elements, because it uses the **Keplerian** elements during conversion. See “Keplerian State” section. The table below shows the additional singularities regarding the **Delaunay** state type.

Element	Description
ECC > 1	DelaunayL is not real for hyperbolic orbits by its definition.

Brouwer-Lyddane Mean State Type

The **BrouwerMeanShort** state represents short-term averaged mean motion under low-order zonal harmonics (i.e. J2-J5). Likewise, **BrouwerMeanLong** state represents long-term averaged mean motion under low-order zonal harmonics (i.e. J2-J5). GMAT uses JGM-2 zonal coefficients in Brouwer Mean states algorithms. Both are singular for near parabolic or hyperbolic orbits. To use **BrouwerMeanShort/BrouwerMeanLong** state type in GMAT, the central body must be the Earth. If the central body is the Earth, GMAT can calculate **BrouwerMeanShort/BrouwerMeanLong** state from the osculating state (**Cartesian**, **Keplerian**, etc.) and vice-versa.

Element	Description
BrouwerLongAOP	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean argument of periapsis.
BrouwerShortAOP	
BrouwerLongMA	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean MA (mean anomaly).
BrouwerShortMA	
BrouwerLongECC	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean eccentricity.
BrouwerShortECC	
BrouwerLongINC	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean inclination.
BrouwerShortINC	
BrouwerLongRAAN	Brouwer-Lyddane long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean RAAN (right ascension of the ascending node).
BrouwerShortRAAN	
BrouwerLongSMA	Long-term averaged (short-term averaged) mean semi-major axis.
BrouwerShortSMA	

Singularities in the Brouwer-Lyddane Mean Elements

The table below shows the characteristics of singularities regarding **BrouwerMeanShort**/**BrouwerMeanLong** state and the implemented method to handle the singularities in GMAT state conversion algorithms. Note that because Brouwer-Lyddane mean elements involve an iterative solution, loss of precision may occur near singularities.

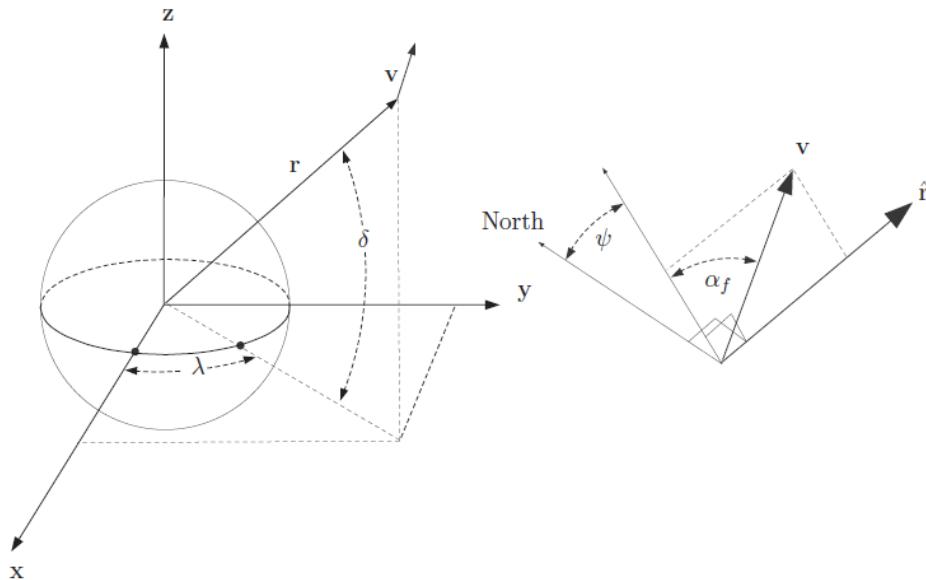
Element	Description
BrouwerSMA < 3000/(1-BrouwerECC)	Because Brouwer's formulation based on Earth's zonal harmonics, BrouwerMeanShort and BrouwerMeanLong cannot address orbits with mean perigee distance smaller than Earth's radius, 3000 km because of numerical instability.
BrouwerLongINC= 63, BrouwerLongINC = 117	If given BrouwerLongINC (long-term averaged INC only) is close to $i_c = 63$ deg. or 117 deg., the algorithm is unstable because of singular terms (non-zero imaginary components). Thus, GMAT cannot calculate osculating elements.
BrouwerLongECC = 0, BrouwerLongECC ≥ 1	If BrouwerECC is larger than 0.9, or BrouwerECC is smaller than $1E-7$, it has been reported that Cartesian to BrouwerMeanLong state does not converge statistically. For these cases, GMAT gives a warning message with the current conversion error.

Spherical State Types

The **SphericalAZFPA** and **SphericalRADEC** state types are composed of the polar coordinates of the spacecraft state expressed with respect to the selected **CoordinateSystem**. The two spherical representations differ in how the velocity is defined. The **SphericalRADEC** state type is composed of the following elements: **RMAG**, **RA**, **DEC**, **VMAG**, **RAV**, and **DECV**. The **SphericalAZFPA** state type is composed of the following elements: **RMAG**, **RA**, **DEC**, **VMAG**, **AZI** and **FPA**. The tables and figures below describe each spherical state element in detail including singularities.

Geometry of the Spherical Elements

Name	Description
RMAG	The magnitude of the position vector.
RA	The right ascension which is the angle between the projection of the position vector into the xy-plane and the x-axis measured counterclockwise.
DEC	The declination which is the angle between the position vector and the xy-plane.
VMAG	The magnitude of the velocity vector.
FPA	The vertical flight path angle. The angle measured from a plane normal to the position vector to the velocity vector, measured in the plane formed by position vector and velocity vector.
AZI	The flight path azimuth. The angle measured from the vector perpendicular to the position vector and pointing north, to the projection of the velocity vector, into a plane normal to the position vector.
RAV	The right ascension of velocity. The angle between the projection of the velocity vector into the xy-plane and the x-axis measured counterclockwise.
DECV	The flight path azimuth. The angle between the velocity vector and the xy-plane.



Singularities in the Spherical Elements

Singularity	Comments and Behavior
RMAG = 0	Results in a singular conic section: declination and flight path angle are undefined. GMAT will not allow transformations if RMAG < 1e-10. For RMAG values greater than, but near 1e-10, loss of precision may occur in transformations.
VMAG = 0	Results in a singular conic section: velocity declination and flight path angle are undefined. GMAT will not allow transformations if VMAG < 1e-10. For VMAG values greater than, but near 1e-10, loss of precision may occur in transformations.

Planetodetic State Type

The **Planetodetic** state type is useful for specifying states relative to the surface of a central body. It is very similar to the spherical state types, but uses the central body's flattening in its definition. To use the **Planetodetic** state type, the spacecraft's coordinate system must have a celestial body at the origin, and must have **BodyFixed** axes.

Element	Description
PlanetodeticRMAG	Magnitude of the orbital radius vector.
PlanetodeticLON	Planetodetic longitude.
PlanetodeticLAT	Planetodetic latitude, using the Flattening of the central body.
PlanetodeticVMAG	Magnitude of the orbital velocity vector in the fixed frame.
PlanetodeticAZI	Orbital velocity azimuth in the fixed frame.
PlanetodeticHFPA	Horizontal flight path angle. HFPA = 90 - VFPA

Singularities in the Planetodetic Elements

Singularity	Comments and Behavior
PlanetodeticRMAG = 0	Results in a singular conic section: declination and flight path angle are undefined. GMAT will not allow transformations if PlanetodeticRMAG < 1e-10. For PlanetodeticRMAG values greater than, but near 1e-10, loss of precision may occur in transformations.
PlanetodeticVMAG = 0	Results in a singular conic section: velocity declination and flight path angle are undefined. GMAT will not allow transformations if PlanetodeticVMAG < 1e-10. For PlanetodeticVMAG values greater than, but near 1e-10, loss of precision may occur in transformations.

Equinoctial State Type

GMAT supports the **Equinoctial** state representation which is non-singular for elliptic orbits with inclinations less than 180 degrees. To use the **Equinoctial** state type, the spacecraft's coordinate system must have a central body at the origin.

Element	Description
SMA	See Keplerian section.
EquinoctialH	A measure of the orbital eccentricity and argument of periapsis. EquinoctialH and EquinoctialK together govern how elliptical an orbit is and where the periapsis is located. EquinotialH = ECC * sin(AOP).
EquinoctialK	A measure of the orbital eccentricity and argument of periapsis. EquinoctialH and EquinoctialK together govern how elliptical an orbit is and where the periapsis is located. EquinotialK = ECC * cos(AOP)
EquinoctialP	A measure of the orientation of the orbit. EquinoctialP and EquinoctialQ together govern how an orbit is oriented. EquinotialP = tan(INC /2)*sin(RAAN).
EquinoctialQ	A measure of the orientation of the orbit. EquinoctialP and EquinoctialQ together govern how an orbit is oriented. EquinotialQ = tan(INC /2)*cos(RAAN).

Element	Description
MLONG	A measure of the mean location of the spacecraft in its orbit. MLONG = AOP + RAAN + MA .

Singularities in the Equinoctial Elements

Element	Description
INC = 180	RAAN is undefined. If INC > 180 - 1.0e-11, GMAT sets RAAN to 0 degrees. GMAT does not support Equinoctial elements for true retrograde orbits.
ECC > 0.9999999	Equinoctial elements are not defined for parabolic or hyperbolic orbits.

Alternate Equinoctial State Type

The **AlternateEquinoctial** state type is a slight variation on the **Equinoctial** elements that uses $\sin(\text{INC}/2)$ instead of $\tan(\text{INC}/2)$ in the "P" and "Q" elements. Both representations have the same singularities.

Element	Description
SMA	See Keplerian section.
EquinoctialH	See Equinoctial section.
EquinoctialK	See Equinoctial section.
AltEquinoctialP	A measure of the orientation of the orbit. AltEquinoctialP and AltEquinoctialQ together govern how an orbit is oriented. AltEquinoctialP = $\sin(\text{INC}/2) * \sin(\text{RAAN})$.
AltEquinoctialQ	A measure of the orientation of the orbit. AltEquinoctialP and AltEquinoctialQ together govern how an orbit is oriented. AltEquinoctialP = $\sin(\text{INC}/2) * \cos(\text{RAAN})$.
MLONG	See Equinoctial section.

Modified Equinoctial State Type

The **ModifiedEquinoctial** state representation is non-singular for circular, elliptic, parabolic, and hyperbolic orbits. The only singularity is for retrograde equatorial orbits, because, like **Equinoctial** and **ModifiedEquinoctial**, GMAT does not support the retrograde factor.

Element	Description
SemilatusRectum	Magnitude of the position vector when at true anomaly of 90 deg SemilatusRectum = $\text{SMA} * (1 - \text{ECC}^2)$
ModEquinoctialF	Components of eccentricity vector (with ModEquinoctialG). Projection of eccentricity vector onto x. ModEquinoctialF = $\text{ECC} * \cos(\text{AOP} + \text{RAAN})$
ModEquinoctialG	Components of eccentricity vector (with ModEquinoctialF). Projection of eccentricity vector onto y. ModEquinoctialG = $\text{ECC} * \sin(\text{AOP} + \text{RAAN})$
ModEquinoctialH	Identical to EquinoctialQ .

Element	Description
ModEquinoctialK	Identical to EquinoctialP .
TLONG	A measure of the true location of the spacecraft in its orbit. $\text{TLONG} = \text{AOP} + \text{RAAN} + \text{TA}$.

Singularities in the Modified Equinoctial Elements

Element	Description
INC = 180	Similar to Equinoctial elements, there is singularity at INC = 180 deg . GMAT does not support ModifiedEquinoctial elements for retrograde equatorial orbits.

Hyperbolic Asymptote State Type

GMAT supports two related hyperbolic asymptote state types: **IncomingAsymptote** for defining the incoming hyperbolic asymptote, and **OutgoingAsymptote**, for defining the outgoing hyperbolic asymptote. Both representations are useful for defining flybys.

Element	Description
IncomingRadPer	The orbital radius of periapsis. The radius of periapsis is the minimum distance (osculating) between the spacecraft and celestial body at the origin of coordinate system. IncomingRadPer/OutgoingRadPer differ from RadPer only in that they are associated with the IncomingAsymptote and OutgoingAsymptote state representations, respectively.
OutgoingRadPer	
IncomingC3Energy	C3 energy. $\text{C3Energy} = -\mu/\text{SMA}$. IncomingC3Energy/OutgoingC3Energy differ only in that they are associated with the IncomingAsymptote and OutgoingAsymptote state representations, respectively.
OutgoingC3Energy	
IncomingRHA	IncomingRHA/OutgoingRHA is the right ascension of the incoming/outgoing asymptote. If C3Energy < 0 the apsides vector is substituted for the incoming/outgoing asymptote.
OutgoingRHA	
IncomingDHA	IncomingDHA/OutgoingDHA is the declination of the incoming/outgoing asymptote. If C3Energy < 0 the apsides vector is substituted for the incoming/outgoing asymptote..
OutgoingDHA	
IncomingBVAZI	IncomingBVAZI/OutgoingBVAZI is the B-vector azimuth at infinity of the incoming/outgoing asymptote measured counter-clockwise from south. If C3Energy < 0 the apsides vector is substituted for the outgoing/incoming asymptote.
OutgoingBVAZI	
TA	See Keplerian .

Singularities in the Hyperbolic Asymptote Elements

Element	Description
IncomingC3Energy/OutgoingC3Energy = 0	If IncomingC3Energy/OutgoingC3Energy = 0 the spacecraft has a parabolic orbit. Hyperbolic asymptote states do not support parabolic orbits. It must be avoided that $-1E-7 \leq \text{IncomingC3Energy/OutgoingC3Energy} \leq 1E-7$ by choosing a proper set of elements.

Element	Description
ECC = 0	For the case of circular orbits, TA is undefined. It must be avoided that ECC \leq 1E-7 by choosing a proper set of elements. GMAT does not support hyperbolic asymptote representation for true circular orbits.
Asymptote vector parallel to z-axis	If the asymptote vector is parallel or antiparallel to coordinate system's z-direction, then the B-plane is undefined. It must be avoided by choosing either a proper coordinate system or set of elements.

State Component Interactions with the Spacecraft Coordinate System Field

When you define **Spacecraft** state elements such as **SMA**, **X**, or **DEC** for example, these values are set in coordinates defined by the **Spacecraft's CoordinateSystem** field. For example, the following lines result in the X-component of the **Cartesian** state of **MySat** to be **1000**, in the **EarthFixed** system.

```
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthFixed
aSpacecraft.X = 1000
```

When the script lines above are executed in a script, GMAT converts the state to the specified coordinate system, in this case **EarthFixed**, sets the **X** component to **1000**, and then converts the state back to the internal inertial representation.

The following example sets **SMA** to **8000** in the **EarthMJ2000Eq** system, then sets **X** to **6000** in the Earth fixed system. (Note this is NOT allowed in initialization mode; see later remarks for more information).

```
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
aSpacecraft.SMA = 8000
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthFixed
aSpacecraft.X = 6000
```

State Component Interactions with the Spacecraft Epoch Field

When you specify the **Spacecraft**'s epoch, you define the initial epoch of the spacecraft in the specified coordinate system. If your choice for the **Spacecraft**'s coordinate system is a time varying system such as the **EarthFixed** system, then you define the state in the **EarthFixed** system at that epoch. For example, the following lines would result in the cartesian state of **MySat** to be set to **[7000 0 1300 0 7.35 1]** in the **EarthFixed** system at **01 Dec 2000 12:00:00.000 UTC**.

```
Create Spacecraft MySat
MySat.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '01 Dec 2000 12:00:00.000'
MySat.CoordinateSystem = EarthFixed
MySat.X = 7000
MySat.Y = 0
MySat.Z = 1300
MySat.VX = 0
MySat.VY = 7.35
MySat.VZ = 1
```

The corresponding **EarthMJ2000Eq** representation is

```
X = -2320.30266
Y = -6604.25075
Z = 1300.02599
VX = 7.41609
VY = -2.60562
VZ = 0.99953
```

You can change the epoch of a **Spacecraft** in the mission sequence using a script line like this:

```
MySat.Epoch.TAIGregorian = '02 Dec 2000 12:00:00.000'
```

When the above line is executed in the mission sequence, GMAT converts the state to the specified coordinate system and then to the specified state type — in this case **EarthFixed** and **Cartesian** respectively — sets the epoch to the value of **02 Dec 2000 12:00:00.000**, and then converts the state back to the internal representation. This behavior is identical to that of the spacecraft orbit dialog box in the GUI. Because the coordinate system in this case is time varying, changing the spacecraft epoch has resulted in a change in the spacecraft's inertial state representation. After the epoch is changed to **02 Dec 2000 12:00:00.000**, the **EarthMJ2000Eq** state representation is now:

```
X = -2206.35771
Y = -6643.18687
Z = 1300.02073
VX = 7.45981
VY = -2.47767
VZ = 0.99953
```

Scripting Limitations during Initialization

When setting the **Spacecraft** orbit state in a script, there are a few limitations to be aware of. In the initialization portion of the script (before the **BeginMissionSequence** command), you should set the epoch and coordinate system only once; multiple definitions of these parameters will result in either errors or warning messages and may lead to unexpected results.

Also when setting a state during initialization, you must set the orbit state in a set of fields corresponding to a single state type. For example, set the orbit state using the **X**, **Y**, **Z**, **VX**, **VY**, **VZ** fields (for the **Cartesian** state type) or the **SMA**, **ECC**, **INC**, **RAAN**, **AOP**, **TA** fields (for the **Keplerian** state type), but not a mixture of the two. If you need to mix state types, coordinate systems, or epochs to define the state of a spacecraft, you must set the state using scripting in the mission sequence (after the **BeginMissionSequence** command).

Shared State Components

Some state components, such as **SMA**, are shared among multiple state representations. In the mission sequence, GMAT does not require you to specify the state representation that you are setting; rather, you may specify a combination of elements from different representations.

For these shared components, GMAT defines a default representation for each, and uses that representation when setting or retrieving the value for the shared component. This is normally transparent, though it can have side effects if the default representation has singularities or numerical precision losses caused by the value being set or retrieved. The following table lists each shared state component and its default representation.

Field	Shared Between	Default Representation
AOP	Keplerian, ModifiedKeplerian	Keplerian

Field	Shared Between	Default Representation
DEC	SphericalAZFPA, SphericalRADEC	SphericalAZFPA
EquinoctialH	AlternateEquinoctial, Equinoctial	Equinoctial
EquinoctialK	AlternateEquinoctial, Equinoctial	Equinoctial
INC	Keplerian, ModifiedKeplerian	Keplerian
RA	SphericalAZFPA, SphericalRADEC	SphericalAZFPA
RAAN	Keplerian, ModifiedKeplerian	Keplerian
RMAG	SphericalAZFPA, SphericalRADEC	SphericalAZFPA
SMA	AlternateEquinoctial, Equinoctial, Keplerian Keplerian	
TA	IncomingAsymptote, OutgoingAsymptote, Keplerian, ModifiedKeplerian	Keplerian
VMAG	SphericalAZFPA, SphericalRADEC	SphericalAZFPA

As an example, consider the following mission sequence. Because GMAT executes each command sequentially, it uses the assigned state representation to calculate each component. For shared components, it uses the default representation for reach.

```
BeginMissionSequence
aSpacecraft.SMA = 20000      % conversion goes through Keplerian
aSpacecraft.RA = 30           % conversion goes through SphericalAZFPA
aSpacecraft.OutgoingDHA = 90   % conversion goes through OutgoingAsymptote
aSpacecraft.TA = 45           % conversion goes through Keplerian
```



Warning

When setting state parameters (especially in Keplerian-based representations) using non-default dependencies, be careful of the loss of precision caused by large translations in the intermediate orbit.

Examples

Define a **Spacecraft**'s Earth MJ2000Eq coordinates in the **Keplerian** representation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
aSpacecraft.SMA    = 7100
aSpacecraft.ECC    = 0.01
aSpacecraft.INC    = 30
aSpacecraft.RAAN   = 45
aSpacecraft.AOP    = 90
aSpacecraft.TA     = 270
```

Define a **Spacecraft**'s Earth fixed coordinates in the **Cartesian** representation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthFixed
aSpacecraft.X = 7100
aSpacecraft.Y = 0
aSpacecraft.Z = 1300
```

```
aSpacecraft.VX = 0
aSpacecraft.VY = 7.35
aSpacecraft.VZ = 1
```

Define a **Spacecraft**'s Moon centered coordinates in **ModifiedKeplerian** representation.

```
Create CoordinateSystem MoonInertial
MoonInertial.Origin = Luna
MoonInertial.Axes = BodyInertial

Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = MoonInertial
aSpacecraft.RadPer = 2100
aSpacecraft.RadApo = 2200
aSpacecraft.INC = 90
aSpacecraft.RAAN = 45
aSpacecraft.AOP = 45
aSpacecraft.TA = 180
```

Define a **Spacecraft**'s Rotating Libration Point coordinates in the **SphericalAZFPA** representation:

```
Create LibrationPoint ESL1
ESL1.Primary = Sun
ESL1.Secondary = Earth
ESL1.Point = L1

Create CoordinateSystem EarthSunL1CS
EarthSunL1CS.Origin = ESL1
EarthSunL1CS.Axes = ObjectReferenced
EarthSunL1CS.XAxis = R
EarthSunL1CS.ZAxis = N
EarthSunL1CS.Primary = Sun
EarthSunL1CS.Secondary = Earth

Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthSunL1CS
aSpacecraft.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
aSpacecraft.EPOCH = '09 Dec 2005 13:00:00.000'
aSpacecraft.RMAG = 1520834.130720907
aSpacecraft.RA = -111.7450242065574
aSpacecraft.DEC = -20.23326432189756
aSpacecraft.VMAG = 0.2519453702907011
aSpacecraft.AZI = 85.22478175803107
aSpacecraft.FPA = 97.97050698644287
```

Define a **Spacecraft**'s Earth-fixed coordinates in the **Planetodetic** representation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthFixed
aSpacecraft.PlanetodeticRMAG = 7218.032973047435
aSpacecraft.PlanetodeticLON = 79.67188405817301
aSpacecraft.PlanetodeticLAT = 10.43478253417053
aSpacecraft.PlanetodeticVMAG = 6.905049647178043
aSpacecraft.PlanetodeticAZI = 81.80908019170981
aSpacecraft.PlanetodeticHFPA = 1.494615714741736
```

Set a **Spacecraft**'s Earth MJ2000 ecliptic coordinates in the **Equinoctial** representation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSpacecraft
aSpacecraft.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Ec
aSpacecraft.SMA = 9100
aSpacecraft.EquinoctialH = 0.00905
aSpacecraft.EquinoctialK = 0.00424
aSpacecraft.EquinoctialP = -0.1059
aSpacecraft.EquinoctialQ = 0.14949
aSpacecraft.MLONG = 247.4528
```

Spacecraft Visualization Properties

The visual properties of the spacecraft

Description

The **Spacecraft Visualization Properties** lets you define a spacecraft model, translate the spacecraft in X,Y, Z directions or apply a fixed rotation to the attitude orientation of the model. You can also adjust the scale factor of the spacecraft model size. GMAT lets you set orbit colors via the spacecraft visualization properties as well. You can set colors to spacecraft orbital trajectories and any perturbing trajectories that are drawn during iterative processes. See [Color](#) documentation for discussion and examples on how to set orbital colors using **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields. Also see the [Fields](#) section below to read more about these two fields. The Spacecraft visualization properties can be configured either through GMAT's GUI or the script interface.

See Also: [OrbitView](#), [Color](#)

Fields

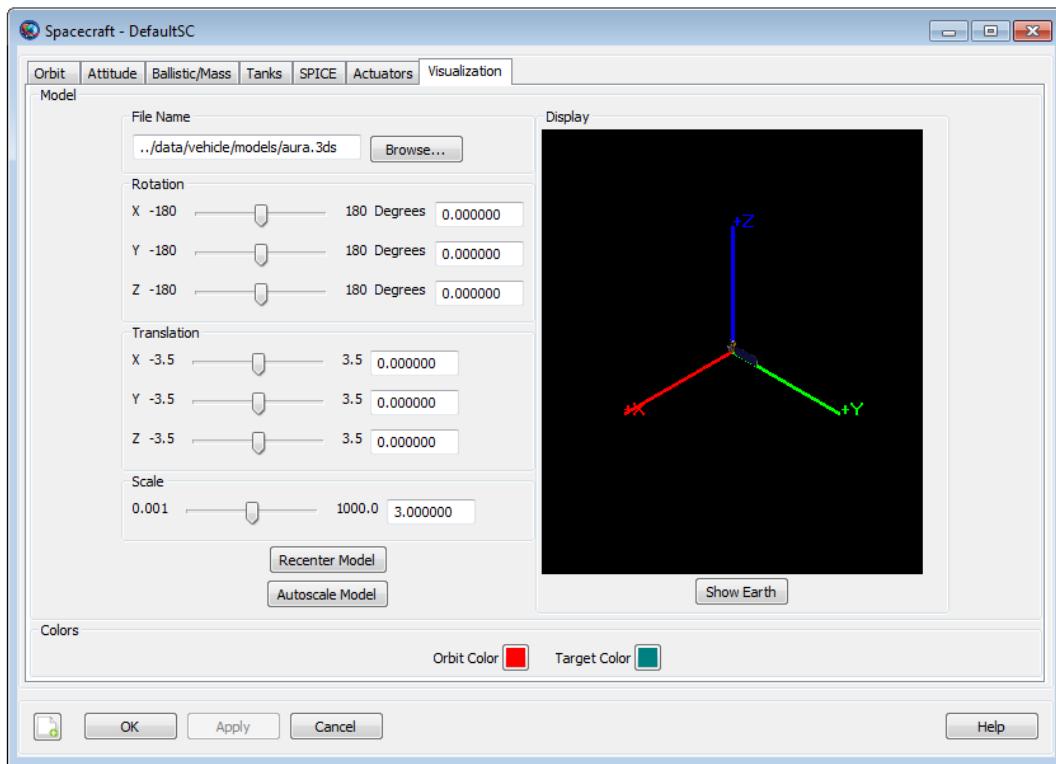
Field	Description	
ModelOffsetX	This field lets you translate a spacecraft in +X or -X axis of central body's coordinate system.	<p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $-3.5 \leq \text{Real} \leq 3.5$ Access set Default Value 0.000000 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ModelOffsetY	Allows you to translate a spacecraft in +Y or -Y axis of central body's coordinate system.	<p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $-3.5 \leq \text{Real} \leq 3.5$ Access set Default Value 0.000000 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>
ModelOffsetZ	Allows you to translate a spacecraft in +Z or -Z axis of central body's coordinate system.	<p>Data Type Real Allowed Values $-3.5 \leq \text{Real} \leq 3.5$ Access set Default Value 0.000000 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
ModelRotationX	Allows you to perform a fixed rotation of spacecraft's attitude w.r.t X-axis of central body's coordinate system.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	-180 <= Real <= 180
Access	set
Default Value	0.000000
Units	Deg.
Interfaces	GUI, script
ModelRotationY	Allows you to perform a fixed rotation of spacecraft's attitude w.r.t Y-axis of central body's coordinate system.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	-180 <= Real <= 180
Access	set
Default Value	0.000000
Units	Deg.
Interfaces	GUI, script
ModelRotationZ	Allows you to perform a fixed rotation of spacecraft's attitude w.r.t Z-axis of central body's coordinate system.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	-180 <= Real <= 180
Access	set
Default Value	0.000000
Units	Deg.
Interfaces	GUI, script
ModelScale	Allows you to apply a scale factor to the spacecraft model's size.
Data Type	Real
Allowed Values	0.001 <= Real <= 1000
Access	set
Default Value	3.000000
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
ModelFile	Allows you to load spacecraft models that are in .3ds model formats.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	. 3ds spacecraft model formats only
Access	set
Default Value	../data/vehicle/models/aura.3ds
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

Field	Description
OrbitColor	Allows you to set available colors on spacecraft orbits. The spacecraft orbits are drawn using the OrbitView graphics displays. The colors can be identified through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting spacecraft's orbit color to red can be done in following two ways: DefaultSC.OrbitColor = Red or DefaultSC.OrbitColor = [255 0 0] . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.
Data Type	Integer Array or String
Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.
Access	set
Default Value	Red
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
TargetColor	Allows you to set available colors on a spacecraft's perturbing trajectories during iterative processes such as Differential Correction or Optimization. The perturbing trajectories are drawn through the OrbitView resource. The target color can be identified through a string or an integer array. For example: Setting spacecraft's perturbing trajectories to yellow color can be done in following two ways: DefaultSC.TargetColor = Yellow or DefaultSC.TargetColor = [255 255 0] . This field can be modified in the Mission Sequence as well.
Data Type	Integer Array or String
Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.
Access	set
Default Value	Teal
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

The figure below shows the default settings for the **Spacecraft Visualization Properties** resource:



The GUI interface for **Spacecraft Visualization Properties** is contained on the Visualization tab of the **Spacecraft** resource. You can configure visualization properties of the spacecraft and visualize the changes in the **Display** window.

Within the **Display** window, you can **Left** click and drag your mouse to change camera orientation. Camera orientation can be changed in **Up/Down/Left/Right** directions. You can also **Right** click and drag your mouse to zoom in and out of the **Display** window. **Right** click and moving the cursor in **Up** direction helps to zoom out and moving the cursor in **Down** direction helps to zoom in.

Remarks

Configuring Spacecraft Visualization Properties

GMAT lets you define any spacecraft model but currently GMAT supports only .3ds model format. Several .3ds spacecraft model formats are available [here](#). You can also download more .3ds models by clicking [here](#). Most of these models are in .3ds format, which can be read by most 3D programs.

GMAT lets you apply fixed rotation to the attitude orientation of the spacecraft model or translate the model in any of the X, Y and Z directions. You can also apply a scale factor to the selected spacecraft model to adjust the size of the model. Any changes that are made to the spacecraft model, attitude orientation, translation or scale size factor will also be displayed in **OrbitView** resource's graphics window. The configured spacecraft visualization properties will only show up in OrbitView graphics window after you have run the mission. See **OrbitView** resource's user-specification document to learn more about **OrbitView** graphics window.

Examples

This example shows you how to configure **Spacecraft Visualization Properties** resource. All values are non-default values.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.ModelFile = '../data/vehicle/models/aura.3ds'
aSat.ModelOffsetX = 1.5
aSat.ModelOffsetY = -2
aSat.ModelOffsetZ = 3
aSat.ModelRotationX = 180
aSat.ModelRotationY = 180
aSat.ModelRotationZ = 90
aSat.ModelScale = 15

Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 9000}
```


String

A user-defined string variable

Description

The **String** resource is used to store a string value for use by commands in the Mission Sequence.

In the script environment, **String** resources are initialized to the string '**'STRING_PARAMETER_UNDEFINED'**' on creation. In the GUI environment, they're initialized to the empty string (' '). String resources can be assigned using string literals or (in the Mission Sequence) other **String** resources, numeric **Variable** resources, or resource parameters that have string types.

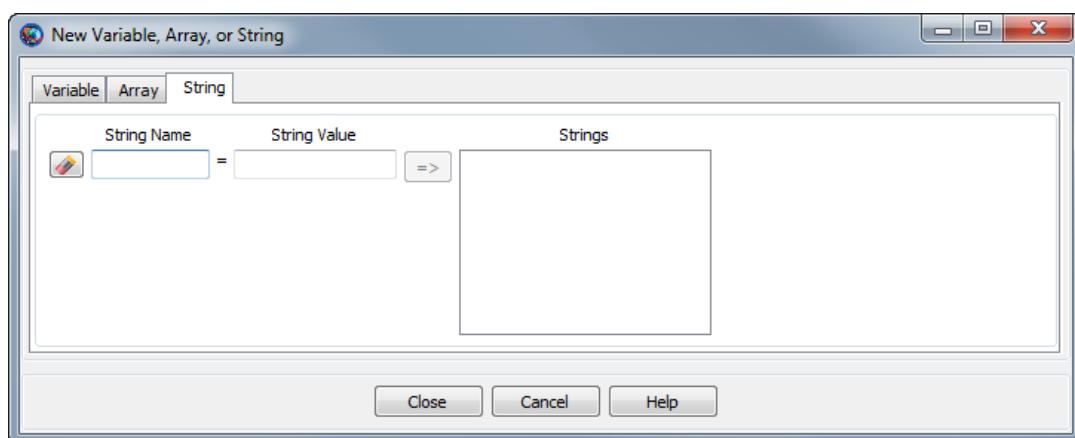
See Also: [Array](#), [Variable](#)

Fields

The **String** resource has no fields; instead, the resource itself is set to the desired value.

Field	Description
value	The value of the string variable.
Data Type	String
Allowed Values	N/A
Access	set, get
Default Value	' ' (empty) (GUI) ' STRING_PARAMETER_UNDEFINED' (script)
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

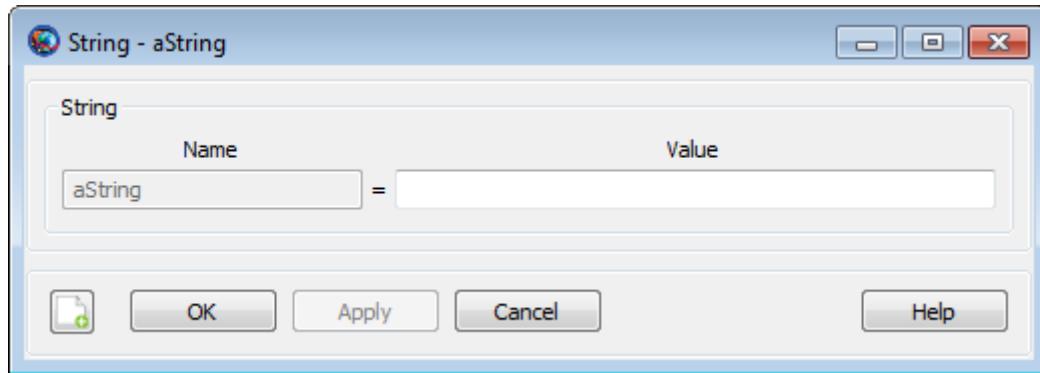


The GMAT GUI lets you create multiple **String** resources at once without leaving the window. To create a **String**:

1. In the **String Name** box, type the desired name of the string.
2. In the **String Value** box, type the initial value of the string. This is required and must be a literal string value. Quotes are not necessary when setting the value.

3. Click the => button to create the string and add it to the list on the right.

You can create multiple **String** resources this way. To edit an existing string in this window, click it in the list on the right and edit the value. You must click the => button again to save your changes.



You can also double-click an existing **String** in the resources tree in the main GMAT window. This opens the string properties box above that allows you to edit the value of that individual string.

Remarks

String resources can (in the Mission Sequence) be set using numeric **Variable** resources. The numeric value of the **Variable** is converted to a string during the assignment. The numeric value is converted to a string representation in either floating-point or scientific notation (whichever is more appropriate) with a maximum of 16 significant figures.

Examples

Creating a string and assigning it a literal value:

```
Create ReportFile aReport  
  
Create String aStr  
aStr = 'MyString'  
  
BeginMissionSequence  
  
Report aReport aStr
```

ChemicalThruster

A chemical thruster model

Description

The **ChemicalThruster** resource is a model of a chemical thruster which uses polynomials to model the thrust and specific impulse as a function of tank pressure and temperature. The **ChemicalThruster** model also allows you to specify properties such as a duty cycle and scale factor and to connect a **ChemicalThruster** with a **ChemicalTank**. You can flexibly define the direction of the thrust by specifying the thrust components in coordinate systems such as (locally defined) **SpacecraftBody** or **LVLH**, or by choosing any configured **CoordinateSystem** resource.

See Also: [BeginFiniteBurn](#), [ChemicalTank](#), [FiniteBurn](#)

Fields

The constants **Ci** below are used in the following equation to calculate thrust (in Newtons), F_T , as a function of pressure P (kPa) and temperature T (Celsius).

$$F_T(T, P) = C_1 + C_2P + (C_3 + C_4P + C_5P^2 + C_6P^{C_7} \\ + C_8P^{C_9} + C_{10}P^{C_{11}} + C_{12}(C_{13})^{C_{14}P}) \left(\frac{T}{T_{ref}}\right)^{1+C_{15}+C_{16}P}$$

The constants **Ki** below are used in the following equation to calculate ISP (in seconds), I_{sp} , as a function of pressure P (kPa) and temperature T (Celsius).

$$I_{sp}(T, P) = K_1 + K_2P + (K_3 + K_4P + K_5P^2 + K_6P^{K_7} \\ + K_8P^{K_9} + K_{10}P^{K_{11}} + K_{12}(K_{13})^{K_{14}P}) \left(\frac{T}{T_{ref}}\right)^{1+K_{15}+K_{16}P}$$

Field	Description	
Axes	Allows the user to define a spacecraft centered set of axes for the ChemicalThruster . This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence	
Data Type	Reference Array	
Allowed Values	VNB , LVLH , MJ2000Eq , SpacecraftBody	
Access	set	
Default Value	VNB	
Units	N/A	
Interfaces	GUI, script	

Field	Description
CoordinateSystem	<p>Determines what coordinate system the orientation parameters, ThrustDirection1, ThrustDirection2, and ThrustDirection3 refer to. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>
	Data Type Reference Array
	Allowed Values Local, EarthMJ2000Eq, EarthMJ2000Ec, EarthFixed, or any user defined system
	Access set
	Default Value Local
	Units N/A
	Interfaces GUI, script
C1	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Real Number
	Access set, get
	Default Value 10
	Units N
	Interfaces GUI, script
C2	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Real Number
	Access set, get
	Default Value 0
	Units N/kPa
	Interfaces GUI, script
C3	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Real Number
	Access set, get
	Default Value 0
	Units N
	Interfaces GUI, script
C4	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real
	Allowed Values Real Number
	Access set, get
	Default Value 0
	Units N/kPa
	Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
C5	<p>Thrust coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units N/kPa² Interfaces GUI, script</p>
C6	<p>Thrust coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units N/kPa^{C7} Interfaces GUI, script</p>
C7	<p>Thrust coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script</p>
C8	<p>Thrust coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units N/kPa^{C9} Interfaces GUI, script</p>
C9	<p>Thrust coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script</p>
C10	<p>Thrust coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units N/kPa^{C11} Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
C11	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script
C12	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units N Interfaces GUI, script
C13	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script
C14	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units 1/kPa Interfaces GUI, script
C15	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script
C16	Thrust coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units 1/kPa Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
DecrementMass	Flag which determines if the FuelMass is to be decremented as it used. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	Data Type Boolean Allowed Values true, false Access set Default Value false Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
DutyCycle	Fraction of time that the thrusters are on during a maneuver. The thrust applied to the spacecraft is scaled by this amount. Note that this scale factor also affects mass flow rate.
	Data Type Real Number Allowed Values $0 \leq \text{Real} \leq 1$ Access set, get Default Value 1 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
GravitationalAccel	The gravitational acceleration.
	Data Type Real Number Allowed Values $\text{Real} > 0$ Access set, get Default Value 9.81 Units m/s^2 Interfaces GUI, script
K1	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 300 Units s Interfaces GUI, script
K2	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units s/kPa Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
K3	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units s Interfaces GUI, script
K4	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units s/kPa Interfaces GUI, script
K5	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units s/kPa ² Interfaces GUI, script
K6	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units s/kPa ^{C7} Interfaces GUI, script
K7	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script
K8	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units s/kPa ^{C9} Interfaces GUI, script

Field	Description
K9	<p>ISP coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script</p>
K10	<p>ISP coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units s/kPa^{C11} Interfaces GUI, script</p>
K11	<p>ISP coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script</p>
K12	<p>ISP coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units s Interfaces GUI, script</p>
K13	<p>ISP coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units None Interfaces GUI, script</p>
K14	<p>ISP coefficient.</p> <p>Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units 1/kPa Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Field	Description
K15	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces
K16	ISP coefficient.
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces
Origin	This field, used in conjunction with the Axes field, allows the user to define a spacecraft centered set of axes for the ChemicalThruster . Origin has no affect when a Local coordinate system is used and the Axes are set to MJ2000Eq or SpacecraftBody . This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces
Tank	ChemicalTank from which the ChemicalThruster draws propellant from. In a script command, an empty list, e.g., Thruster1.Tank = {} , is NOT allowed. Via the script, if you wish to indicate that no ChemicalTank is associated with a ChemicalThruster, do not include commands such as Thruster1.Tank = ... in your script. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces

Field	Description
ThrustDirection1	X component of the spacecraft thrust vector direction. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 1 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustDirection2	Y component of the spacecraft thrust vector direction. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 1 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustDirection3	Z component of the spacecraft thrust vector direction. Data Type Real Allowed Values Real Number Access set, get Default Value 0 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script
ThrustScaleFactor	ThrustScaleFactor is a scale factor that is multiplied by the thrust vector, for a given thruster, before the thrust vector is added into the total acceleration. Note that the value of this scale factor does not affect the mass flow rate. Data Type Real Number Allowed Values Real ≥ 0 Access set, get Default Value 1 Units N/A Interfaces GUI, script

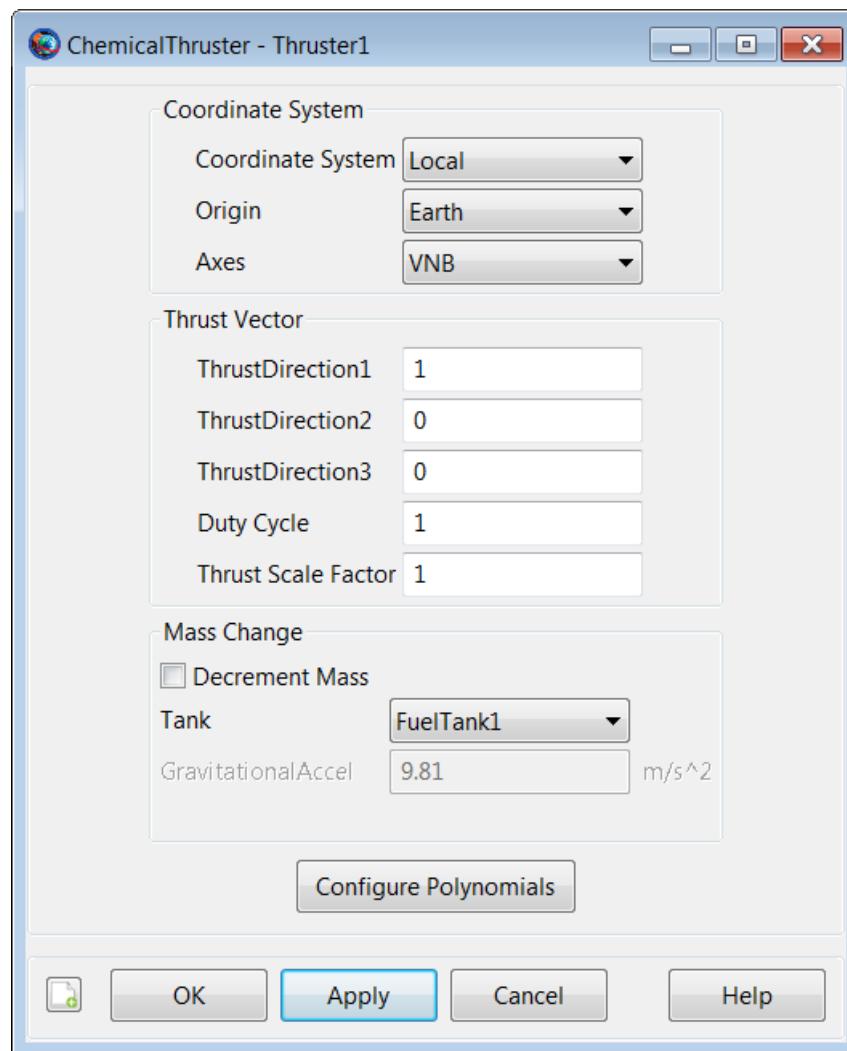
Interactions

Command or Resource	Description
BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn command	Use these commands, which require a Spacecraft and a FiniteBurn name as input, to implement a finite burn.
ChemicalTank source	This resource contains the fuel used to power the ChemicalThruster specified by the FiniteBurn resource.
FiniteBurn source	When using the BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn commands, you must specify which FiniteBurn resource to implement. The FiniteBurn resource specifies which ChemicalThruster(s) to use for the finite burn.

Command or Re-source	Description
Spacecraft source	re- When using the BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn commands, you must specify which Spacecraft to apply the finite burn to.
Propagate mand	com- In order to implement a non-zero finite burn, a Propagate statement must occur within the BeginFiniteBurn and EndFiniteBurn statements.

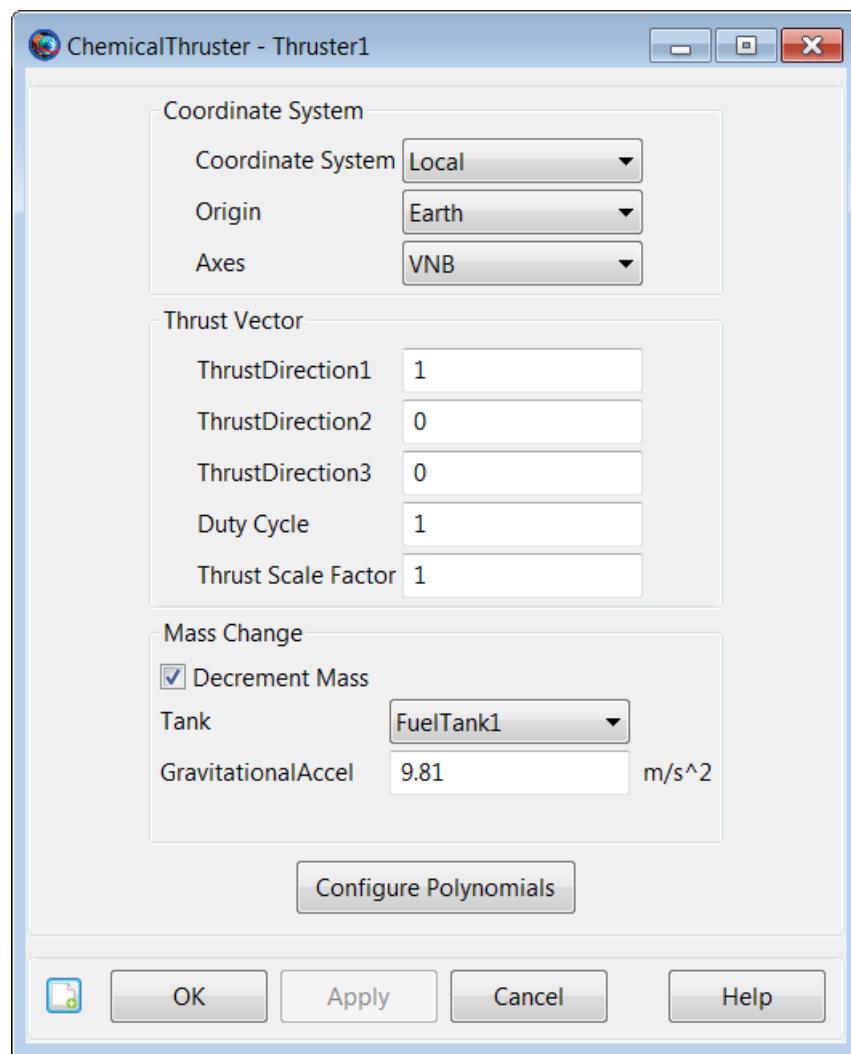
GUI

The **ChemicalThruster** dialog box allows you to specify properties of a **ChemicalThruster** including the **Coordinate System** of the thrust acceleration direction vector, the thrust magnitude and Isp coefficients, and choice of **ChemicalTank**. The layout of the **ChemicalThruster** dialog box is shown below.

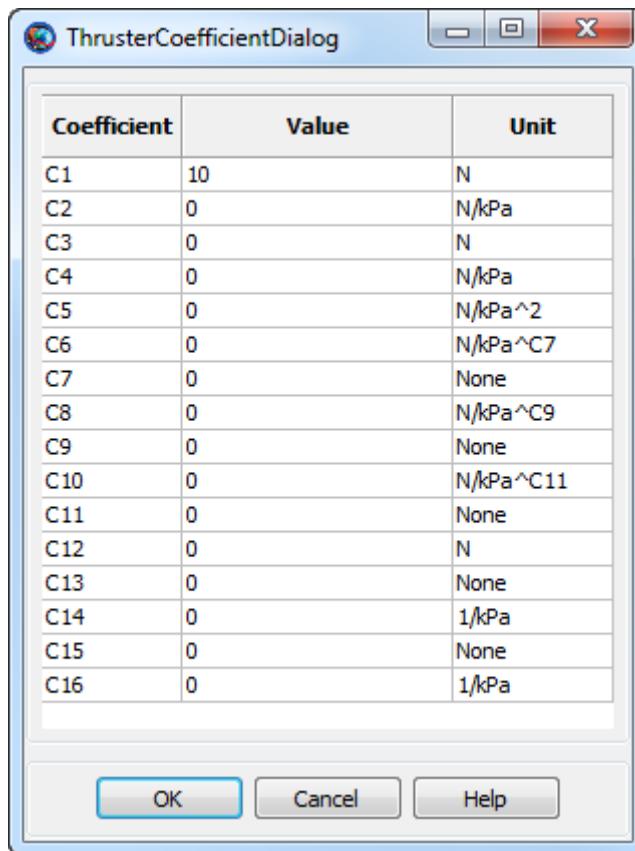


When configuring the **Coordinate System** field, you can choose between existing coordinate systems or use locally defined coordinate systems. The **Axes** field is only active if **Coordinate System** is set to **Local**. The **Origin** field is only active if **Coordinate System** is set to **Local** and **Axes** is set to either **VNB** or **LVLH**.

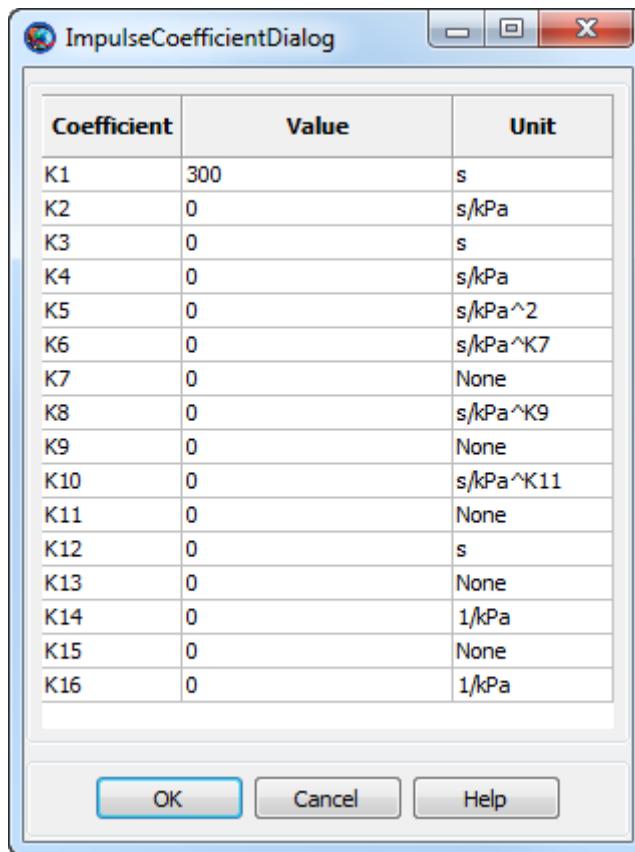
As shown below, if **Decrement Mass** is checked, then you can input the gravitational acceleration value used to calculate fuel use. The value of the gravitational acceleration input here only affects fuel use and does not affect the force model.



Selecting the **Edit Thruster Coef.** button brings up the following dialog box where you may input the coefficients for the **ChemicalThruster** polynomial.



Similarly, clicking the **Edit Impulse Coef.** button brings up the following dialog box where you may input the coefficients for the specific impulse (ISP) polynomial.



Remarks

Use of ChemicalThruster Resource in Conjunction With Maneuvers

A **ChemicalThruster** resource is used only in association with finite maneuvers. To implement a finite maneuver, you must first create both a **ChemicalTank** and a **FiniteBurn** resource. You must also associate a **ChemicalTank** with the **ChemicalThruster** resource and you must associate a **ChemicalThruster** with the **FiniteBurn** resource. The finite maneuver is implemented using the **BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn** commands. See the **BeginFiniteBurn/EndFiniteBurn** command documentation for worked examples on how the **ChemicalThruster** resource is used in conjunction with finite maneuvers.

Thrust and ISP Calculation

Unscaled thrust, F_T , and Isp, as a function of Pressure, in kPa, and Temperature, in degrees Celsius, are calculated using the following polynomials.

$$\begin{aligned} F_T(T, P) &= C_1 + C_2P + (C_3 + C_4P + C_5P^2 + C_6P^{C_7} \\ &+ C_8P^{C_9} + C_{10}P^{C_{11}} + C_{12}(C_{13})^{C_{14}P}) \left(\frac{T}{T_{ref}}\right)^{1+C_{15}+C_{16}P} \\ I_{sp}(T, P) &= K_1 + K_2P + (K_3 + K_4P + K_5P^2 + K_6P^{K_7} \\ &+ K_8P^{K_9} + K_{10}P^{K_{11}} + K_{12}(K_{13})^{K_{14}P}) \left(\frac{T}{T_{ref}}\right)^{1+K_{15}+K_{16}P} \end{aligned}$$

The thrust, T, output in Newtons, is scaled by the **Duty Cycle** and **Thrust Scale Factor**. The thrust acceleration direction vector (the direction of the actual acceleration not the thruster nozzle) is given by **ThrustDirection1-3** and is applied in the input **Coordinate System**. The Isp is output in seconds.

The mass flow rate and the thrust equations are shown below where F_T and Isp are defined above, f_d is the duty cycle, f_s is the thrust scale factor, R_{iT} is the rotation matrix from the thrust coordinate system to the inertial system, and $\hat{\mathbf{T}}_d$ is the unitized thrust direction.

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m} &= f_d \frac{F_T(T, P)}{I_{sp}(T, P)g} \\ \mathbf{T} &= f_s f_d F_T(T, P) R_{iT} \hat{\mathbf{T}}_d \end{aligned}$$

Local Coordinate Systems

Here, a Local coordinate system is defined as one that we configure "locally" using the **ChemicalThruster** resource interface as opposed to defining a coordinate system using the **Coordinate Systems** folder in the **Resources** Tree.

To configure a local coordinate system, you must specify the coordinate system of the input thrust acceleration direction vector, **ThrustDirection1-3**. If you choose a local coordinate system, the four choices available, as given by the **Axes** sub-field, are **VNB**, **LVLH**, **MJ2000Eq**, and **SpacecraftBody**. **VNB** or Velocity-Normal-Binormal is a non-inertial coordinate system based upon the motion of the spacecraft with respect to the **Origin** sub-field. For example, if the **Origin** is chosen as Earth, then the X-axis of this coordinate system is the along the velocity

of the spacecraft with respect to the Earth, the Y-axis is along the instantaneous orbit normal (with respect to the Earth) of the spacecraft, and the Z-axis completes the right-handed set.

Similarly, Local Vertical Local Horizontal or **LVLH** is also a non-inertial coordinate system based upon the motion of the spacecraft with respect to the **Origin** sub-field. Again, if we choose Earth as the origin, then the X-axis of this coordinate system is the position of the spacecraft with respect to the Earth, the Z-axis is the instantaneous orbit normal (with respect to the Earth) of the spacecraft, and the Y-axis completes the right-handed set.

MJ2000Eq is the J2000-based Earth-centered Earth mean equator inertial coordinate system. Note that the **Origin** sub-field is not needed to define this coordinate system.

SpacecraftBody is the attitude system of the spacecraft. Since the thrust is applied in this system, GMAT uses the attitude of the spacecraft, a spacecraft attribute, to determine the inertial thrust direction. Note that the **Origin** sub-field is not needed to define this coordinate system.

Caution When Setting the ChemicalTank Temperature and Reference Temperature

Note that both the thrust and ISP polynomials have terms that involve the ratio, (Temperature / Reference Temperature). For GMAT, this temperature ratio is calculated in Celsius units, and thus, there is a discontinuity when the Reference Temperature is equal to zero. For this reason, GMAT requires that the absolute value of the input Reference Temperature is greater than 0.01.

Note also that the form of the Thrust and ISP polynomial has some behavior, when the Reference Temperature is near 0 degrees Centigrade, that you need to be aware of. Because of the previously mentioned discontinuity, the polynomials do not vary smoothly when the Reference Temperature is near zero. For example, consider the two Reference Temperatures, -0.011 and + 0.011 degrees Centigrade. These two temperatures are close to each other in value and one might expect that they have roughly similar thrust and ISP values. This may not be the case, depending upon your choice of thrust/ISP coefficients, since the temperature ratios associated with the two Reference Temperatures have the same magnitude but different signs. You may choose to set the input Reference Temperature equal to the input Temperature, thus eliminating any dependence of thrust and ISP with temperature when using the currently implemented **ChemicalTank** model based upon Boyle's Law where the fuel Temperature does not change as fuel is depleted.

Examples

Create a default **ChemicalTank** and a **ChemicalThruster** that allows for fuel depletion, assign the **ChemicalThruster** the default **ChemicalTank**, and attach both the **ChemicalThruster** and **ChemicalTank** to a **Spacecraft**.

```
% Create the ChemicalTank Resource
Create ChemicalTank FuelTank1
FuelTank1.AllowNegativeFuelMass = false
FuelTank1.FuelMass = 756
FuelTank1.Pressure = 1500
FuelTank1.Temperature = 20
FuelTank1.RefTemperature = 20
FuelTank1.Volume = 0.75
FuelTank1.FuelDensity = 1260
FuelTank1.PressureModel = PressureRegulated

% Create a ChemicalThruster, that allows fuel depletion, and assign it a ChemicalTank
```

```
Create ChemicalThruster Thruster1
Thruster1.CoordinateSystem = Local
Thruster1.Origin = Earth
Thruster1.Axes = VNB
Thruster1.ThrustDirection1 = 1
Thruster1.ThrustDirection2 = 0
Thruster1.ThrustDirection3 = 0
Thruster1.DutyCycle = 1
Thruster1.ThrustScaleFactor = 1
Thruster1.DecrementMass = true
Thruster1.Tank = {FuelTank1}
Thruster1.GravitationalAccel = 9.810000000000001
Thruster1.C1 = 10
Thruster1.C2 = 0
Thruster1.C3 = 0
Thruster1.C4 = 0
Thruster1.C5 = 0
Thruster1.C6 = 0
Thruster1.C7 = 0
Thruster1.C8 = 0
Thruster1.C9 = 0
Thruster1.C10 = 0
Thruster1.C11 = 0
Thruster1.C12 = 0
Thruster1.C13 = 0
Thruster1.C14 = 0
Thruster1.C15 = 0
Thruster1.C16 = 0
Thruster1.K1 = 300
Thruster1.K2 = 0
Thruster1.K3 = 0
Thruster1.K4 = 0
Thruster1.K5 = 0
Thruster1.K6 = 0
Thruster1.K7 = 0
Thruster1.K8 = 0
Thruster1.K9 = 0
Thruster1.K10 = 0
Thruster1.K11 = 0
Thruster1.K12 = 0
Thruster1.K13 = 0
Thruster1.K14 = 0
Thruster1.K15 = 0
Thruster1.K16 = 0

% Add the ChemicalThruster and the ChemicalTank to a Spacecraft
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
DefaultSC.Tanks = {FuelTank1}
DefaultSC.Thrusters = {Thruster1}

BeginMissionSequence
```


Variable

A user-defined numeric variable

Description

The **Variable** resource is used to store a single numeric value for use by commands in the Mission Sequence. It can be used in place of a literal numeric value in most commands. **Variable** resources are initialized to zero on creation, and can be assigned using literal numeric values or (in the Mission Sequence) **Variable** resources, **Array** resource elements, resource parameters of numeric type, or **Equation** commands that evaluate to scalar numeric values.

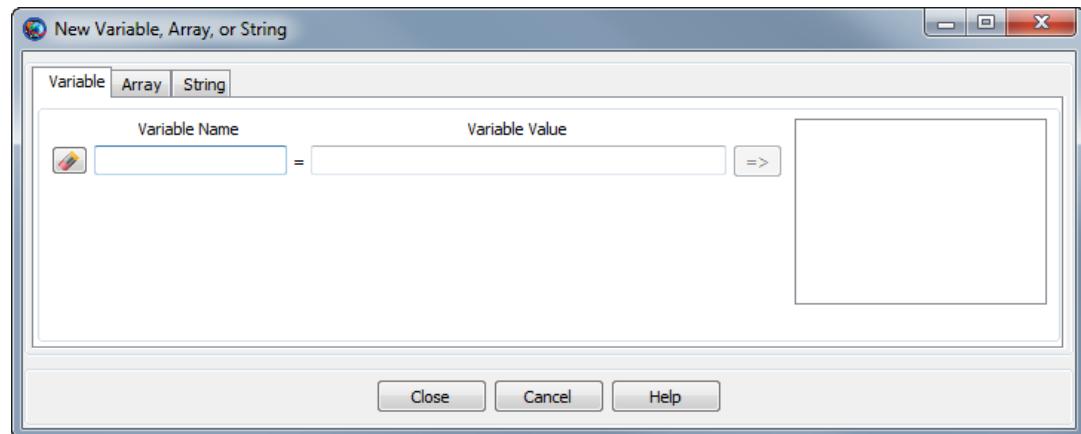
See Also: [Array](#), [String](#)

Fields

The **Variable** resource has no fields; instead, the resource itself is set to the desired value.

Field	Description
<i>value</i>	The value of the variable.
Data Type	Real number
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{value} < \infty$
Access	set, get
Default Value	0.0
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

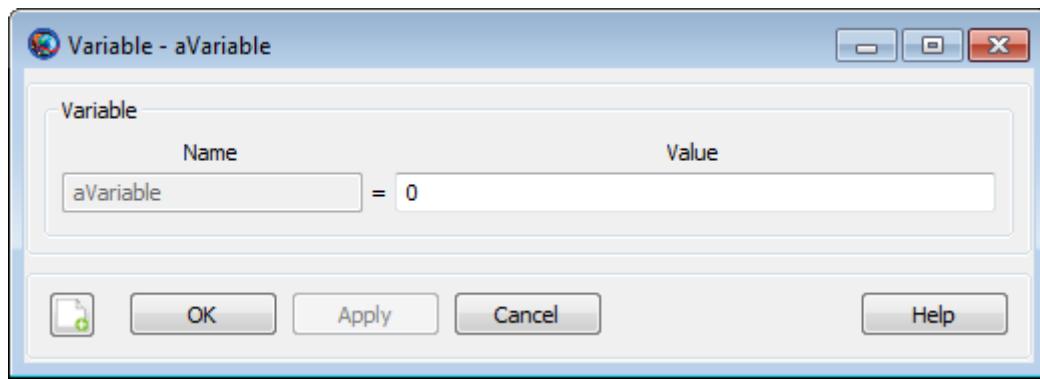
GUI



The GMAT GUI lets you create multiple **Variable** resources at once without leaving the window. To create a **Variable**:

1. In the **Variable Name** box, type the desired name of the variable.
2. In the **Variable Value** box, type the initial value of the variable. This is required and must be a literal numeric value.
3. Click the \Rightarrow button to create the variable and add it to the list on the right.

You can create multiple **Variable** resources this way. To edit an existing variable in this window, click it in the list on the right and edit the value. You must click the \Rightarrow button again to save your changes.



You can also double-click an existing variable in the resources tree in the main GMAT window. This opens the **Variable** properties box above that allows you to edit the value of that individual variable.

Remarks

GMAT **Variable** resources store a single numeric value. Internally, the value is stored as a double-precision real number, regardless of whether or not a fractional portion is present.

Examples

Creating a variable and assigning it a literal value:

```
Create ReportFile aReport

Create Variable aVar
aVar = 12

BeginMissionSequence

Report aReport aVar
```

Using variables in Mission Sequence commands:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ForceModel anFM
Create ReportFile aReport

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = anFM

Create Variable i step totalDuration nSteps

BeginMissionSequence

step = 60
totalDuration = 24*60^2      % one day
nSteps = totalDuration / step

% Report Keplerian elements every 60 seconds for one day
For i=1:nSteps
    Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = step}
    Report aReport aSat.TAIModJulian aSat.SMA aSat.ECC aSat.INC ...
        aSat.RAAN aSat.AOP aSat.TA
EndFor
```

VF13ad

The Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) optimizer, VF13ad

Description

The **VF13ad** optimizer is a SQP-based Nonlinear Programming solver available in the Harwell Subroutine Library. **VF13ad** performs nonlinear constrained optimization and supports both linear and nonlinear constraints. To use this solver, you must configure the solver options including convergence criteria, maximum iterations, and gradient computation method. In the mission sequence, you implement an optimizer such as VF13ad by using an **Optimize/EndOptimize** sequence. Within this sequence, you define optimization variables by using the **Vary** command, and define cost and constraints by using the **Minimize** and **NonlinearConstraint** commands respectively.

This resource cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.

See Also: [FminconOptimizer](#), [Optimize](#), [Vary](#), [NonlinearConstraint](#), [Minimize](#)

Fields

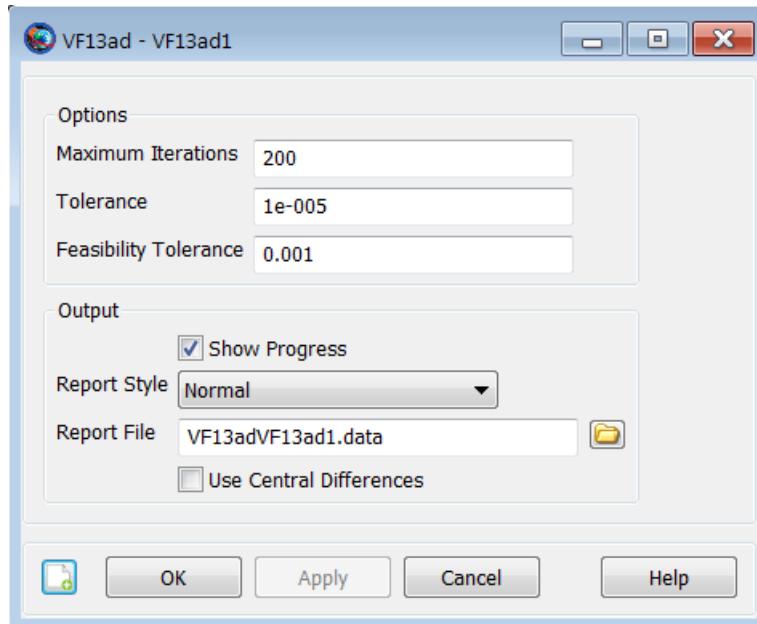
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FeasibilityTolerance	Specifies the accuracy to which you want constraints to be satisfied. <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>Real</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Real > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>1e-3</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>None</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	Real	Allowed Values	Real > 0	Access	set	Default Value	1e-3	Units	None	Interfaces	GUI, script
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ReportFile	Contains the path and file name of the report file. <table> <tr> <td>Data Type</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Any user-defined file name</td></tr> <tr> <td>Access</td><td>set</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>VF13adVF13ad1.data</td></tr> <tr> <td>Units</td><td>None</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Data Type	String	Allowed Values	Any user-defined file name	Access	set	Default Value	VF13adVF13ad1.data	Units	None	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Units	None												
Interfaces	GUI, script												

Field	Description
ReportStyle	<p>Determines the amount and type of data written to the message window and to the report specified by field ReportFile for each iteration of the solver (When ShowProgress is true). Currently, the Normal, Debug, and Concise options contain the same information: the values for the control variables, the constraints, and the objective function. In addition to this information, the Verbose option also contains values of the optimizer-scaled control variables.</p>
	Data Type
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	Default Value
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	Interfaces
ShowProgress	<p>Determines whether data pertaining to iterations of the solver is both displayed in the message window and written to the report specified by the ReportFile field. When ShowProgress is true, the amount of information contained in the message window and written in the report is controlled by the ReportStyle field.</p>
	Data Type
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	Interfaces
Tolerance	<p>Specifies the measure the optimizer will use to determine when an optimal solution has been found based on the value of the goal set in a Minimize command.</p>
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
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	Interfaces
UseCentralDifferences	<p>Allows you to choose whether or not to use central differencing for numerically determining the derivative. For the default, 'false' value of this field, forward differencing is used to calculate the derivative.</p>
	Data Type
	Allowed Values
	Access
	Default Value
	Units
	Interfaces

GUI

The **VF13ad** dialog box allows you to specify properties of a **VF13ad** such as maximum iterations, cost function tolerance, feasibility tolerance, choice of reporting options, and choice of whether or not to use the central difference derivative method.

To create a **VF13ad** resource, navigate to the **Resources** tree, expand the **Solvers** folder, highlight and then right-click on the **Optimizers** sub-folder, point to **Add** and then select **VF13ad**. This will create a new **VF13ad** resource, VF13ad1. Double-click on VF13ad1 to bring up the **VF13ad** dialog box shown below.



Remarks

VF13ad Optimizer Availability

This optimizer is not included as part of the nominal GMAT installation and is only available if you have created and installed the VF13ad plug-in.

Resource and Command Interactions

The **VF13ad** resource can only be used in the context of optimization-type commands. Please see the documentation for **Optimize**, **Vary**, **NonlinearConstraint**, and **Minimize** for more information and worked examples.

Examples

Create a **VF13ad** resource named VF13ad1.

```
Create VF13ad VF13ad1
VF13ad1.ShowProgress = true
VF13ad1.ReportStyle = Normal
VF13ad1.ReportFile = 'VF13adVF13ad1.data'
VF13ad1.MaximumIterations = 200
VF13ad1.Tolerance = 1e-005
VF13ad1.UseCentralDifferences = false
VF13ad1.FeasibilityTolerance = 1e-003
```

For an example of how a **VF13ad** resource can be used within an Optimization sequence, see the **Optimize** command examples.

XYPlot

Plots data onto the X and Y axes of a graph

Description

The **XYPlot** resource allows you to plot data onto the X and Y axis of the graph. You can choose to plot any number of parameters as a function of a single independent variable. GMAT allows you to plot user-defined variables, array elements, or spacecraft parameters. You can create multiple **XYPlots** by using either the GUI or script interface of GMAT. GMAT also provides the option of when to plot and stop plotting data to a XYPlot through the **Toggle On/Off** command. See the [Remarks](#) section below for detailed discussion of the interaction between an **XYPlot** resource and the **Toggle** command. GMAT's **Spacecraft** and **XYPlot** resources also interact with each other throughout the entire mission duration. Discussion of the interaction between **Spacecraft** and **XYPlot** resources can also be found in the [Remarks](#) section.

See Also: [Toggle](#), [Spacecraft](#)

Fields

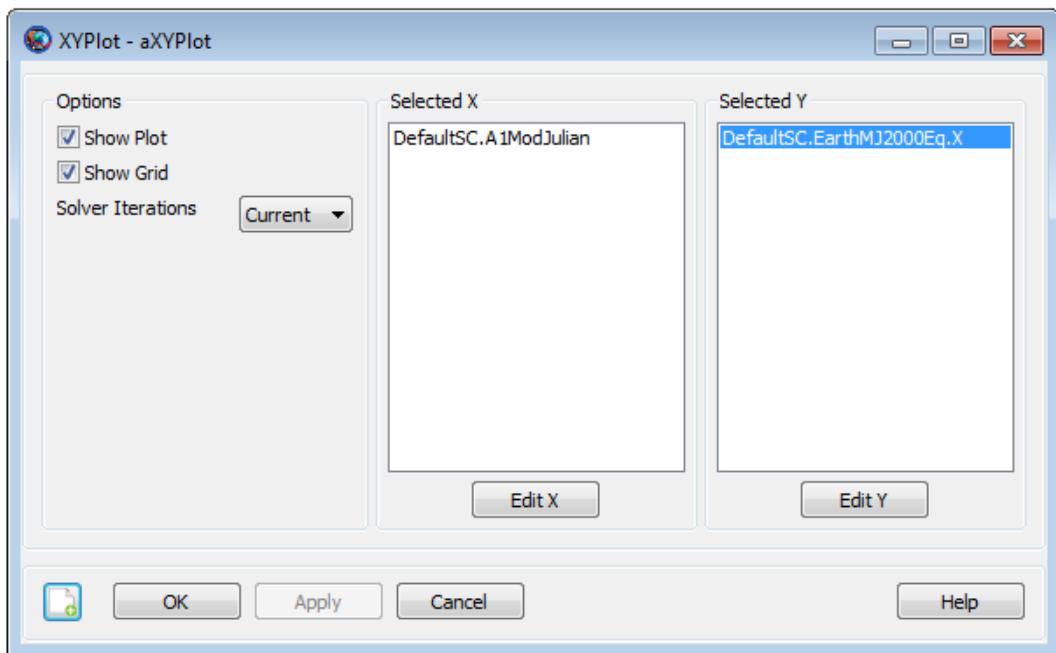
Field	Description												
Maximized	Allows the user to maximize the XYPlot window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.												
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UpperLeft	Allows the user to pan the XYPlot display window in any direction. First value in [0 0] matrix helps to pan the XYPlot window horizontally and second value helps to pan the window vertically. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.												
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RelativeZOrder	Allows the user to select which XYPlot window to display first on the screen. The XYPlot with lowest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed last while XYPlot with highest RelativeZOrder value will be displayed first. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.												
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Field	Description												
ShowGrid	<p>When the ShowGrid field is set to True, then a grid is drawn on an xy-plot. When the ShowGrid field is set to False, then a grid is not drawn. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>												
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Default Value	True												
Units	N/A												
Interfaces	GUI, script												
ShowPlot	<p>Allows the user to turn off a plot for a particular run, without deleting the XYPlot resource, or removing it from the script. If you select True, then the plot will be shown. If you select False, then the plot will not be shown. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>												
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Units	N/A												
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Size	<p>Allows the user to control the display size of XYPlot window. First value in [0 0] matrix controls horizontal size and second value controls vertical size of XYPlot display window. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.</p>												
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SolverIterations	<p>This field determines whether or not data associated with perturbed trajectories during a solver (Targeter, Optimize) sequence is displayed in the XYPlot. When SolverIterations is set to All, all perturbations/iterations are plotted in the XYPlot. When SolverIterations is set to Current, only the current solution or perturbation is plotted in XYPlot. When SolverIterations is set to None, only the final nominal run is plotted on the XYPlot.</p>												
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Access	set												
Default Value	Current												
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Interfaces	GUI, script												

Field	Description
XVariable	Allows the user to define the independent variable for an XYPlot . Only one variable can be defined as an independent variable. For example, the line <code>MyXYPlot.XVariable = DefaultSC.A1ModJulian</code> sets the independent variable to be the epoch of DefaultSC in the A1 time system and modified Julian format. This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
Data Type	Resource reference
Allowed Values	Variable , Array , array element, Spacecraft parameter that evaluates to a real number
Access	get, set
Default Value	DefaultSC.A1ModJulian
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script
YVariable	Allows the user to add dependent variables to an xy-plot. All dependent variables are plotted on the y-axis vs the independent variable defined by XVariable field. The dependent variable(s) should always be included in curly braces. For example, <code>MyXYPlot.YVariables = {DefaultSC.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y, DefaultSC.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z}</code> . This field cannot be modified in the Mission Sequence.
Data Type	Reference array
Allowed Values	Any user variable, array element, or spacecraft parameter that evaluates to a real number
Access	get, set
Default Value	DefaultSC.EarthMJ2000Eq.X
Units	N/A
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

The figure below shows the default settings for the **XYPlot** resource:



Remarks

Behavior when using XYPlot Resource & Toggle Command

The **XYPlot** resource plots data onto the X and Y axis of the graph at each propagation step of the entire mission duration. If you want to report data to an **XYPlot** at specific points in your mission, then a **Toggle On/Off** command can be inserted into the mission sequence to control when the **XYPlot** is to plot data. When **Toggle Off** command is issued for a **XYPlot**, no data is plotted onto the X and Y axis of the graph until a **Toggle On** command is issued. Similarly when a **Toggle On** command is used, data is plotted onto the X and Y axis at each integration step until a **Toggle Off** command is used.

Below is an example script snippet that shows how to use **Toggle Off** and **Toggle On** commands while using the **XYPlot** resource. **Spacecraft's** position magnitude and semi-major-axis are plotted as a function of time.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aXYPlot
aXYPlot.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
aXYPlot.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.RMAG, aSat.Earth.SMA}

BeginMissionSequence

Toggle aXYPlot Off
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
Toggle aXYPlot On
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 4}
```

Behavior when using XYPlot & Spacecraft resources

Spacecraft resource contains information about spacecraft's orbit, its attitude, physical parameters (such as mass and drag coefficient) and any attached hardware, including thrusters and fuel

tanks. **Spacecraft** resource interacts with **XYPlot** throughout the entire mission duration. The data retrieved from the spacecraft is what gets plotted onto the X and Y axis of the graph at each propagation step of the entire mission duration.

Behavior When Specifying Empty Brackets in XYPlot's YVariables Field

When using **XYPlot.YVariables** field, GMAT does not allow brackets to be left empty. The brackets must always be populated with values that you wish to plot against a variable in **XVariable** field. If brackets are left empty, then GMAT throws in an exception. Below is a sample script snippet that shows an example of empty brackets. If you were to run this script, then GMAT throws in an exception reminding you that brackets for **YVariables** field cannot be left empty.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp
Create XYPlot aXYPlot

aXYPlot.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
aXYPlot.YVariables = {}

BeginMissionSequence
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
```

Behavior when Reporting Data in Iterative Processes

GMAT allows you to specify how data is plotted onto a plot during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. The **SolverIterations** field of an **XYPlot** resource supports three options which are described in the table below:

SolverIterations options	Description
Current	Shows only current iteration/perturbation in an iterative process and plots current iteration to a plot.
All	Shows all iterations/perturbations in an iterative process and plots all iterations/perturbations to a plot.
None	Shows only the final solution after the end of an iterative process and plots only that final solution to the plot.

Examples

Propagate an orbit and plot the spacecraft's altitude as a function of time at every integrator step:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aXYPlot
aXYPlot.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedSecs
aXYPlot.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.Altitude}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 4}
```

Plotting data during an iterative process. Notice **SolverIterations** field is selected as **All**. This means all iterations/perturbations will be plotted.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC

Create XYPlot aXYPlot
aXYPlot.SolverIterations = All
aXYPlot.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
aXYPlot.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.RMAG}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis}
Target aDC
  Vary aDC(TOI.Element1 = 0.24, {Perturbation = 0.001, Lower = 0.0, ...
    Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.5})
  Maneuver TOI(aSat)
  Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Apoapsis}
  Achieve aDC(aSat.Earth.RMAG = 42165)
EndTarget
```

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Achieve

Specify a goal for a **Target** sequence

Script Syntax

```
Achieve SolverName (Goal = Arg1, [{Tolerance = Arg2}])
```

Description

The **Achieve** command is used in conjunction with the **Target** command as part of the **Target** sequence. The purpose of the **Achieve** command is to define a goal for the targeter (currently, the differential corrector is the only targeter available within a **Target** sequence) to achieve. To configure the **Achieve** command, you specify the goal object, its corresponding desired value, and an optional tolerance so the differential corrector can find a solution. The **Achieve** command must be accompanied and preceded by a **Vary** command in order to assist in the targeting process.

See Also: [DifferentialCorrector](#), [Target](#), [Vary](#)

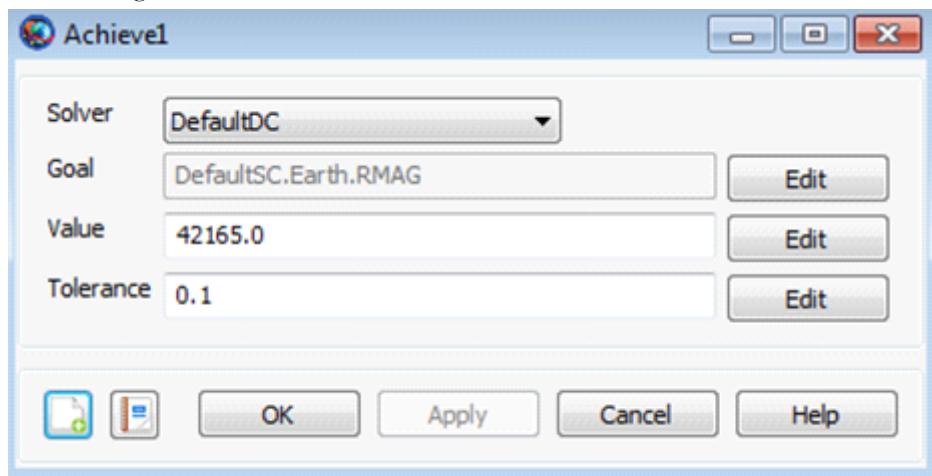
Options

Option	Description										
Arg1	<p>Specifies the desired value for the Goal after the DifferentialCorrector has converged.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Array, ArrayElement, Variable, String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Real Number, Array element, or Variable</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>42165</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Array, ArrayElement, Variable, String	Allowed Values	Real Number, Array element, or Variable	Default Value	42165	Required	yes	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Arg2	<p>Convergence tolerance for how close Goal equals Arg1</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user-defined parameter > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user-defined parameter > 0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>0.1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>no</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user-defined parameter > 0	Allowed Values	Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user-defined parameter > 0	Default Value	0.1	Required	no	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Default Value	0.1										
Required	no										
Interfaces	GUI, script										
Goal	<p>Allows you to select any single element user defined parameter, except a number, as a targeter goal.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Object parameter, ArrayElement, Variable</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Spacecraft parameter, Array element, Variable, or any other single element user defined parameter, excluding numbers</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>DefaultSC.Earth.RMAG</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Object parameter, ArrayElement, Variable	Allowed Values	Spacecraft parameter, Array element, Variable , or any other single element user defined parameter, excluding numbers	Default Value	DefaultSC.Earth.RMAG	Required	yes	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Default Value	DefaultSC.Earth.RMAG										
Required	yes										
Interfaces	GUI, script										

Option	Description
SolverName	Specifies the DifferentialCorrector being used in the Target sequence
Accepted Data Types	String
Allowed Values	Any user defined DifferentialCorrector
Default Value	DefaultDC
Required	yes
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

You use an **Achieve** command, which is only valid within a **Target** sequence, to define your desired goal. More than one **Achieve** command may be used within a **Target** command sequence. The **Achieve** command dialog box, which allows you to specify the targeter, goal object, goal value, and convergence tolerance, is shown below.



Remarks

Command Interactions

A **Target** sequence must contain at least one **Vary** and one **Achieve** command.

Target	An Achieve command only occurs within a Target sequence
Vary com-	Associated with any Achieve command is at least one Vary command. The Vary mand command identifies the control variable used by the targeter. The goal specified by the Achieve command is obtained by varying the control variables.

Examples

As mentioned above, an **Achieve** command only occurs within a **Target** sequence. See the **Target** command help for examples showing the use of the **Achieve** command.

Assignment (=)

Set a variable or resource field to a value, possibly using mathematical expressions

Script Syntax

```
settable_item = expression
```

Description

The assignment command (in the GUI, the **Equation** command) allows you to set a resource field or parameter to a value, possibly using mathematical expressions. GMAT uses the assignment operator ('=') to indicate an assignment command. The assignment operator uses the following syntax, where LHS denotes the left-hand side of the operator, and RHS denotes the right-hand side of the operator:

```
LHS = RHS
```

In this expression, the left-hand side (*LHS*) is being set to the value of the right-hand side (*RHS*). The syntax of the *LHS* and *RHS* expressions vary, but both must evaluate to compatible data types for the command to succeed.

Left-hand side

The left-hand side of the assignment command must be a single item of any of the following types:

- allowed resource (e.g. **Spacecraft**, **Variable**, **Array**)
- resource field for allowed resources (e.g. **Spacecraft.Epoch**, **Spacecraft.DateFormat**)
- settable resource parameter (e.g. **Spacecraft.X**, **ReportFile.Precision**)
- **Array** or **Array** element

See the documentation for a particular resource to determine which fields and parameters can be set.

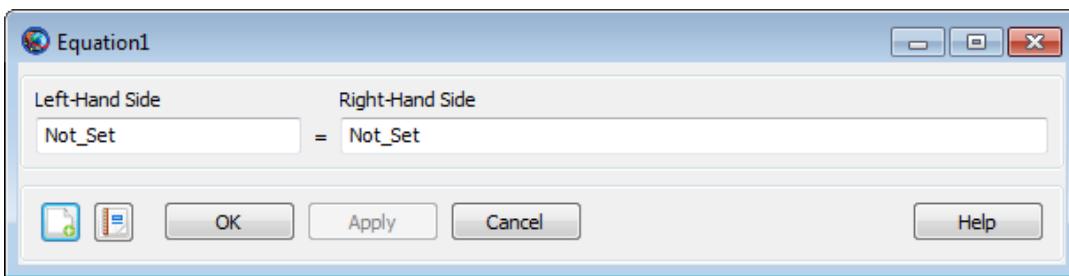
Right-hand side

The right-hand side of the assignment command can consist of any of the following:

- literal value
- resource (e.g. **Spacecraft**, **Variable**, **Array**)
- resource field (e.g. **Spacecraft.Epoch**, **Spacecraft.DateFormat**)
- resource parameter (e.g. **Spacecraft.X**, **ChemicalThruster.K1**)
- **Array** or **Array** element
- mathematical expression (see below)

MATLAB function calls are considered distinct from the assignment command. See the reference pages for more information.

GUI



The assignment command in the script language corresponds to the **Equation** command in the GUI. The **Equation** properties box allows you to input both sides of the expression into free-form text boxes. The default values on each side are “**Not_Set**”; these are placeholders only, and are not valid during the mission run. You can type into each box the same syntax described above for the script language. When you click **OK** or **Apply**, GMAT validates each side of the expression and provides feedback for any warnings or errors.

Remarks

Data type compatibility

In general, the data types of the left-hand side and the right-hand side must match after all expressions are evaluated. This means that a **Spacecraft** resource can only be set to another **Spacecraft** resource, numeric parameters can only be set to numeric values, and **String** resources can only be set to string values. Additionally, the dimension of **Array** instances must match for the command to succeed. For numeric quantities, the assignment command does not distinguish between integers and floating-point values.

Parameters

Parameters can be used on either side of an assignment command, but there may be certain restrictions.

On the right-hand side of the command, any parameter can be used. If a parameter accepts a dependency (such as **Spacecraft.CoordinateSystem.X**) and the dependency is omitted, a default dependency value will be used. For coordinate-system-dependent parameters, the default is **EarthMJ2000Eq**. For central-body-dependent parameters, the default is **Earth**.

On the left-hand side, only settable (writable) parameters can be used. Furthermore, no dependency can be specified, except in the special case that the dependencies on both sides of the assignment command are equivalent. On the left-hand side, the default values of omitted dependencies are automatically taken to be the current values of the **CoordinateSystem** field of the referenced **Spacecraft** and its origin.

These examples show valid and invalid usage of parameters:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat1 aSat2
aSat2.CoordinateSystem = 'EarthFixed'
Create Variable x
BeginMissionSequence
x = aSat1.EarthFixed.X      % Valid: Parameter with dependency on RHS
x = aSat1.EarthMJ2000Eq.X  % Valid: This and next statement are equiv.
x = aSat1.X                % Valid: Default dep. value is EarthMJ2000Eq.
```

```

x = aSat1.Mars.Altitude      % Valid: Parameter with dependency on RHS
x = aSat1.Earth.Altitude     % Valid: This and next statement are equiv.
x = aSat1.Altitude           % Valid: Default dependency value is Earth.

aSat2.X = 1e5                 % Valid: Default parameter value is EarthFixed.
aSat2.EarthMJ2000Eq.X = 1e5   % INVALID: Dependencies not allowed on LHS.
aSat2.EarthFixed.X = 1e5       % Valid: Special case because value = default.

aSat2.EarthMJ2000Eq.X = aSat1.EarthFixed.X    % INVALID: Dependency on LHS
aSat2.EarthMJ2000Eq.X = aSat1.EarthMJ2000Eq.X % INVALID: Dependency on LHS
aSat2.EarthFixed.X = aSat1.EarthFixed.X         % Valid: Special case

% DANGEROUS! Valid, but sets EarthMJ2000Eq RHS values to EarthFixed LHS param.
aSat2.X = aSat1.EarthMJ2000Eq.X

% DANGEROUS! RHS default is EarthMJ2000Eq, LHS default is current setting on
% aSat2 (EarthFixed in this case).
aSat2.X = aSat1.X

```

Mathematical Expressions

The assignment command supports the use of inline mathematical expressions on the right-hand side of the command. These expressions follow the general syntax rules of MATLAB expressions, and can use a variety of operators and built-in functions.

Parsing

Mathematical expressions are recognized by the presence of any of the operators or built-in functions described below. Before execution, all white space (e.g. spaces and tabs) is removed from the expression.

Data Types

Mathematical expressions operate on numeric values (integers or floating-point numbers). This includes the following:

- literal values
- numeric resources (**Variable**, **Array**)
- gettable resource parameters (e.g. **Spacecraft.X**, **ChemicalThruster.K1**)
- **Array** elements
- calculation parameters (e.g. **Spacecraft.OrbitPeriod**)
- nested mathematical expressions

Several of GMAT's operators and functions are vectorized, so they operate on full **Array** resources as well as scalar numeric values.

Operators

Vectorized operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Addition or unary plus. $X+Y$ adds X and Y. X and Y must have the same dimensions unless either is a scalar. - Subtraction or unary minus. $-X$ is the negative of X, where X can be any size. $X-Y$ subtracts Y from X. X and Y must have the same dimensions unless either is a scalar. * Multiplication. $X*Y$ is the product of X and Y. If both X and Y are scalars, this is the simple algebraic product. If X is a matrix or vector and Y is a scalar, all elements of X are multiplied by Y (and vice versa). If both X and Y are non-scalar, $X*Y$ performs matrix multiplication and the number of columns in X must equal the number of rows in Y. ' Transpose. X' is the transpose of X. If X is a scalar, X' is equal to X.
Scalar op- / erators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> / Division. X/Y divides X by Y. If both X and Y are scalars, this is the simple algebraic quotient. If X is a matrix or vector, each element is divided by Y. Y must be a non-zero scalar quantity. ^ Power. X^Y raises X to the Y power. X and Y must be scalar quantities. A special case is $X^{(-1)}$, which when applied to a square matrix X, returns the inverse of X.

When multiple expressions are combined, GMAT uses the following order of operations. Operations begin with those operators at the top of the list and continue downwards. Within each level, operations proceed left-to-right.

1. parentheses ()
2. transpose ('), power (^)
3. unary plus (+), unary minus (-)
4. multiplication (*), division (/)
5. addition (+), subtraction (-)

Built-in Functions

GMAT supports the following built-in functions in mathematical expressions. Such functions are either scalar, meaning they accept a single value only, or are matrix functions that operate on an entire matrix or vector.

Scalar functions	sin	Sine. In $Y = \sin(X)$, Y is the sine of the angle X . X must be in radians. Y will be in the range $[-1, 1]$.
	cos	Cosine. In $Y = \cos(X)$, Y is the cosine of the angle X . X must be in radians. Y will be in the range $[-1, 1]$.
	tan	Tangent. In $Y = \tan(X)$, Y is the tangent of the angle X . X must be in radians. The tangent function is undefined at angles that normalize to $\pi/2$ or $-\pi/2$.
	asin	Arcsine. In $Y = \text{asin}(X)$, Y is the arcsine of X . X must be in the range $[-1, 1]$, and Y will be in the range $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$.
	acos	Arccosine. In $Y = \text{acos}(X)$, Y is the arccosine of X . X must be in the range $[-1, 1]$, and Y will be in the range $[0, \pi]$.
	atan	Arctangent. In $Y = \text{atan}(X)$, Y is the arctangent of X . Y will be in the range $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$.
	atan2	Four-quadrant arctangent. In $A = \text{atan2}(Y, X)$, A is the arctangent of Y/X . A will be in the range $(-\pi, \pi]$. $\text{atan2}(Y, X)$ is equivalent to $\text{atan}(Y/X)$ except for the expanded range.
	log	Natural logarithm. In $Y = \text{log}(X)$, Y is the natural logarithm of X . X must be non-zero positive.
	log10	Common logarithm. In $Y = \text{log10}(X)$, Y is the common (base-10) logarithm of X . X must be non-zero positive.
	exp	Exponential. In $Y = \text{exp}(X)$, Y is exponential of X (e^X).
	DegToRad	Radian conversion. In $Y = \text{DegToRad}(X)$, Y is the angle X in units of radians. X must be an angle in degrees.
	RadToDeg	Degree conversion. In $Y = \text{RadToDeg}(X)$, Y is the angle X in units of degrees. X must be an angle in radians.
Absolute value	abs	Absolute value. In $Y = \text{abs}(X)$, Y is the absolute value of X .
	sqrt	Square root. In $Y = \text{sqrt}(X)$, Y is the square root of X . X must be non-negative.
Matrix functions	norm	2-norm. In $Y = \text{norm}(X)$, Y is the 2-norm of X , where X must be a vector (i.e. one dimension must be 1). If X is a scalar, Y is equal to X .
	det	Determinant. In $Y = \text{det}(X)$, Y is the determinant of X . X must be a matrix or a scalar. If X is a matrix, the number of rows must equal the number of columns. If X is a scalar, Y is equal to X . For efficiency, GMAT's implementation of the determinant is currently limited to matrices 9×9 or smaller.
	inv	Inverse. In $Y = \text{inv}(X)$, Y is the inverse of X . X must be a matrix or a scalar. If X is a matrix, the number of rows must equal the number of columns. X^{-1} is an alternate syntax.

Examples

Evaluate a basic algebraic equation:

```
Create Variable A B C x y
x = 1
Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence

A = 10
B = 20
```

```
C = 2

y = A*x^2 + B*x + C
Report aReport y
```

Matrix manipulation:

```
Create Array A[2,2] B[2,2] C[2,2] x[2,1] y[2,1]
Create ReportFile aReport

A(1,1) = 10
A(2,1) = 5
A(1,2) = .10
A(2,2) = 1

x(1,1) = 2
x(2,1) = 3

BeginMissionSequence

B = inv(A)
C = B'
y = C*x
Report aReport A B C x y
```

Cloning a resource:

```
Create Spacecraft Sat1 Sat2
Sat1.Cd = 1.87
Sat1.DryMass = 123.456

Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence

Sat2 = Sat1
Report aReport Sat2.Cd Sat2.DryMass
```

Using built-in functions:

```
Create Variable pi x y1 y2 y3
Create Array A[3,3]
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence

pi = acos(-1)

aSat.TA = pi/4
x = pi/4
A(1,1) = pi/4

y1 = sin(x)
y2 = sin(aSat.TA)
y3 = sin(A(1,1))

Report aReport y1 y2 y3
```

BeginFiniteBurn

Model finite thrust maneuvers

Script Syntax

```
BeginFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSpacecraft)
```

```
EndFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSpacecraft)
```

Description

When you apply a **BeginFiniteBurn** command, you turn on the thruster configuration given in the specified **FiniteBurn** model. Similarly, when you apply an **EndFiniteBurn** command, you turn off the thruster configuration in the specified **FiniteBurn** model. After GMAT executes a **BeginFiniteBurn** command, all propagation for the spacecraft affected by the **FiniteBurn** object will include the configured finite thrust in the dynamics until an **EndFiniteBurn** line is executed for that configuration. In order to apply a non-zero finite burn, there must be a **Propagate** command between the **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** commands.

To apply the **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** commands, a **FiniteBurn** object must be configured. This object requires the configuration of **ChemicalTank** and **ChemicalThruster** models. See the Remarks section and the examples below for a more detailed explanation.

See Also: [Spacecraft](#), [ChemicalThruster](#), [ChemicalTank](#), [FiniteBurn](#)

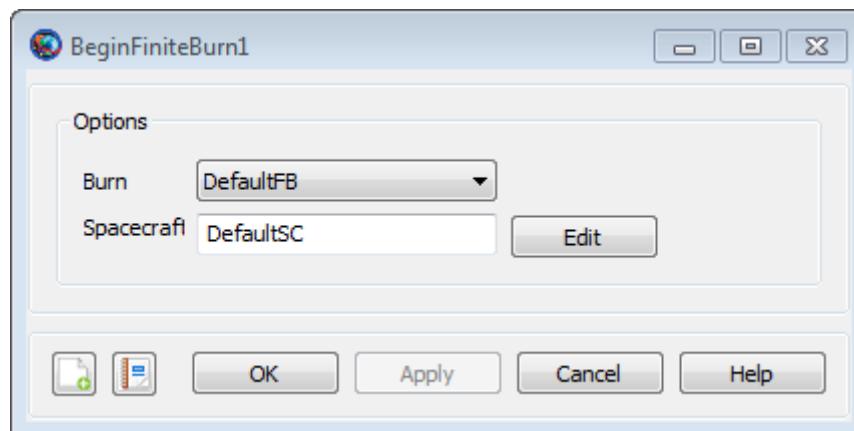
Options

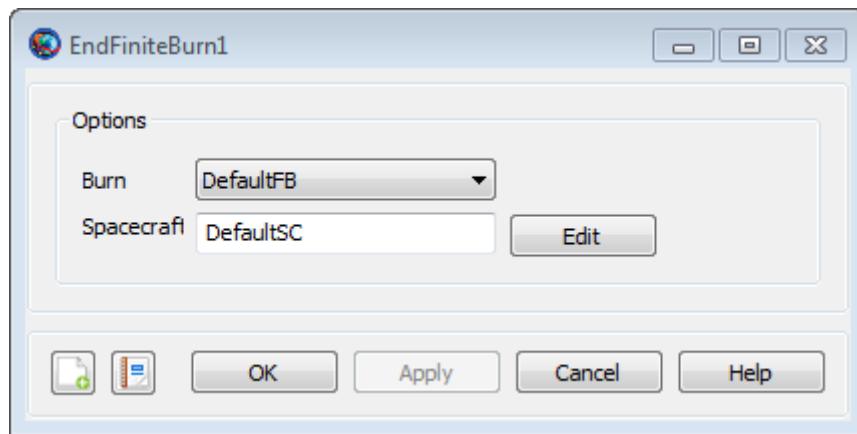
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Option	Description	
EndFiniteBurn - Burn	Specifies the FiniteBurn object de-activated by the EndFiniteBurn command.	
	Accepted Data Types Allowed Values Default Value Required Interfaces	Reference Array FiniteBurn Object DefaultFB yes GUI, script
EndFiniteBurn - SpacecraftList	Specifies the Spacecraft (currently only a single Spacecraft can be in this list) acted upon by the EndFiniteBurn command. Spacecraft listed in SpacecraftList will have thrusters de-activated according to the configuration of the FiniteBurn object defined by the Burn field.	
	Accepted Data Types Allowed Values Default Value Required Interfaces	Spacecraft Spacecraft resource DefaultSC yes GUI, script

GUI

The **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** command dialog boxes allow you to implement a finite burn by specifying which finite burn model should be used and which spacecraft the finite burn should be applied to. The dialog boxes for **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** are shown below.





Use the **Burn** menu to select the **FiniteBurn** model for the maneuver. Use the **Spacecraft** text box to select the spacecraft for the finite burn. You can either type the spacecraft name in the Spacecraft text box or click the **Edit** button and select the spacecraft using the **ParametersSelectDialog** box.

If you add a **BeginFiniteBurn** command or **EndFiniteBurn** command to the mission sequence, without first creating a **FiniteBurn** object, GMAT will create a default **FiniteBurn** object called **DefaultFB**. However, you will need to configure the required **ChemicalTank** and **ChemicalThruster** objects required for a **FiniteBurn** object before you can run the mission. See the Remarks section for detailed instructions.

Remarks

Configuring a Finite Burn

To use the **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** commands in your mission sequence, you must configure a **FiniteBurn** object along with **ChemicalTank** and **ChemicalThruster** objects as shown in the examples below and as described in these steps:

1. Create and configure a **ChemicalTank** model.
2. Create a **ChemicalThruster** model:
 - a. Set the parameters (direction, thrust, specific impulse, etc) for the thruster
 - b. Configure the **ChemicalThruster** to use the **ChemicalTank** created in Step 1.
3. Add the **ChemicalTank** and **ChemicalThruster** created in the previous two steps to the **Spacecraft**.
4. Create a **FiniteBurn** model and configure it to use the **ChemicalThruster** created in Step 2.

Initial Thruster Status

When you configure the **Spacecraft**, **ChemicalTank**, **ChemicalThruster**, and **FiniteBurn** objects, GMAT initializes these objects with the thrusters turned off, so that no finite burns are active. You must use the **BeginFiniteBurn** command to turn on the thruster if you want to apply a finite burn during propagation.



Warning

Caution: If GMAT throws the error message “Propagator Exception: MassFlow is not a known propagation parameter on DefaultSC”, then you have not configured all of the required models to perform a finite burn. See detailed instructions above and examples to configure models required by the **EndFiniteBurn/BeginFiniteBurn** commands.

BeginFiniteBurn and EndFiniteBurn commands are NOT branch commands

The **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** commands are NOT branch commands, meaning, a **BeginFiniteBurn** command can exist without an **EndFiniteBurn** command (however, this may result in depleting all the fuel in the spacecraft model). For behavior when fuel mass is fully depleted during a finite burn see the **ChemicalTank** object.

Similarly, since the **BeginFiniteBurn** and **EndFiniteBurn** commands are used to turn on or off the thrusters, applying the same command multiple times in a script without its inverse is the same as applying it once. In other words, if you do this:

```
BeginFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSat)
BeginFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSat)
BeginFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSat)
```

The effect is the same as only applying the **BeginFiniteBurn** command one time. The same holds true for the **EndFiniteBurn** command.

Examples

Perform a finite burn while the spacecraft is between true anomaly of 300 degrees and 60 degrees.

```
% Create objects
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ChemicalThruster aThruster
Create ChemicalTank aTank
Create FiniteBurn aFiniteBurn
Create Propagator aPropagator

% Configure the physical objects
aSat.Thrusters      = {aThruster}
aThruster.Tank      = {aTank}
aSat.Tanks          = {aTank}
aFiniteBurn.Thrusters = {aThruster}

BeginMissionSequence

% Prop to TA = 300 then maneuver until TA = 60
Propagate aPropagator(aSat, {aSat.TA = 300})
BeginFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSat)
Propagate aPropagator(aSat, {aSat.TA = 60})
EndFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSat)
```

Perform a velocity direction maneuver firing the thruster for 2 minutes.

```
% Create objects
Create Spacecraft aSat
```

```
Create ChemicalThruster aThruster
Create ChemicalTank aTank
Create FiniteBurn aFiniteBurn
Create Propagator aPropagator

% Configure the physical objects
aThruster.CoordinateSystem = Local
aThruster.Origin = Earth
aThruster.Axes = VNB
aThruster.ThrustDirection1 = 1
aThruster.ThrustDirection2 = 0
aThruster.ThrustDirection3 = 0

% Configure the physical objects
aSat.Thrusters = {aThruster}
aThruster.Tank = {aTank}
aSat.Tanks = {aTank}
aFiniteBurn.Thrusters = {aThruster}

BeginMissionSequence

% Fire thruster for 2 minutes
BeginFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSat)
Propagate aPropagator(aSat, {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 120})
EndFiniteBurn aFiniteBurn(aSat)
```


BeginMissionSequence

Begin the mission sequence portion of a script

Script Syntax

```
BeginMissionSequence
```

Description

The **BeginMissionSequence** command indicates the end of resource initialization and the beginning of the mission sequence portion of a GMAT script. It must appear once as the first command in the script, and must follow all resource creation lines.

See Also: [Script Language](#)

GUI

The **BeginMissionSequence** command is managed automatically when building mission sequences using the GUI mission tree. However, when editing the GMAT script directly, either with the GMAT script editor or with an external editor, you must insert the **BeginMissionSequence** command manually.

Remarks

The **BeginMissionSequence** is a script-only command that is not needed when working from the GUI. It indicates to GMAT that the portion of the script above the command consists of static resource initialization that can be performed in any order, and that the portion below the command consists of mission sequence commands that must be executed sequentially. This and other rules of the scripting language are discussed in detail in the [script language reference](#).

Examples

A minimal GMAT script that propagates a spacecraft:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```


BeginScript

Execute free-form script commands

Script Syntax

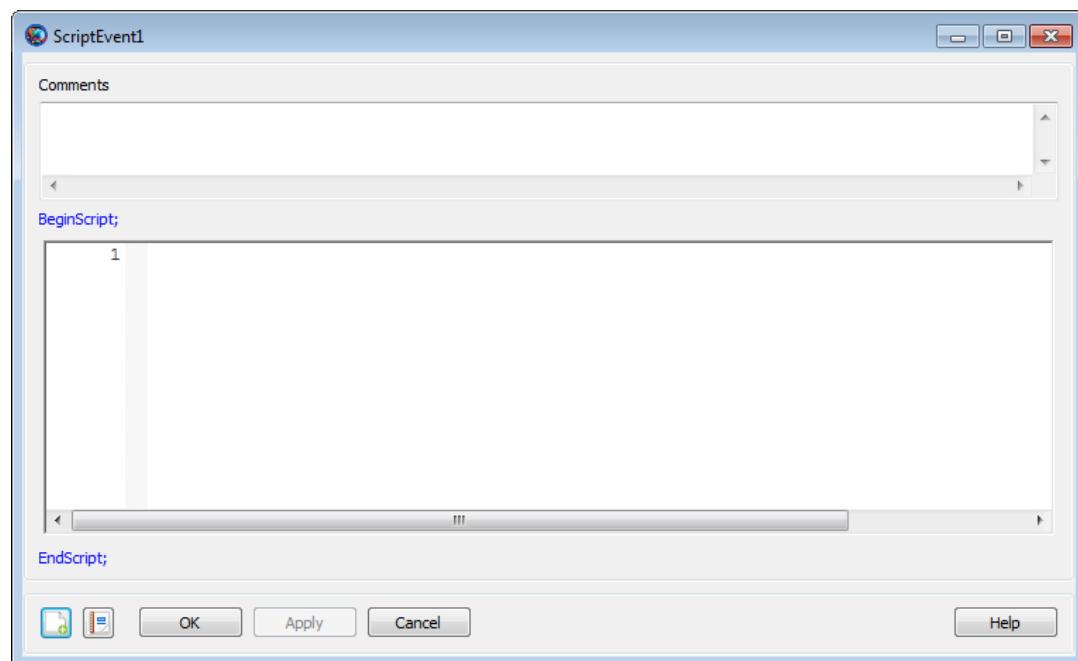
```
BeginScript
  [script statements]
  ...
EndScript
```

Description

The **BeginScript** and **EndScript** commands (**ScriptEvent** in the GUI) allow you to write free-form script statements in the mission sequence without the statements being shown as individual commands in the GMAT GUI. This is useful as a way to group and label a complex sequence of statements as one unit, or to write small sequences of script statements when otherwise using the GUI to create the mission sequence. Within the script itself, there is no difference in the execution of statements within a **BeginScript/EndScript** block and those outside of it.

See Also: the section called “Script Editor”

GUI



The **ScriptEvent** GUI window divides the command into three parts: an initial comment, fixed **BeginScript** and **EndScript** commands, and the content of the block itself. The scripting window is a miniature version of the main script editor, and features line numbers, syntax highlighting, code folding, and all of the editing tools available in the full editor. See the [the section called “Script Editor”](#) documentation for more information. The **ScriptEvent** window performs script syntax validation when changes are applied. Nested **BeginScript/EndScript** blocks in the script language are collapsed into a single **ScriptEvent** when loaded into the GUI, and are saved to a single **BeginScript/EndScript** block when saved to a script.

Examples

Perform a calculation inside a **BeginScript/EndScript** block. When loaded into the GUI, the calculations within the **BeginScript/EndScript** block will be contained within a single **ScriptEvent** command.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp
Create ImpulsiveBurn aBurn
Create Variable a_init v_init
Create Variable a_transfer v_transfer_1 v_transfer_2
Create Variable a_target v_final mu
Create Variable dv_1 dv_2
mu = 398600.4415
a_target = 42164

BeginMissionSequence

% calculate Hohmann burns
BeginScript
    a_init = aSat.SMA
    v_init = aSat.VMAG
    a_transfer = (a_init + a_target) / 2
    v_transfer_1 = sqrt(2*mu/a_init - mu/a_transfer)
    v_transfer_2 = sqrt(2*mu/a_target - mu/a_transfer)
    v_final = sqrt(mu/a_target)
    dv_1 = v_transfer_1 - v_init
    dv_2 = v_final - v_transfer_2
EndScript

% perform burn 1
aBurn.Element1 = dv_1
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Apoapsis}

% perform burn 2
aBurn.Element1 = dv_2
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = aSat.OrbitPeriod}
```

CallGmatFunction

Call a GMAT function

Script Syntax

```
GmatFunction()
GmatFunction(input_argument[, input_argument]...)
[output_argument[, output_argument]...] = GmatFunction
[output_argument[, output_argument]...] = ...
GmatFunction(input_argument[, input_argument]...)
```

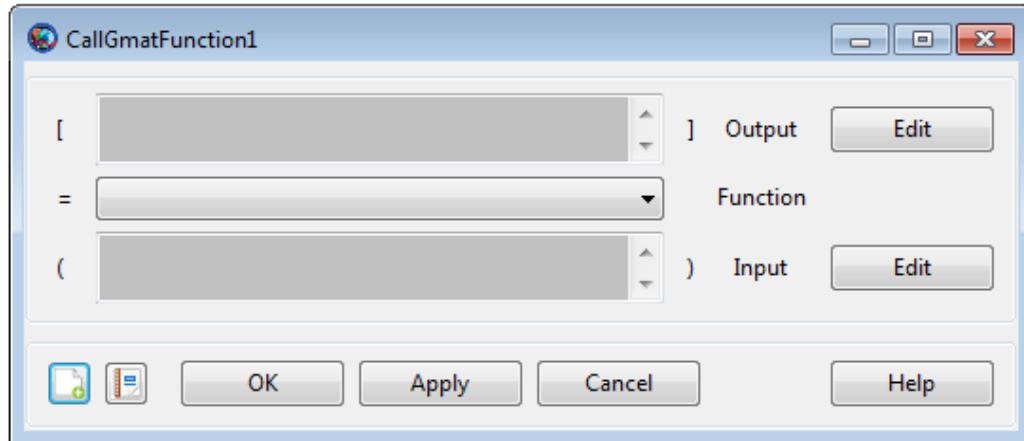
Description

GMAT provides a special command that allows you to call a GMAT function which is written via GMAT's **GmatFunction** resource. In the GUI, the GMAT function is called through the **CallGmatFunction** command.

In the syntax description, **GmatFunction** is a **GmatFunction** resource that must be declared during initialization. Arguments can be passed into the function as inputs and returned from the function as outputs. See [Remarks](#) for details. Furthermore, data that is passed into the function as input or received from the function as output can also be declared as global by using GMAT's **Global** command. See the [Global](#) reference for more details.

See Also: [GMATFunction](#), [Global](#)

GUI



The **CallGmatFunction** GUI provides two input boxes for input and output arguments and a list to select a GMAt function to call.

The **Output** box lists all configured output argument parameters. These must be selected by clicking **Edit**, which displays a **ParameterSelectioDialog** window. See the [Calculation Parameters](#) reference for details on how to select a parameter.

The **Input** box is identical in behavior to **Output**, but lists all configured input arguments to the function. Arguments must be selected by clicking **Edit**. The **Function** list displays all functions that have been declared as **GmatFunction** resources in the **Resources** tree. Select a function from the list to call it.

When the changes are accepted, GMAT does not perform any validation of input or output arguments. This validation is performed when the mission is actually run.

Remarks

GMAT objects can be passed into the GMAT function as input and can also be returned from the function as output. If a given GMAT object is not declared as global in both the main script and inside the GMAT function, then all objects that are passed into or received as output from the function are considered to be local to that function and the main script.

Below is a list of allowed arguments that can be passed as input to the function and received as output from the function. Also see **GmatFunction** resource's [Remarks](#) and [Examples](#) sections for more details and distinct examples that show how to pass objects as inputs to the function, perform an operation inside the function, then receive objects as outputs from the function.

The input arguments (*input_argument* values in the syntax description) can be any of the following types:

- Any resource objects (e.g. **Spacecraft**, **Propagator**, **DC**, **Optimizers**, **Impulsive or Finite-Burns**)
- resource parameter of real number type (e.g. **Spacecraft.X**)
- resource parameter of string type (e.g. **Spacecraft.UTCGregorian**)
- **Array**, **String**, or **Variable** resource

The output arguments can be any of the following types:

- Resource object like **Spacecraft**
- resource parameter of real number type (e.g. **Spacecraft.X**)
- resource parameter of string type (e.g. **Spacecraft.UTCGregorian**)
- **Array**, **String**, or **Variable** resource

Examples

Call two different functions. One function performs a simple cross product and the second function performs a dot product.

```
Create ReportFile rf
rf.WriteHeaders = false

Create GmatFunction cross_product
cross_product.FunctionPath = ...
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\cross_product.gmf'

Create GmatFunction dot_product
dot_product.FunctionPath = ...
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\dot_product.gmf'

Create Array v1[3,1] v2[3,1] v3[3,1] ...
v4[3,1] v5[3,1]

Create Variable v6
Create String tempstring

BeginMissionSequence
```

```

v1(1,1) = 1
v1(2,1) = 2
v1(3,1) = 3
v2(1,1) = 4
v2(2,1) = 5
v2(3,1) = 6
v4(1,1) = 1
v4(2,1) = 2
v4(3,1) = 3
v5(1,1) = 4
v5(2,1) = -5
v5(3,1) = 6

% Call function. Pass local arrays as input:
% Receive local array as output
[v3] = cross_product(v1, v2)

Report rf v3

% Call function. Pass local arrays as input:
% Receive local variable as output
GMAT [v6] = dot_product(v4, v5)

tempstring = '-----'
Report rf tempstring
Report rf v6

%%%%% cross_product Function begins below:

function [cross] = cross_product(vec1,vec2)

Create Array cross[3,1]

BeginMissionSequence

cross(1,1) = vec1(2,1)*vec2(3,1) - vec1(3,1)*vec2(2,1)
cross(2,1) = -(vec1(1,1)*vec2(3,1) - vec1(3,1)*vec2(1,1))
cross(3,1) = vec1(1,1)*vec2(2,1) - vec1(2,1)*vec2(1,1)

%%%%% dot_product Function begins below:

function [c] = dot_product(a1,b1)

Create Variable c

BeginMissionSequence

c = a1(1,1)*b1(1,1) + a1(2,1)*b1(2,1) + a1(3,1)*b1(3,1)

```

Call GMAT function and pass local spacecraft as input, perform simple operation inside the function, then send out updated, local spacecraft to the main script. Finally report spacecraft old and updated position vector to the local report file subscriber:

```

Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian;
aSat.Epoch = '01 Jan 2000 11:59:28.000'

```

```
aSat.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
aSat.DisplayStateType = Cartesian
aSat.X = 7100
aSat.Y = 0
aSat.Z = 1300

Create ReportFile rf
rf.WriteHeaders = false

Create GmatFunction Spacecraft_In_Out
Spacecraft_In_Out.FunctionPath = ...
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\Spacecraft_In_Out.gmf'

BeginMissionSequence

% Report initial S/C Position to local 'rf':
Report rf aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z

% Call function. Pass local S/C as input:
% Receive updated local S/C:
[aSat] = Spacecraft_In_Out(aSat)

% Report updated S/C Position to local 'rf':
Report rf aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z

%%%%%% Function begins below:

function [aSat] = Spacecraft_In_Out(aSat)

% Create local S/C:
Create Spacecraft aSat

BeginMissionSequence

% Update the S/C Position vector:
% Send updated S/C back to main script:
aSat.X = aSat.X + 1000
aSat.Y = aSat.Y + 2000
aSat.Z = aSat.Z + 3000
```

CallMatlabFunction

Call a MATLAB function

Script Syntax

```
MatLabFunction()
MatLabFunction(input_argument[, input_argument]...)
[output_argument[, output_argument]...] = MatLabFunction
[output_argument[, output_argument]...] = ...
MatLabFunction(input_argument[, input_argument]...)
```

Description

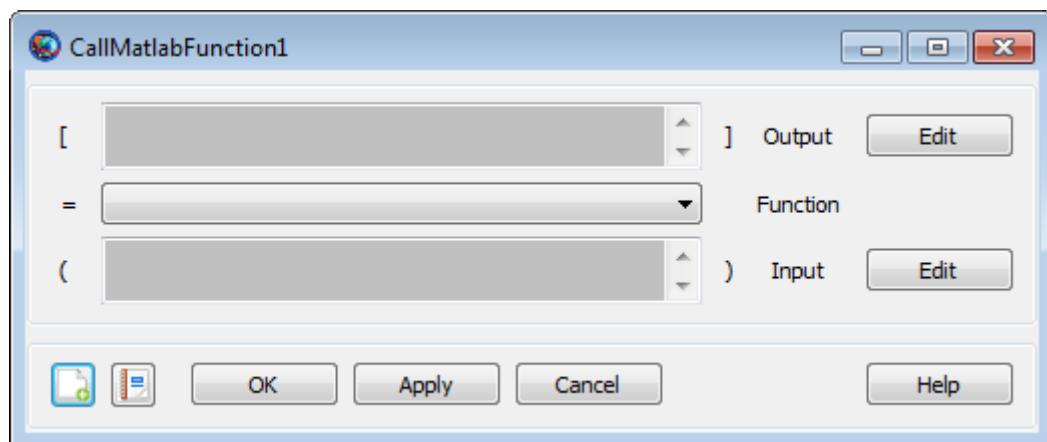
GMAT provides a special command that allows you to call a function written in the MATLAB language or provided with the MATLAB software. In the GUI, this is the **CallMatlabFunction** command.

In the syntax description, **MatlabFunction** is a **MatlabFunction** resource that must be declared during initialization. Arguments can be passed into and returned from the function, though some data-type limitations apply. See [Remarks](#) for details.

When a MATLAB function is called, GMAT opens a MATLAB command-line window in the background. This functionality requires that MATLAB be properly installed and configured on your system.

See Also: [MatlabFunction](#), [MATLAB Interface](#)

GUI



The **CallMatlabFunction** GUI provides two input boxes for input and output arguments and a list to select a function to call.

The **Output** box lists all configured output argument parameters. These must be selected by clicking **Edit**, which displays a parameter selection window. See the [Calculation Parameters](#) reference for details on how to select a parameter.

The **Input** box is identical in behavior to **Output**, but lists all configured input arguments to the function. Arguments must be selected by clicking **Edit**. The **Function** list displays all functions that have been declared as **MatlabFunction** resources in the Resources tree. Select a function from the list to call it.

When the changes are accepted, GMAT does not perform any validation of input or output arguments. This validation is performed when the mission is run, when MATLAB has been started.

Remarks

The input arguments (*input_argument* values in the syntax description) can be any of the following types:

- resource parameter of real number type (e.g. ***Spacecraft.X***)
- resource parameter of string type (e.g. ***Spacecraft.UTCGregorian***)
- **Array**, **String**, or **Variable** resource
- **Array** resource element

The output arguments (*output_argument* values in the syntax description) can be any of the following types:

- resource parameter of real number type (e.g. ***Spacecraft.X***)
- resource parameter of string type (e.g. ***Spacecraft.UTCGregorian***)
- **Array**, **String**, or **Variable** resource
- **Array** resource element

Data type conversion is performed for the following data types when values are passed between MATLAB and GMAT. When data is passed from GMAT to MATLAB as input arguments, the following conversions occur.

GMAT	MATLAB
real ber Spacecraft.X , Variable , Array ele- ment)	num- double (e.g. <i>Spacecraft.X</i> , Variable , Array ele- ment)
string Spacecraft.UTCGregorian , String re- source)	(e.g. char array <i>Spacecraft.UTCGregorian</i> , String re- source)
Array re- source	double array

When data is passed from MATLAB to GMAT as output arguments, the following conversions occur.

MATLAB	GMAT
char array	string
double	real number
double array	Array resource

Examples

Call a simple built-in MATLAB function:

```
Create MatlabFunction sinh
Create Variable x y

BeginMissionSequence

x = 1
[y] = sinh(x)
```

Call an external custom MATLAB function:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ImpulsiveBurn aBurn
Create Propagator aProp

Create MatlabFunction CalcHohmann
CalcHohmann.FunctionPath = 'C:\path\to\functions'

Create Variable a_target mu dv1 dv2
mu = 398600.4415

BeginMissionSequence

% calculate burns for circular Hohmann transfer (example)
[dv1, dv2] = CalcHohmann(aSat.SMA, a_target, mu)

% perform first maneuver
aBurn.Element1 = dv1
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)

% propagate to apoapsis
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Apoapsis}

% perform second burn
aBurn.Element1 = dv2
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)
```

Return the MATLAB search path and working directory:

```
Create MatlabFunction path pwd
Create String pathStr pwdStr
Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence

[pathStr] = path
[pwdStr] = pwd

Report aReport pathStr
Report aReport pwdStr
```


CallPythonFunction

Call a Python function

Script Syntax

```
Python.PythonModule.PythonFunction()
Python.PythonModule.PythonFunction(input_argument[, input_argument]...)
[output_argument[, output_argument]...] = Python.PythonModule.PythonFunction
[output_argument[, output_argument]...] = Python.PythonModule.PythonFunction(input_...
```

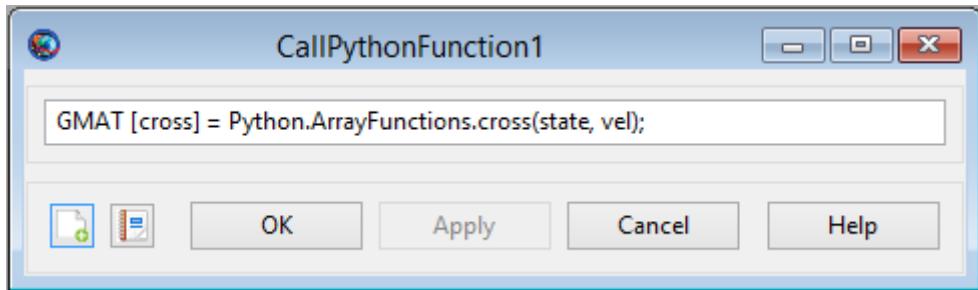
Description

GMAT provides a special command that allows you to call a function written in the Python language. In the GUI, this is the **CallPythonFunction** command.

In the syntax description, the preface **Python** is a keyword used to tell GMAT that the scripting is calling into the Python system. The **PythonModule** identifies a Python file, with the name PythonModule.py, containing the function that is to be called. **PythonFunction** is the function that is called inside of that file. Arguments can be passed into and returned from the function, following the guidelines described below. See [Remarks](#) for details.

When a Python function is called, GMAT loads the Python engine in the background. This functionality requires that a compatible installation of Python be properly installed and configured on your system. Once GMAT has loaded the engine, it remains in memory until GMAT is closed.

GUI



The **CallPythonFunction** GUI provides a single text entry field used to enter the Python function as a line of script.

The syntax for the CallPythonFunction is as described in the Script Syntax section above. GMAT's Python interface accepts Variables, Strings, numerical object parameters, and one dimensional arrays as input parameters. It returns Variables, Arrays, and Strings, either as a single value or as a collection of values. The interface calls into Python scripts, identified by the PythonModule field, that define the function to be accessed. The receiving function is responsible for validating the inputs, based on the type conversions described in the Remarks below.

When the user accepts the entries on the panel, GMAT does not perform any validation of input or output arguments. This validation is performed when the mission is run, after Python has been started.

Remarks

The input arguments (*input_argument* values in the syntax description) can be any of the following types:

- resource parameter of real number type (e.g. ***Spacecraft.X***)
- resource parameter of string type (e.g. ***Spacecraft.UTCGregorian***)
- One dimensional **Array**, **String**, or **Variable** resource
- **Array** resource element

The output arguments (*output_argument* values in the syntax description) can be any of the following types:

- **Array**, **String**, or **Variable** resource

Data type conversion is performed for the following data types when values are passed between Python and GMAT. When data is passed from GMAT to Python as input arguments, the following conversions occur.

GMAT	Python
real num- float ber (e.g. Spacecraft.X , Variable , Array ele- ment)	
string (e.g. str Spacecraft.UTCGregorian , String re- source)	
Array re- memoryview source	

When data is passed from Python to GMAT as output arguments, the following conversions occur.

Python	GMAT
str	String
float	real number
float array	Array resource

Examples

Call a simple Python function:

```
Create Variable x y
BeginMissionSequence
x = 1
y = Python.MyMath.sinh(x)
```

Call a multiple input and output Python function:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ImpulsiveBurn aBurn
Create Propagator aProp
```

```
Create Variable a_target mu dv1 dv2
mu = 398600.4415

BeginMissionSequence

% calculate burns for circular Hohmann transfer (example)
[dv1, dv2] = Python.MyOrbitFunctions.CalcHohmann(aSat.SMA, a_target, mu)

% perform first maneuver
aBurn.Element1 = dv1
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)

% propagate to apoapsis
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Apoapsis}

% perform second burn
aBurn.Element1 = dv2
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)
```


ClearPlot

Allows you to clear all data from an XYPlot

Script Syntax

```
ClearPlot OutputNames
```

OutputNames

OutputNames is the list of subscribers whose data is to be cleared. When data of multiple subscribers is to be cleared, then they need to be separated by a space.

Description

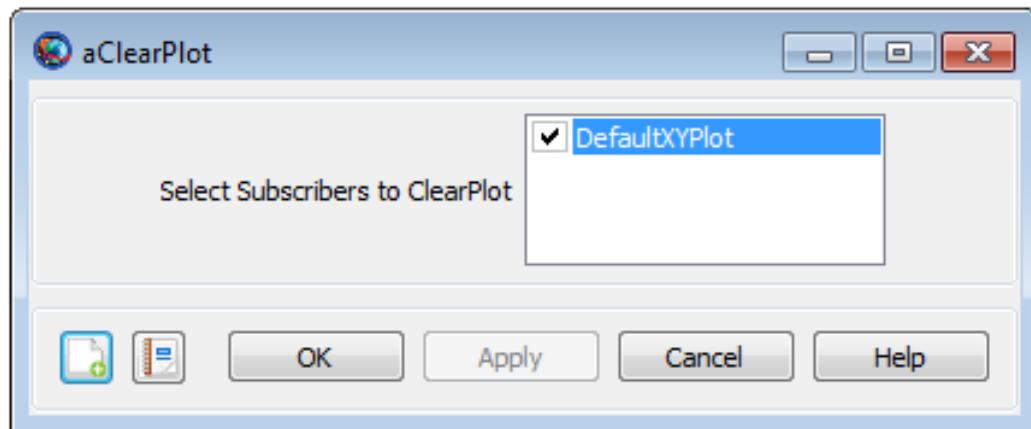
The **ClearPlot** command allows you to clear all data from an **XYPlot** after it has been plotted. The **ClearPlot** command works only for the **XYPlot** resource and data from multiple **XYPlot** resources can be cleared. **ClearPlot** command can be used through GMAT's GUI or the script interface.

Options

Option	Description
OutputNames	The ClearPlot command allows the user to clear data from an XYPlot subscriber. When more than one subscriber is being used, the subscribers need to be separated by a space.
Accepted Data Types	Resource reference
Allowed Values	XYPlot resource
Default Value	DefaultXYPlot
Required	yes
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

Figure below shows default settings for **ClearPlot** command.



Remarks

GMAT allows you to insert **ClearPlot** command into the **Mission** tree at any location. This allows you to clear data output from an **XYPlot** at any point in your mission. The **XYPlot**

subscriber plots data at each propagation step of the entire mission duration. If you want to report data to an **XYPlot** at specific points in your mission, then a **ClearPlot** command can be inserted into the mission sequence to control when a subscriber plots data. Refer to the [Examples](#) section below to see how **ClearPlot** command can be used in the **Mission** tree.

Examples

This example shows how to use **ClearPlot** command on multiple subscribers. Data from **XYPlot** subscribers is cleared after 2 days of the propagation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aPlot1 aPlot2 aPlot3

aPlot1.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedSecs
aPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X}

aPlot2.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedSecs
aPlot2.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y}

aPlot3.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedSecs
aPlot3.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
ClearPlot aPlot1 aPlot2 aPlot3
```

This example shows how to use **ClearPlot** command on a single subscriber. Data from **XYPlot** is cleared for the first 3 days of the propagation and only the data retrieved from last day of propagation is plotted:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aPlot1

aPlot1.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
aPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 3}
ClearPlot aPlot1
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

EndFiniteBurn

Model finite thrust maneuvers in the mission sequence

Description

To implement a finite burn, you use a pair of commands, the **BeginFiniteBurn** command and the **EndFiniteBurn** command. The use of both of these commands is described in the [BeginFiniteBurn](#) command help.

FindEvents

Execute an event location search

Script Syntax

```
FindEvents Locator [{Append = true|false}]
```

Description

The **FindEvents** command executes an event location search defined by either of the event location resources, **ContactLocator** or **EclipseLocator**. If configured, the search will result in a text-based event report.

An explicit **FindEvents** command is not necessary for most simple event location searches. If the locator resource is configured with **RunMode = 'Automatic'**, **FindEvents** is executed automatically at the end of the mission sequence. Manual execution of the command is most useful to generate custom searches for part of a mission, or to change search intervals based on mission data.

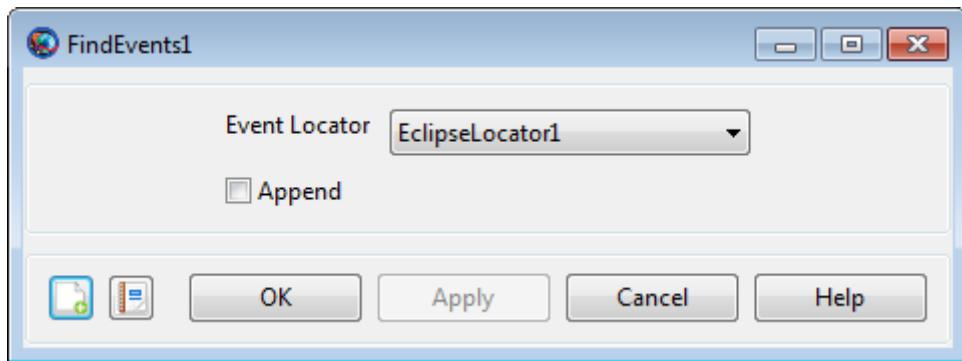
The **Append** option is used to configure how the report file is written. If **Append** is true, the new report will be appended to the end of the existing file. If **Append** is false, it will replace the old file. Note that if **Append** is true, the report may be appended to a file that existed prior to the current GMAT session.

See Also:[ContactLocator](#), [EclipseLocator](#)

Options

Option	Description
Locator	The event locator to execute.
	Accepted Data Types ContactLocator, EclipseLocator Allowed Values any valid ContactLocator or EclipseLocator resource Default Value none Required yes Interfaces GUI, script
Append	Append to an existing event report (if true) or replace it (if false).
	Accepted Data Types Boolean Allowed Values true , false Default Value false Required no Interfaces GUI, script

GUI



The **FindEvents** GUI panel is very simple. Choose the event locator to execute from the **Event Locator** list, which is populated by all existing **EclipseLocator** and **ContactLocator** resources. To append the report (if one is generated), enable the **Append** box.

Remarks

Using FindEvents in loops

The **FindEvents** command can be used inside loops like **For** and **While**, but not inside solver sequences, like **Target** and **Optimize**. To perform event location based on the result of a solver sequence, put the **FindEvents** command after the sequence.

When **FindEvents** is used inside a loop, but there are several potential issues to be aware of. The following snippet illustrates several.

```
Create EclipseLocator ec
ec.Spacecraft = sat
ec.OccultingBodies = {Mercury, Venus, Earth, Luna, Mars, Phobos, Deimos}
ec.Filename = 'ForLoop.report'
ec.InputEpochFormat = TAIGregorian

% Prevents automatic execution at end of mission
ec.RunMode = 'Manual'

% Lets us manually control search intervals
ec.UseEntireInterval = false

BeginMissionSequence

% Execute FindEvents once before loop, to clear
% out any existing file.
ec.InitialEpoch = sat.TAIGregorian
Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedSecs = 2400}
ec.FinalEpoch = sat.TAIGregorian
FindEvents ec {Append = false}

% Main loop
For I = 1:1:71
    % Set initial epoch of search to current epoch
    ec.InitialEpoch = sat.TAIGregorian
    % Propagate
    Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedSecs = 2400}
    % Set final epoch of search to new epoch
    ec.FinalEpoch = sat.TAIGregorian
```

```
% Execute search, appending to file
FindEvents ec {Append = true}
EndFor
```

Examples

Perform a basic eclipse search in LEO:

```
SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'DE421'

Create Spacecraft sat
sat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
sat.Epoch = '15 Sep 2010 16:00:00.000'
sat.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
sat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
sat.SMA = 6678.14
sat.ECC = 0.001
sat.INC = 0
sat.RAAN = 0
sat.AOP = 0
sat.TA = 180

Create ForceModel fm
fm.CentralBody = Earth
fm.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
fm.GravityField.Earth.PotentialFile = 'JGM2.cof'
fm.GravityField.Earth.Degree = 0
fm.GravityField.Earth.Order = 0
fm.GravityField.Earth.EarthTideModel = 'None'
fm.Drag.AtmosphereModel = None
fm.PointMasses = {}
fm.RelativisticCorrection = Off
fm.SRP = Off

Create Propagator prop
prop.FM = fm
prop.Type = RungeKutta89

Create EclipseLocator el
el.Spacecraft = sat
el.Filename = 'Simple.report'
el.OccultingBodies = {Earth}
el.EclipseTypes = {'Umbra', 'Penumbra', 'Antumbra'}
el.RunMode = 'Manual'

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedSecs = 10800}

FindEvents el
```

Execute FindEvents in a loop, appending each time:

```
SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'SPICE'
SolarSystem.SPKFilename = 'de421.bsp'

Create Spacecraft sat
sat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
sat.Epoch = '10 May 1984 00:00:00.000'
```

```
sat.CoordinateSystem = MarsMJ2000Eq
sat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
sat.SMA = 6792.38
sat.ECC = 0
sat.INC = 45
sat.RAAN = 0
sat.AOP = 0
sat.TA = 0

Create ForceModel fm
fm.CentralBody = Mars
fm.PrimaryBodies = {Mars}
fm.GravityField.Mars.PotentialFile = 'Mars50c.cof'
fm.GravityField.Mars.Degree = 0
fm.GravityField.Mars.Order = 0
fm.Drag.AtmosphereModel = None
fm.PointMasses = {}
fm.RelativisticCorrection = Off
fm.SRP = Off

Create Propagator prop
prop.FM = fm
prop.Type = RungeKutta89

Create CoordinateSystem MarsMJ2000Eq
MarsMJ2000Eq.Origin = Mars
MarsMJ2000Eq.Axes = MJ2000Eq

Create Moon Phobos
Phobos.CentralBody = 'Mars'
Phobos.PosVelSource = 'SPICE'
Phobos.NAIFId = 401
Phobos.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'mar063.bsp'}
Phobos.SpiceFrameId = 'IAU_PHOBOS'
Phobos.EquatorialRadius = 13.5
Phobos.Flattening = 0.3185185185185186
Phobos.Mu = 7.093399e-004

Create Moon Deimos
Deimos.CentralBody = 'Mars'
Deimos.PosVelSource = 'SPICE'
Deimos.NAIFId = 402
Deimos.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'mar063.bsp'}
Deimos.SpiceFrameId = 'IAU_DEIMOS'
Deimos.EquatorialRadius = 7.5
Deimos.Flattening = 0.3066666666666666
Deimos.Mu = 1.588174e-004

Create EclipseLocator ec
ec.Spacecraft = sat
ec.OccultingBodies = {Mercury, Venus, Earth, Luna, Mars, Phobos, Deimos}
ec.Filename = 'ForLoop.report'
ec.RunMode = 'Manual'
ec.UseEntireInterval = false
ec.InputEpochFormat = TAIGregorian

Create Variable I
```

```

BeginMissionSequence

ec.InitialEpoch = sat.TAIGregorian
Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedSecs = 2400}
ec.FinalEpoch = sat.TAIGregorian
FindEvents ec {Append = false}

For I = 1:1:71
    ec.InitialEpoch = sat.TAIGregorian
    Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedSecs = 2400}
    ec.FinalEpoch = sat.TAIGregorian
    FindEvents ec {Append = true}
EndFor

```

Execute FindEvents in a loop, executing search in stages but not appending:

```

Create Spacecraft sat
sat.DateFormat = UTCGregorian
sat.Epoch = '1 Mar 2016 12:00:00.000'
sat.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq
sat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
sat.SMA = 42164
sat.ECC = 0
sat.INC = 0
sat.RAAN = 0
sat.AOP = 0
sat.TA = 0

Create ForceModel fm
fm.CentralBody = Earth
fm.PrimaryBodies = {Earth}
fm.GravityField.Earth.PotentialFile = 'JGM2.cof'
fm.GravityField.Earth.Degree = 0
fm.GravityField.Earth.Order = 0
fm.GravityField.Earth.EarthTideModel = 'None'
fm.Drag.AtmosphereModel = None
fm.PointMasses = {}
fm.RelativisticCorrection = Off
fm.SRP = Off

Create Propagator prop
prop.FM = fm
prop.Type = RungeKutta89
prop.MaxStep = 2700

Create EclipseLocator ec
ec.Spacecraft = sat
ec.OccultingBodies = {Mercury, Venus, Earth, Luna}
ec.Filename = 'WhileLoop.report'
ec.RunMode = 'Manual'

SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'DE421'

BeginMissionSequence

While sat.UTCModJulian <= 27480
    Propagate prop(sat) {sat.ElapsedSecs = 28800}
    FindEvents ec {Append = false}

```

EndWhile

For

Execute a series of commands a specified number of times

Script Syntax

```
For Index = Start:[Increment]:End
    [script statement]
    ...
EndFor
```

Description

The **For** command is a control logic statement that executes a series of commands a specified number of times. The command argument must have one of the following forms:

Index = *Start*:*End*

This syntax increments **Index** from **Start** to **End** in steps of 1, repeating the script statements until **Index** is greater than **End**. If **Start** is greater than **End**, then the script statements do not execute.

Index = *Start*:*Increment*:*End*

This syntax increments **Index** from **Start** to **End** in steps of **Increment**, repeating the script statements until **Index** is greater than **End** if **Increment** is positive and less than **End** if **Increment** is negative. If **Start** is less than **End** and **Increment** is negative, or if **Start** is greater than **End** and **Increment** is positive, then the script statements do not execute.

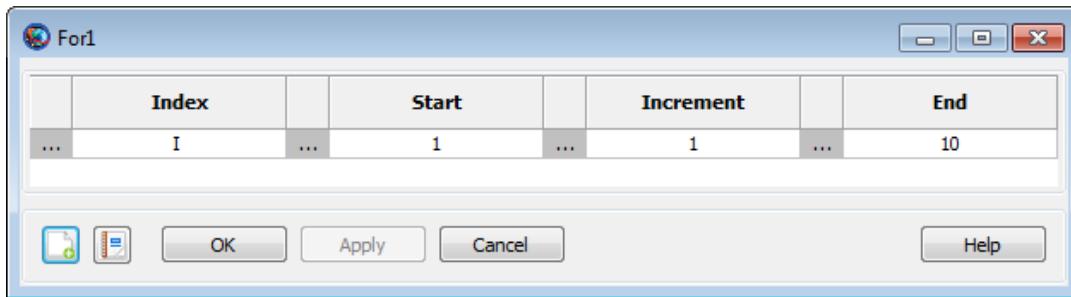
See Also: [If](#), [While](#)

Options

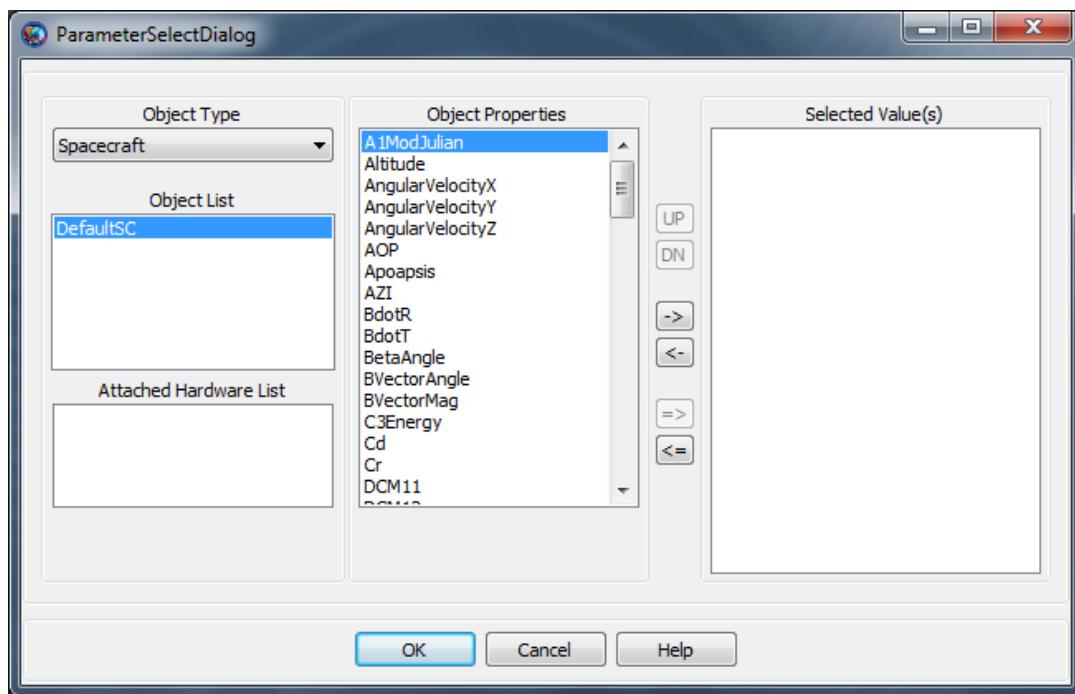
Option	Description	
Index	Independent variable in a for loop. Index is computed according to the arithmetic progression defined by the values for Start , Increment , and End .	
	Accepted Data Types	Variable
	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Index} < \infty$
	Default Value	Variable named I
	Required	yes
	Interfaces	GUI, script
Start	Initial value for the Index parameter	
	Accepted Data Types	parameter
	Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Start} < \infty$
	Default Value	1
	Required	yes
	Interfaces	GUI, script

Option	Description
Increment	The Increment parameter is used to compute the arithmetic progression of the loop Index such that pass i through the loop is Start + $i \cdot \text{Increment}$ if the resulting value satisfies the constraint defined by End .
Accepted Data Types	parameter
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{Increment} < \infty$
Default Value	1
Required	no
Interfaces	GUI
End	The End parameter is the upper (or lower if Increment is negative) bound for the Index .
Accepted Data Types	parameter
Allowed Values	$-\infty < \text{End} < \infty$
Default Value	10
Required	yes
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI



The **For** command GUI panel contains fields for all of its parameters: **Index**, **Start**, **Increment**, and **End**. To edit the values, click the field value you wish to change and type the new value (e.g. **5**, **anArray(1,5)**, or **Spacecraft.X**). Alternately, you can either right-click the field value or click the ellipses (...) button to the left of the field. This displays the **ParameterSelectDialog** window, which allows you to choose a parameter from a list.



Remarks

The values of the **Index**, **Start**, **Increment**, and **End** parameters can be any of the following types:

- Literal numeric value (e.g. 1, 15.2, -6)
- **Variable** resource
- **Array** resource element
- Resource parameter of numeric type (e.g. **Spacecraft.X**, **ChemicalThruster.K1**)

with the extra requirement that if a Resource parameter is used for **Index**, the parameter must be settable.

The index specification cannot contain mathematical operators or parentheses. After execution of the **For** loop, the value of **Index** retains its value from the last loop iteration. If the loop does not execute, the value of **Index** remains equal to its value before the loop was encountered.

Changes made to the index variable inside of a **For** loop are overwritten by the **For** loop statement. For example, the output from the following snippet:

```
For I = 1:1:3
    I = 100
    Report aReport I
EndFor
```

is:

```
100
100
100
```

Changes made to the the **Start**, **Increment**, and **End** parameters made inside of a loop do not affect the behavior of the loop. For example, the output from the following snippet:

```
J = 2
```

```
K = 2
L = 8
For I = J:K:L
    J = 1
    K = 5
    L = 100
    Report aReport I
EndFor
```

is:

```
2
4
6
8
```

Examples

Propagate a spacecraft to apogee 3 times:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aPropagator
Create Variable I

BeginMissionSequence

For I = 1:1:3
    Propagate aPropagator(aSat, {aSat.Apoapsis})
EndFor
```

Index into an array:

```
Create Variable I J
Create Array anArray[10,5]
BeginMissionSequence

For I = 1:10
    For J = 1:5
        anArray(I,J) = I*J
    EndFor
EndFor
```

Global

Declare Objects as global

Script Syntax

```
Global ObjectList
```

ObjectList

ObjectList List all GMAT objects that you want to declare as global.

Description

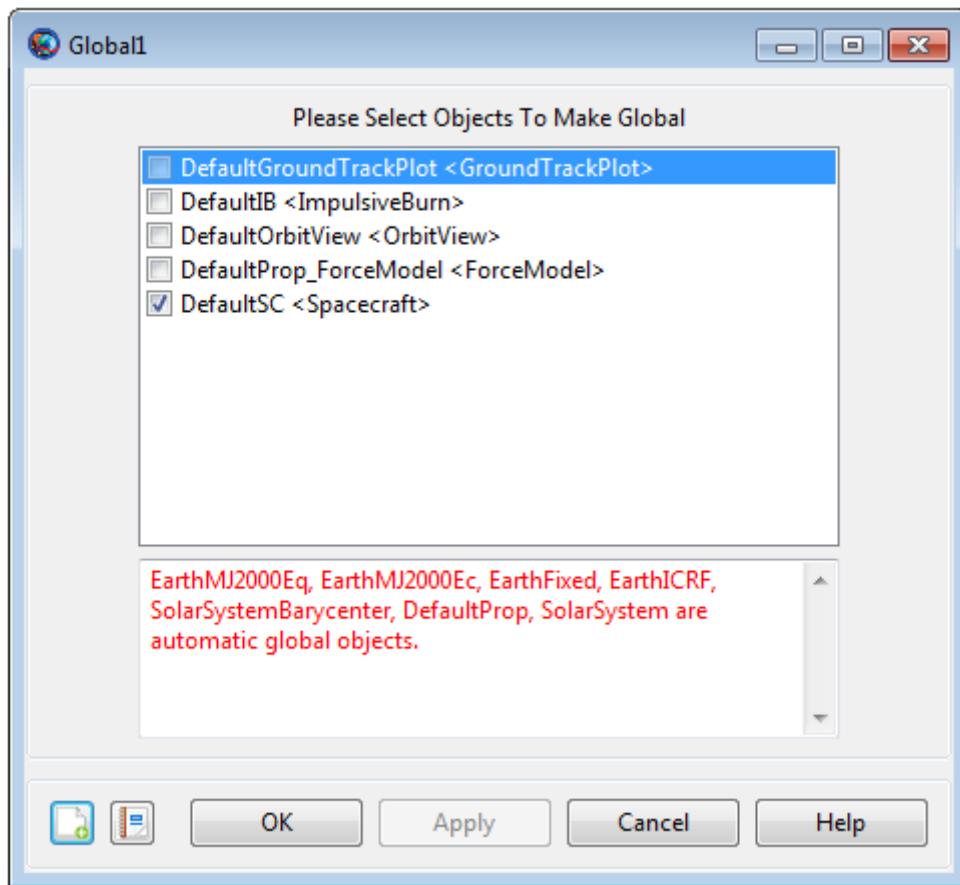
In GMAT you can use a special command that allows you to declare GMAT objects as global. By using the **Global** command, you can declare GMAT's objects as global either through the GUI or the script mode.

The syntax for declaring objects as global is very simple. After using the **Global** command, simply list the name of the objects that needs global declaration. Once the **GmatFunction** resource has been declared during initialization, arguments can be passed to and from the function as input/output by using GMAT's **CallGmatFunction** command. Data that is passed into the function as input or received from the function as output can be declared as global by using the **Global** command. See the Remarks section for more details on the **Global** command.

See Also: [GMATFunction](#), [CallGmatFunction](#)

GUI

Figure below shows default settings of the **Global** command. By default, only **Spacecraft** object is checked and declared as global. As more objects are created by the user in GMAT's **Resources** tree, the list of objects that are available to be declared as global increases.



Notice in the above figure that GMAT by default already considers objects such as the default coordinate systems, **SolarSystemBarycenter**, **DefaultProp** and **SolarSystem** as automatic global objects. Furthermore whenever new coordinate systems or propagators are created in the **Resources** tree, GMAT automatically declares the newly created coordinate systems and propagators as global objects. Since GMAT always declares default or newly created coordinate systems and propagators as global, hence you do not need to use **Global** command on coordinate system and propagator objects.

Remarks

Declaration of Global Objects

GMAT objects can be passed into the GMAT function as input and can also be returned from the function as output. Refer to both **GmatFunction** resource and **CallGmatFunction** command's Remarks sections to learn more about list of allowed objects that can be passed as input and output to and from the function. By default, in GMAT any objects that are created inside the main script are considered local to the main script. Similarly any objects that may be created inside the GMAT function are considered local to that function. In GMAT, in order to declare objects as global, you must declare the objects as global in both your main script and inside the function. It is a good practice to declare objects as global right after the **BeginMissionSequence** line in both the main script and inside the function.

If a given GMAT object is not declared as global in both the main script and in the function, then all objects that are passed into the function as input and/or received as output from the function are considered to be local to that function and the main script.

Often times, you will propagate a spacecraft, perform differential correction (DC) or optimization routines interchangeably from both the main script and inside the function. Whenever you want to plot continuous set of spacecraft trajectory data and report parameters to same subscribers interchangeably from both inside the main script and the function, then always declare your **Spacecraft** object and subscriber objects (i.e. **OrbitView**, **GroundTrackPlot**, **XYPlot**, **ReportFile**, **EphemerisFile**) as global both in the main script and inside the function. Abiding by this rule draws plots, reports and ephemeris files correctly and flow of data will be reported continuously to all the subscribers.

GMAT allows globally declared objects such as **Spacecraft**, global variables/arrays/strings to be passed as input/output argument to and from the function. Globally declared objects such as **Spacecraft**, variables/arrays/strings can be plotted or reported interchangeably both from the main script and inside the function as long as all subscribers are also declared global.

Refer to **GmatFunction** resource's [Examples](#) section that shows three more examples of how to declare spacecraft, five subscribers, arrays/variables/strings as global in both the main script and inside the function.

Examples

Declare spacecraft, all subscribers and variables as global. Global variables are passed as input and received as global output from the function. As you run the example, notice that data is reported continuously to all 5 subscribers.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Earth
aFM.PointMasses = {Earth}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI
Create ImpulsiveBurn GOI

Create DifferentialCorrector DC

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

Create GroundTrackPlot GroundTrackPlot1
GroundTrackPlot1.Add = {aSat}
GroundTrackPlot1.CentralBody = Earth

Create XYPlot XYPlot1
XYPlot1.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
XYPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X}

Create ReportFile rf
rf.Add = {aSat.UTCGregorian, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z, ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY, aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ}

Create ReportFile rf2
rf2.WriteHeaders = false
```

```
Create EphemerisFile anEphemerisFile
GMAT anEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = aSat

Create GmatFunction Global_Objects
Global_Objects.FunctionPath = ...
'C:\Users\rqureshi\Desktop\Global_Objects.gmf'

Create Variable T X Y Z VX VY VZ

BeginMissionSequence

Global aSat
Global aFM TOI GOI DC
Global anOrbitView GroundTrackPlot1 XYPlot1 rf rf2 anEphemerisFile
Global T X Y Z VX VY VZ

% Report initial state to Global 'rf2':
Report rf2 aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1.0}

T = aSat.UTCModJulian
X = aSat.X
Y = aSat.Y
Z = aSat.Z
VX = aSat.VX
VY = aSat.VY
VZ = aSat.VZ

% Call function. Pass Global Variables as input:
% Receive updated global S/C state via global variables:
[T,X,Y,Z,VX,VY,VZ] = Global_Objects(T,X,Y,Z,VX,VY,VZ)

% Report global variables to global 'rf2':
Report rf2 T X Y Z VX VY VZ

% Re-report global S/C state:
Report rf2 aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.X aSat.Y aSat.Z ...
aSat.VX aSat.VY aSat.VZ

%%%%%% Function begins below:

function [T,X,Y,Z,VX,VY,VZ] = Global_Objects(T,X,Y,Z,VX,VY,VZ)

BeginMissionSequence

Global aSat
Global aFM TOI GOI DC
Global anOrbitView GroundTrackPlot1 XYPlot1 rf rf2 anEphemerisFile
Global T X Y Z VX VY VZ

% Report global variables to global 'rf2':
Report rf2 T X Y Z VX VY VZ
```

```
While aSat.ElapsedDays < 5
    Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 0.5}
EndWhile

% Send global variables back to main script:
T = aSat.UTCModJulian
X = aSat.X
Y = aSat.Y
Z = aSat.Z
VX = aSat.VX
VY = aSat.VY
VZ = aSat.VZ
```


If

Conditionally execute a series of commands

Script Syntax

```
If Logical expression
    [script statement]
    ...
EndIf
```

```
If Logical expression
    [script statement]
    ...
Else
    [script statement]
    ...
EndIf
```

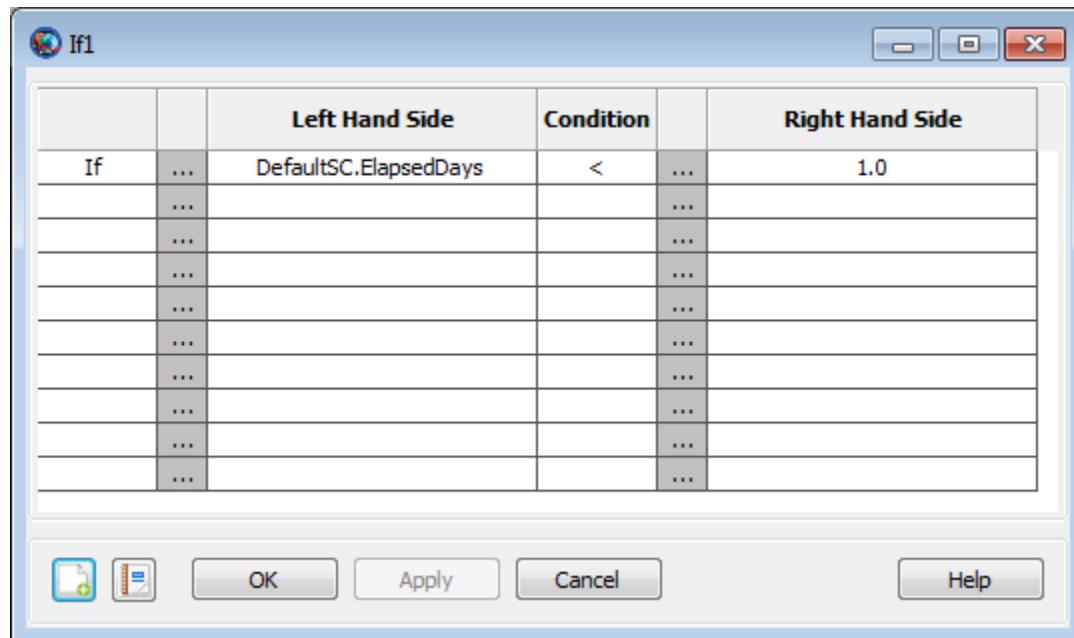
Description

The **If** command is a control logic statement that executes a series of commands if the value of the provided logical expression is true. The syntax of the logical expression is described in the [script language reference](#).

The **If** command can optionally contain an **Else** clause that defines a series of commands to execute if the associated logical expression is false.

See Also: [Script Language](#), [For](#), [While](#)

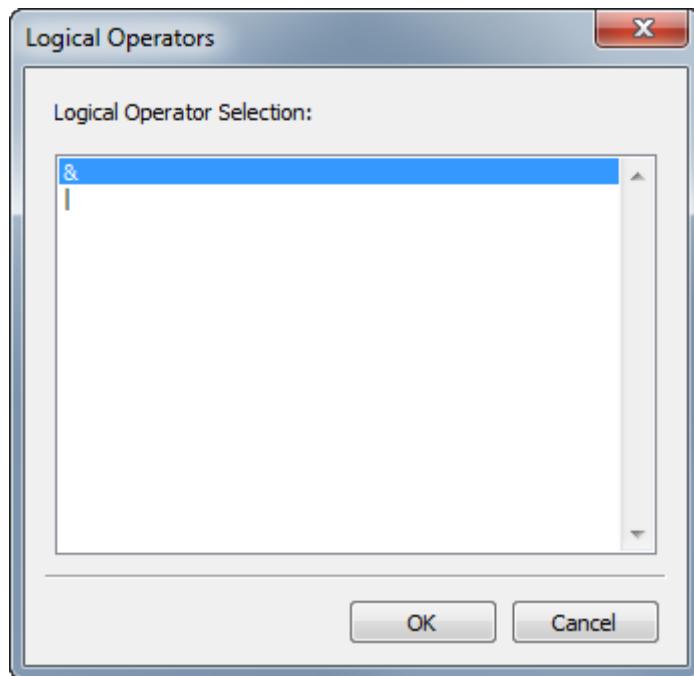
GUI



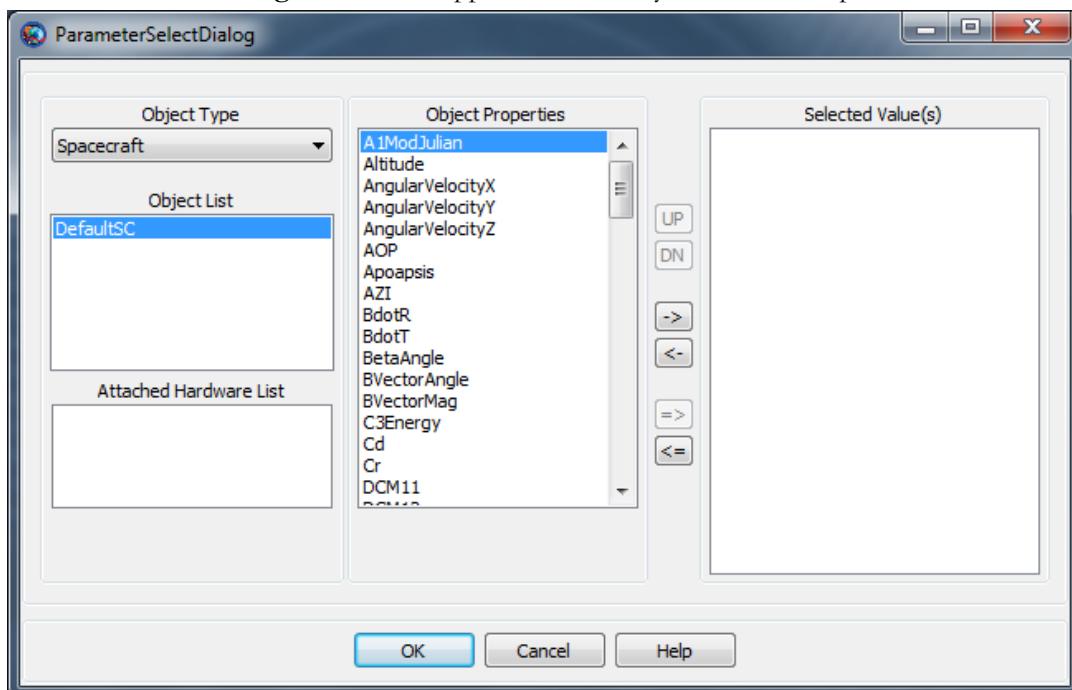
The **If** command GUI panel features a table in which you can build a complex logical expression. The rows of the table correspond to individual relational expressions in a compound logical expression (up to 10), and the columns correspond to individual elements of those expressions. The first line automatically contains a default statement:

```
If DefaultSC.ElapsedDays < 1.0
```

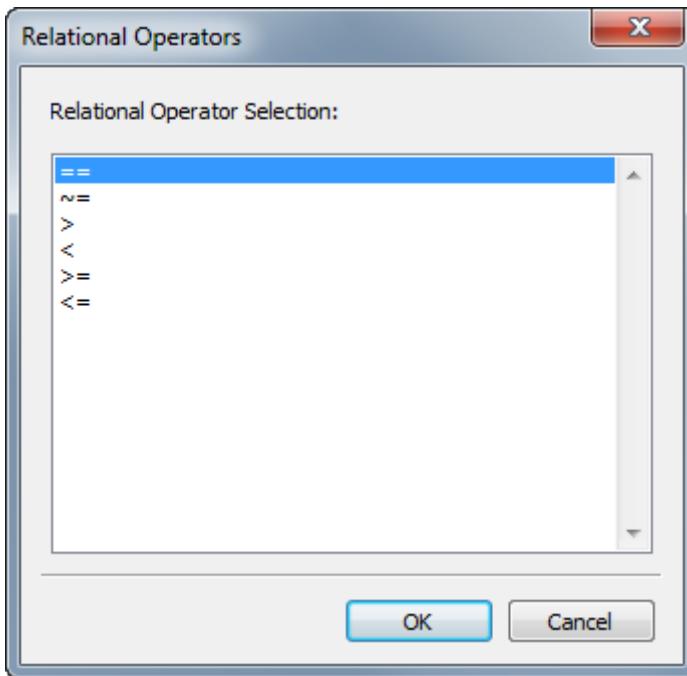
The first column of the first row contains a placeholder for the **If** command name. This cannot be changed. The first column of each additional row contains the logical operator (**&**, **|**) that joins the expression in that row with the one above it. To select a logical operator, double-click or right-click in the appropriate box in the table to display a selection window. Click the correct operator and click **OK** to select it.



The **Left Hand Side** column contains the left-hand side of each individual expression. Double-click the cell to type a parameter name. To set this value from a parameter selection list instead, either click "...” to the left of the cell you want to set, or right-click the cell itself. A **ParameterSelectDialog** window will appear that allows you to choose a parameter.



The **Condition** column contains the conditional operator (==, ~=, <, etc.) that joins the left-hand and right-hand sides of the expression. To select a relational operator, double-click or right-click in the appropriate box in the table, and a selection window will appear. Click the correct operator and click **OK** to select it.



Finally, the **Right Hand Side** column contains the right-hand side of the expression. This value can be modified the same way as the **Left Hand Side** column.

When you are finished, click **Apply** to save your changes, or click **OK** to save your changes and close the window. The command will be validated when either button is clicked.

Examples

A simple **If** statement:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ForceModel aForceModel

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aForceModel

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1, aSat.Altitude = 300}
If aSat.Altitude < 301 & aSat.Altitude > 299
    % propagation stopped on altitude constraint
Else
    % propagation continued for 1 day
EndIf
```


Maneuver

Perform an impulsive (instantaneous) maneuver

Script Syntax

```
Maneuver BurnName (SpacecraftName)
```

Description

The **Maneuver** command applies a selected **ImpulsiveBurn** to a selected **Spacecraft**. To perform an impulsive maneuver using the **Maneuver** command, you must create an **ImpulsiveBurn**. If you wish to model fuel depletion, you must associate a specific **ChemicalTank** hardware object with this **ImpulsiveBurn** and attach the **ChemicalTank** to the desired **Spacecraft**. See the Remarks and example shown below for more details.

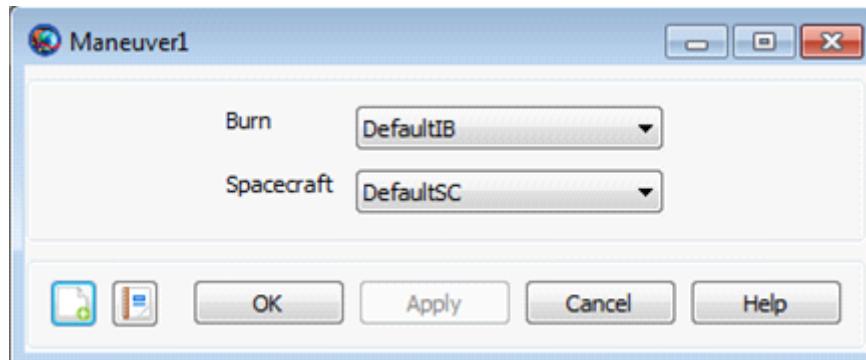
See Also: [ChemicalTank](#), [ImpulsiveBurn](#), [Spacecraft](#)

Options

Option	Description		
ImpulsiveBurn-Name	Allows the user to select which ImpulsiveBurn to apply. As an example, to maneuver DefaultSC using DefaultIB, the script line would appear as Maneuver DefaultIB(DefaultSC).	Accepted Data Types	Reference Array
		Allowed Values	Any ImpulsiveBurn existing in the resource tree
		Default Value	DefaultIB
		Required	yes
		Interfaces	GUI, script
SpacecraftName	Allows the user to select which Spacecraft to maneuver. The maneuver applied is specified by the ImpulsiveBurnName option above.	Accepted Data Types	Reference Array
		Allowed Values	Spacecraft resource
		Default Value	DefaultSC
		Required	yes
		Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

The **Maneuver** command dialog box, as shown below, allows you to select which previously created **ImpulsiveBurn** should be applied to which **Spacecraft**.



Remarks

Fuel Depletion

To model fuel depletion associated with your chosen **ImpulsiveBurn**, you must configure the **ImpulsiveBurn** object as follows:

- Set the **ImpulsiveBurn** parameter, **Decrement Mass**, equal to true.
- Select a **ChemicalTank** for the **ImpulsiveBurn** object and attach this selected **ChemicalTank** to the **Spacecraft**.
- Set values for the **ImpulsiveBurn** parameters, **Isp** and **GravitationalAccel**, which are used to calculate, via the Rocket Equation, the mass depleted.

Interactions

ImpulsiveBurn	The Maneuver command applies the specified ImpulsiveBurn to the specified Spacecraft .
ChemicalTank	The ChemicalTank specified by the ImpulsiveBurn object is (optionally) used to power the ImpulsiveBurn .
Spacecraft	This is the object that the ImpulsiveBurn is applied to.

Examples

Create a default **Spacecraft** and **ChemicalTank** and attach the **ChemicalTank** to the **Spacecraft**. Perform a 100 m/s impulsive maneuver in the Earth VNB-V direction.

```
% Create default Spacecraft and ChemicalTank and attach the ChemicalTank
% to the Spacecraft.
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
Create ChemicalTank FuelTank1
DefaultSC.Tanks = {FuelTank1}

% Set ChemicalTank1 parameters to default values
FuelTank1.AllowNegativeFuelMass = false
FuelTank1.FuelMass = 756
FuelTank1.Pressure = 1500
FuelTank1.Temperature = 20
FuelTank1.RefTemperature = 20
FuelTank1.Volume = 0.75
FuelTank1.FuelDensity = 1260
FuelTank1.PressureModel = PressureRegulated

% Create ImpulsiveBurn associated with the created ChemicalTank
```

```
Create ImpulsiveBurn IB
IB.CoordinateSystem = Local
IB.Origin = Earth
IB.Axes = VNB
IB.Element1 = 0.1
IB.Element2 = 0
IB.Element3 = 0
IB.DecrementMass = true
IB.Tank = {FuelTank1}
IB.Isp = 300
IB.GravitationalAccel = 9.81000000000001

BeginMissionSequence
% Apply impulsive maneuver to DefaultSC
Maneuver IB(DefaultSC)
```


MarkPoint

Allows you to add a special mark point character on an XYPlot

Script Syntax

MarkPoint *OutputNames*

OutputNames

OutputNames is the list of subscribers and a special mark point will be added to each subscriber's XYPlot. When mark points need to be added to multiple subscribers, then the subscribers need to be separated by a space.

Description

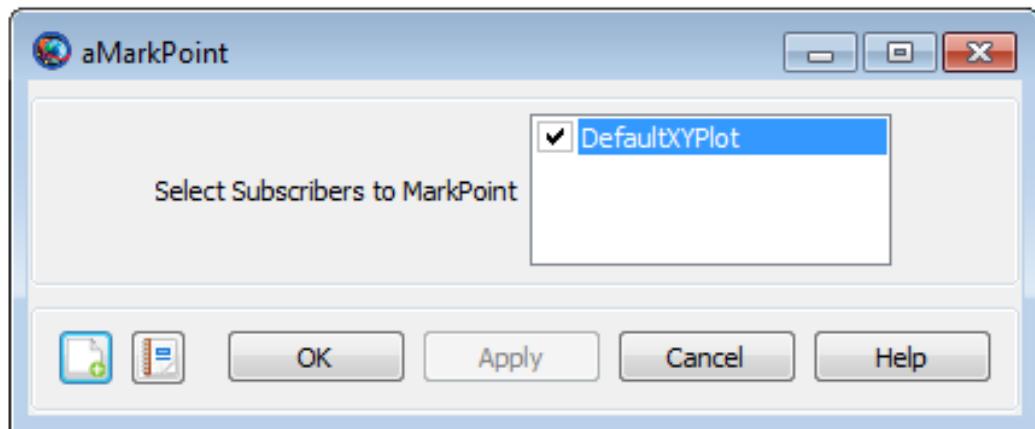
The **MarkPoint** command allows you to add a special mark point character to highlight a single data point on an **XYPlot**. **MarkPoint** command works only for **XYPlot** subscriber. This command also allows you to add special mark points on multiple **XYPlot** resources. **MarkPoint** command can be used through GMAT's GUI or the script interface.

Options

Option	Description
OutputNames	The MarkPoint command allows the user to add a special mark point character to highlight an individual data point on an XYPlot .
Accepted Data Types	Resource reference
Allowed Values	XYPlot resource
Default Value	DefaultXYPlot
Required	yes
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

Figure below shows default settings for **MarkPoint** command:



Remarks

GMAT allows you to insert **MarkPoint** command into the **Mission** tree at any location. This allows you to add special mark points on an **XYPlot** at any point in your mission. The **XYPlot**

subscriber plots data at each propagation step of the entire mission duration. If you want to place mark points on an **XYPlot** at specific points, then a **MarkPoint** command can be inserted into the mission sequence to control when mark points are placed onto an **XYPlot**. Refer to the [Examples](#) section below to see how **MarkPoint** command can be used in the **Mission** tree.

Examples

This example shows how to use **MarkPoint** command on multiple subscribers. Mark points are added on two **XYPlots** after every 0.2 days through an iterative loop:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aPlot1 aPlot2

aPlot1.XVariable = aSat.A1ModJulian
aPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X}

aPlot2.XVariable = aSat.A1ModJulian
aPlot2.YVariables = {aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX}

BeginMissionSequence;

While aSat.ElapsedDays < 1.0
    MarkPoint aPlot1 aPlot2
    Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 0.2}
EndWhile
```

This example shows how to use **MarkPoint** on a single subscriber. In this example, mark points are placed on the **XYPlot** the moment spacecraft's altitude goes below 750 Km. Note that mark points are placed on the XYPlot at every integration step:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aPlot1

aPlot1.XVariable = aSat.A1ModJulian
aPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.Altitude}

BeginMissionSequence

While aSat.ElapsedDays < 2
    Propagate aProp(aSat)
    If aSat.Earth.Altitude < 750
        MarkPoint aPlot1
    EndIf
EndWhile
```

Minimize

Define the cost function to minimize

Script Syntax

```
Minimize OptimizerName (ObjectiveFunction)
```

Description

The **Minimize** command is used within an **Optimize/EndOptimize** Optimization sequence to define the objective function that you want to minimize.

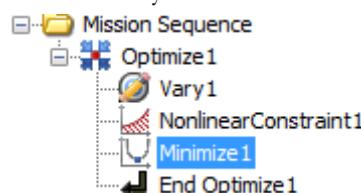
See Also: [Vary](#), [NonlinearConstraint](#), [Optimize](#)

Options

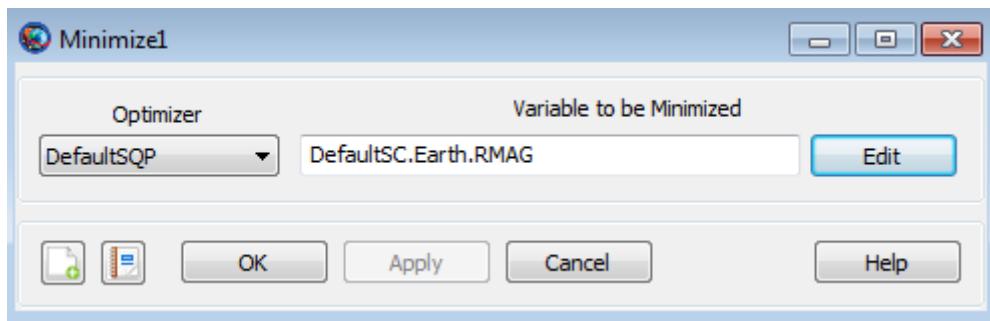
Option	Description	
ObjectiveFunction	Specifies the objective function that the optimizer will try to minimize.	
	Accepted Data Types	String
	Allowed Values	Spacecraft parameter, Array element, Variable, or any other single element user defined parameter, excluding numbers
	Default Value	DefaultSC.Earth.RMAG
	Required	yes
	Interfaces	GUI, script
OptimizerName	Specifies which optimizer to use to minimize the cost function	
	Accepted Data Types	Reference Array
	Allowed Values	Any VF13ad or fminconOptimizer resource
	Default Value	DefaultSQP
	Required	yes
	Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

You use a **Minimize** command, within an **Optimize/EndOptimize** Optimization sequence as shown below, to define a cost function that you wish to minimize.



Double click on **Minimize1** to bring up the **Minimize** command dialog box shown below.



You must provide two inputs for the **Minimize** command dialog box above:

- Choice of optimizer.
- Object (and associated variable) to be minimized. You can input an object directly or you can click the **Edit** button to the right of this field to select the type of object from three possible choices, **Spacecraft**, **Variable**, or **Array**.

Remarks

Number of Vary, NonlinearConstraint, and Minimize Commands Within an Optimization Sequence

An Optimization sequence must contain one or more **Vary** commands. **Vary** commands must occur before any **Minimize** or **NonlinearConstraint** commands.

At most, a single **Minimize** command is allowed within an optimization sequence.

It is possible for an **Optimize/EndOptimize** optimization sequence to contain no **Minimize** commands. In this case, since every optimization sequence must contain (a) one or more **NonlinearConstraint** commands and/or (b) a single **Minimize** command, the optimization sequence must contain at least one **NonlinearConstraint** command.

Command Interactions

The **Minimize** command is only used within an **Optimize/EndOptimize** Optimization sequence. See the **Optimize** command documentation for a complete worked example using the **Minimize** command.

Vary command	Every Optimization sequence must contain at least one Vary command. Vary commands are used to define the control variables associated with an Optimization sequence.
NonlinearConstraint command	NonlinearConstraint commands are used to define the constraints (i.e., goals) associated with an Optimization sequence. Note that multiple NonlinearConstraint commands are allowed within an Optimization sequence.
Optimize command	A Minimize command can only occur within an Optimize/EndOptimize command sequence.

Examples

```
% Minimize the eccentricity of Sat, using SQP1
Minimize SQP1(Sat.ECC)
```

```
% Minimize the Variable DeltaV, using SQP1
Minimize SQP1(DeltaV)

% Minimize the first component of MyArray, using VF13ad1
Minimize VF13ad1(MyArray(1,1))
```

As mentioned above, the **Minimize** command only occurs within an **Optimize** sequence. See the **Optimize** command help for complete examples showing the use of the **Minimize** command.

NonlinearConstraint

Specify a constraint used during optimization

Script Syntax

```
NonlinearConstraint OptimizerName ({logical expression})
```

Description

The **NonlinearConstraint** command is used within an **Optimize/EndOptimize** optimization sequence to apply a linear or nonlinear constraint.

See Also: [Vary](#), [Optimize](#), [Minimize](#)

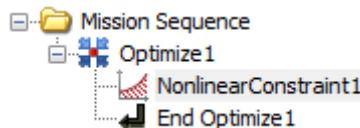
Options

Option	Description										
LHS	Allows you to select any single element user defined parameter, except a number, to define the constraint variable. The constraint function is of the form LHS Operator RHS <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Spacecraft parameter, Array element, Variable, or any other single element user defined parameter, excluding numbers</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>DefaultSC.SMA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	String	Allowed Values	Spacecraft parameter, Array element, Variable, or any other single element user defined parameter, excluding numbers	Default Value	DefaultSC.SMA	Required	yes	Interfaces	GUI, script
Accepted Data Types	String										
Allowed Values	Spacecraft parameter, Array element, Variable, or any other single element user defined parameter, excluding numbers										
Default Value	DefaultSC.SMA										
Required	yes										
Interfaces	GUI, script										
Operator	logical operator used to specify the constraint function. The constraint function is of the form LHS Operator RHS <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>>=, <=, =</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>=</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Reference Array	Allowed Values	>= , <= , =	Default Value	=	Required	yes	Interfaces	GUI, script
Accepted Data Types	Reference Array										
Allowed Values	>= , <= , =										
Default Value	=										
Required	yes										
Interfaces	GUI, script										
OptimizerName	Specifies the solver/optimizer object used to apply a constraint. <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Reference Array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Any VF13ad or fminconOptimizer object.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>DefaultSQP</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Reference Array	Allowed Values	Any VF13ad or fminconOptimizer object.	Default Value	DefaultSQP	Required	yes	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Required	yes										
Interfaces	GUI, script										

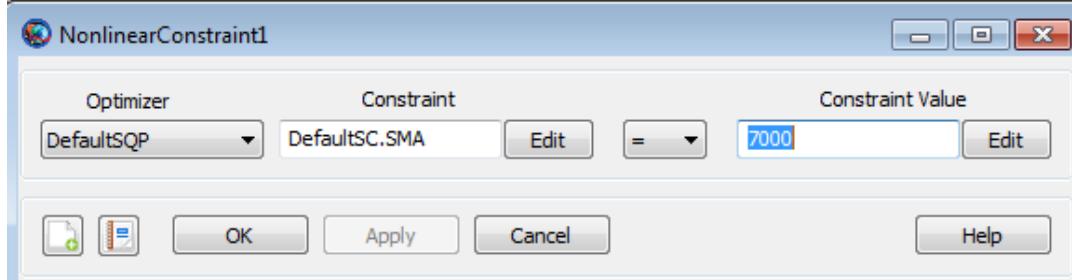
Option	Description
RHS	Allows you to select any single element user defined parameter, including a number, to specify the desired value of the constraint variable. The constraint function is of the form LHS Operator RHS
Accepted Data Types	String
Allowed Values	Spacecraft parameter, Array element, Variable, or any other single element user defined parameter, including numbers
Default Value	7000
Required	yes
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

You use a **NonlinearConstraint** command, within an Optimize/EndOptimize sequence as shown below, to define an equality or inequality constraint that you want to be satisfied at the end of the optimization process.



Double click on **NonlinearConstraint1** to bring up the **NonlinearConstraint** command dialog box, shown below.



You must provide four inputs for the **NonlinearConstraint** command dialog box above:

- Choice of **Optimizer**.
- **Constraint** Object. Click the **Edit** button to the right of this field to select the type of constraint object from three possible choices, **Spacecraft**, **Variable**, or **Array**.
- Logical operator. Select one from three choices, $=$, \leq , or \geq .
- **Constraint Value**.

Note that Inputs 2-4 define a logical expression. In the example above, we have:
DefaultSC.SMA = 7000

Remarks

Number of Vary, NonlinearConstraint, and Minimize Commands Within an Optimization Sequence

An Optimization sequence must contain one or more **Vary** commands. **Vary** commands must occur before any **Minimize** or **NonlinearConstraint** commands.

Multiple **NonlinearConstraint** commands are allowed. There is exactly one **NonlinearConstraint** command for every constraint.

It is possible for an **Optimize/EndOptimize** optimization sequence to contain no **NonlinearConstraint** commands. In this case, since every optimization sequence must contain (a) one or more **NonlinearConstraint** commands and/or (b) a single **Minimize** command, the optimization sequence must contain a single **Minimize** command.

Command Interactions

The **Minimize** command is only used within an **Optimize/EndOptimize** Optimization sequence. See the **Optimize** command documentation for a complete worked example using the **NonlinearConstraint** command.

Optimize **NonlinearConstraint** commands can only occur within an **Optimize/EndOptimize** command sequence.

Vary **com-** Every Optimization sequence must contain at least one **Vary** command. **Vary** **mand** commands are used to define the control variables associated with an Optimization sequence.

Minimize **command** A **Minimize** command is used within an Optimization sequence to define the objective function that will be minimized. Note that an optimization sequence is allowed to contain, at most, one **Minimize** command. (An Optimization sequence is not required to contain a **Minimize** command)

Examples

```
% Constrain SMA of Sat to be 7000 km, using SQP1
NonlinearConstraint SQP1( Sat.SMA = 7000 )

% Constrain SMA of Sat to be less than or equal to 7000 km,
% using SQP1
NonlinearConstraint SQP1( Sat.SMA <= 7000 )

% Constrain the SMA of Sat to be greater than or equal to 7000 km,
% using VF13ad1
NonlinearConstraint VF13ad1( Sat.SMA >= 7000 )
```

As mentioned above, the **NonlinearConstraint** command only occurs within an **Optimize** sequence. See the **Optimize** command help for complete examples showing the use of the **NonlinearConstraint** command.

Optimize

Solve for condition(s) by varying one or more parameters

Script Syntax

```
Optimize SolverName [{[SolveMode = value], [ExitMode = value],
                      [ShowProgressWindow = value]}]
    Vary command ...
    script statement ...
    NonlinearConstraint command ...
    Minimize command ...
EndOptimize
```

Description

The **Optimize** command in GMAT allows you to solve optimization problems by using a solver object. Currently, you can choose from one of two available solvers, the **FminconOptimizer** solver object available to all GMAT users with access to the Matlab optimization toolbox and the **VF13ad** solver object plug-in that you must install yourself.

You use the **Optimize** and **EndOptimize** commands to define an **Optimize** sequence to determine, for example, the maneuver components required to raise orbit apogee to 42164 km while simultaneously minimizing the DeltaV required to do so. **Optimize** sequences in GMAT are applicable to a wide variety of problems and this is just one example. Let's define the quantities that you don't know precisely, but need to determine, as the Control Variables. We define the conditions that must be satisfied as the Constraints and we define the quantity to be minimized (e.g., DeltaV) as the Objective function. An **Optimize** sequence numerically solves a boundary value problem to determine the value of the Control Variables required to satisfy the Constraints while simultaneously minimizing the Objective function. As was the case for the **Target/End-Target** command sequence, you define your control variables by using **Vary** commands. You define the constraints that must be satisfied by using the **NonlinearConstraint** command and you define the objective function to be minimized by using the **Minimize** command. The **Optimize/EndOptimize** sequence is an advanced command. The examples later in this section give a more detailed explanation.

See Also: [Vary](#), [NonlinearConstraint](#), [Minimize](#), [VF13ad](#)

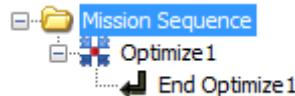
Options

Option	Description
ApplyCorrections	The ApplyCorrections GUI button replaces the initial guess values specified in the Vary commands with those computed by the optimizer during a run. If the Optimize sequence converged, the converged values are applied. If the Optimize sequence did not converge, the last calculated values are applied. There is one situation where the action specified above, where the initial guess values specified in the Vary commands are replaced, does not occur. This happens when the initial guess value specified in the Vary command is given by a variable.
	Accepted Data Types N/A Allowed Values N/A Default Value N/A Required no Interfaces GUI, script
ExitMode	Controls the initial guess values for Optimize sequences nested in control flow. If ExitMode is set to SaveAndContinue , the solution of an Optimize sequence is saved and used as the initial guess for the next time this Optimize sequence is run. The rest of the mission sequence is then executed. If ExitMode is set to DiscardAndContinue , then the solution is discarded and the initial guess values specified in the Vary commands are used for each Optimize sequence execution. The rest of the mission sequence is then executed. If ExitMode is set to Stop , the Optimize sequence is executed, the solution is discarded, and the rest of the mission sequence is not executed.
	Accepted Data Types Reference Array Allowed Values DiscardAndContinue, SaveAndContinue, Stop Default Value DiscardAndContinue Required no Interfaces GUI, script
ShowProgressWindow	Flag to indicate if solver progress window should be displayed.
	Accepted Data Types Boolean Allowed Values true, false Default Value true Required no Interfaces GUI, script

Option	Description										
SolveMode	Specifies how the optimization loop behaves during mission execution. When SolveMode is set to Solve , the optimization loop executes and attempts to solve the optimization problem. When SolveMode is set to RunInitialGuess , the Optimizer does not attempt to solve the optimization problem and the commands in the Optimize sequence execute using the initial guess values defined in the Vary commands.										
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Default Value	Solve										
Required	no										
Interfaces	GUI, script										
SolverName	Specifies the solver/optimizer object used in the Optimize sequence										
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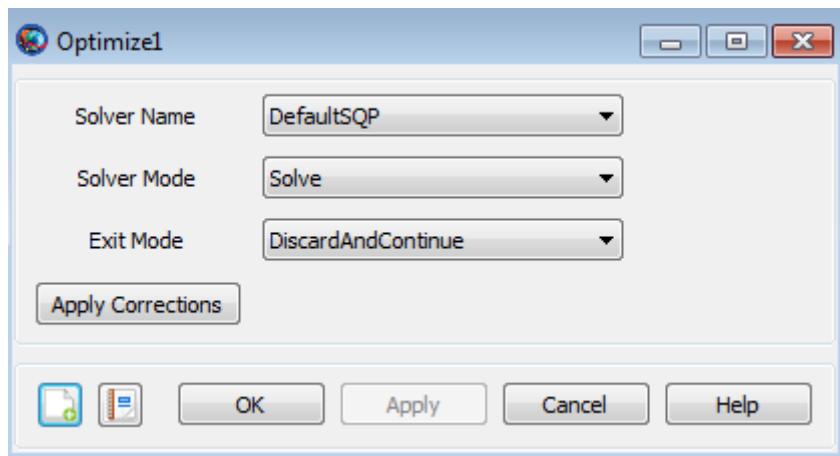
GUI

The **Optimize** command allows you to use an optimization process to solve problems. To solve a given problem, you need to create a so-called **Optimize** sequence which we now define. When you add an **Optimize** command to the mission sequence, an **EndOptimize** command is automatically added as shown below.



In the example above, the **Optimize** command sequence is defined as all of the commands between the **Optimize1** and **EndOptimize1** commands, inclusive. Although not shown above, an **Optimize** command sequence must contain a **Vary** command which is used to define the control variables that can be varied in order to help solve our problem. An **Optimize** command must also contain a **Minimize** command and/or one or more **NonlinearConstraint** commands. You use a **Minimize** command to define a cost function that you wish to minimize and you use the **NonlinearConstraint** command to define either an equality or inequality constraint that you want to be satisfied at the end of the optimization process.

Double click on the **Optimize1** command above to open the **Optimize** command dialog box, shown below, which allows you to specify your choice of Solver (i.e., your choice of optimizer), **Solver Mode**, and **Exit Mode**. As described in the Remarks section, the **Optimize** command dialog box also allows you to apply corrections to your **Optimize** command sequence.



If you set **ShowProgressWindow** to true, then a dynamic display is shown during optimization that contains values of variables and constraints as shown below.

Solver Window - Optimize 'Optimal Transfer' SQP1 (SolveMode = Solve, ExitMode = DiscardAndContinue, ShowProgressWindow = True)			
Control Variable	Current Value	Last Value	Difference
TOI.Element1	0.1490094273682808	0.1490094273682808	2.775557561562891e-17
TOI.Element2	-0.003719561842226636	-0.003719561842226636	-4.336808689942018e-19
TOI.Element3	0.134253869565613	0.134253869565613	0
LOI.Element1	-0.7391206230620296	-0.7391206230620296	0
Constraints	Desired	Achieved	Difference
(==) MMSRef.Luna.SMA	2300	2303.170299080401	3.170299080400582
(==) MMSRef.MoonMJ2000Eq.INC	65	65.00220269255118	0.002202692551179553
(==) MMSRef.Luna.ECC	0.01	0.01137510492527216	0.00137510492527216
Objective Function	Current Value	Last Value	Difference
Cost	0.3496128821696918	0.3496215137222523	-8.63155256053405e-06

CONVERGED
Optimization Completed in 21 passes through the Solver Control Sequence

Remarks

Content of an Optimize/EndOptimize Sequence

An **Optimize/EndOptimize** sequence must contain at least one **Vary** command and at least one of the following commands: **NonlinearConstraint** and **Minimize**. See the **Vary**, **NonlinearConstraint**, and **Minimize** command sections for details on the syntax for those commands. The first **Vary** command must occur before the first **NonlinearConstraint** or **Minimize** command. Each **Optimize** command field in the curly braces is optional. You can omit the entire list and the curly braces and the default values will be used for **Optimize** configuration fields such as **SolveMode** and **ExitMode**.

Relation to Target/EndTarget Command Sequence

There are some functional similarities between the **Target/EndTarget** and **Optimize/EndOptimize** command sequences. In both cases, we define Control Variables and Constraints. For both **Target** and **Optimize** sequences, we use the **Vary** command to define the Control Variables. For the **Target** sequence, we use the **Achieve** command to define the constraints whereas, for an **Optimize** sequence, we use the **NonlinearConstraint** command. The big difference between the **Target** and **Optimize** sequences is that the **Optimize** sequence allows for the minimization of an Objective function through the use of the **Minimize** command.

Command Interactions

Vary command	Every Optimize sequence must contain at least one Vary command. Vary commands are used to define the control variables associated with an Optimize sequence.
NonlinearConstraint command	NonlinearConstraint commands are used to define the constraints associated with an Optimize sequence. Note that multiple NonlinearConstraint commands are allowed within an Optimize sequence.
Minimize command	A Minimize command is used within an Optimize sequence to define the Objective function that will be minimized. Note that an Optimize sequence is allowed to contain, at most, one Minimize command. (An Optimize sequence is not required to contain a Minimize command)

Examples

Use an **Optimize** sequence with the fmincon solver object to find the point, (x, y), on the unit circle with the smallest y value. Note that the use of the **FminconOptimizer** solver assumes you have access to the Matlab optimization toolbox.

```
Create FminconOptimizer SQP1
SQP1.MaximumIterations = 50
Create Variable x y Circle

BeginMissionSequence
Optimize SQP1
    Vary SQP1(x = 1)
    Vary SQP1(y = 1)
    Circle = x*x + y*y
    NonlinearConstraint SQP1(Circle = 1)
    Minimize SQP1(y)
EndOptimize
```

Similar to the example given in the **Target** command Help, use an **Optimize** sequence to raise orbit apogee. In the **Target** command example, we had one control variable, the velocity component of an **ImpulsiveBurn** object, and the single constraint that the position vector magnitude at orbit apogee equals 42164. For this example, we keep this control variable and constraint but we now add a second control variable, the true anomaly of where the burn occurs. In addition, we ask the optimizer to minimize the Delta-V cost of the burn. As expected, the best (DV minimizing) orbit location to perform an apogee raising burn is near perigee (i.e., nearTA = 0). In this example, since the force model in use is not perfectly two body Keplerian, the optimal TA value obtained is close to but not exactly 0. Note that the use of the **VF13ad** solver object in this example assumes that you have installed this optional plug-in. Finally, report the convergence status to a file.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aPropagator
Create ImpulsiveBurn aBurn
Create VF13ad VF13ad1
VF13ad1.Tolerance = 1e-008
Create OrbitView EarthView
EarthView.Add = {Earth, aSat}
EarthView.ViewScaleFactor = 5
Create Variable ApogeeRadius DVCost
Create ReportFile aReport
```

```
BeginMissionSequence
Optimize VF13ad1
    Vary VF13ad1(aSat.TA = 100, {MaxStep = 10})
    Vary VF13ad1(aBurn.Element1 = 1, {MaxStep = 1})
    Maneuver aBurn(aSat)
    Propagate aPropagator(aSat) {aSat.Apoapsis}
    GMAT ApogeeRadius = aSat.RMAG
    NonlinearConstraint VF13ad1(ApogeeRadius=42164)
    GMAT DVCost = aBurn.Element1
    Minimize VF13ad1(DVCost)
EndOptimize
Report aReport VF13ad1.SolverStatus VF13ad1.SolverState
```

PenUpPenDown

Allows you to stop or begin drawing data on a plot

Script Syntax

PenUp *OutputNames*

OutputNames

OutputNames is the list of subscribers that **PenUp** command operates on. When **PenUp** command is used on multiple subscribers, then the subscribers need to be separated by a space.

PenDown *OutputNames*

OutputNames

OutputNames is the list of subscribers that **PenDown** command operates on. When **PenDown** command is used on multiple subscribers, then the subscribers need to be separated by a space.

Description

The **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands allow you to stop or begin drawing data on a plot. The **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands operate on **XYPlot**, **OrbitView** and **GroundTrackPlot** subscribers. GMAT allows you to insert **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands into the **Mission** tree at any location. This allows you to stop or begin drawing data output on a plot at any point in your mission. The **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands can be used through GMAT's GUI or the script interface.

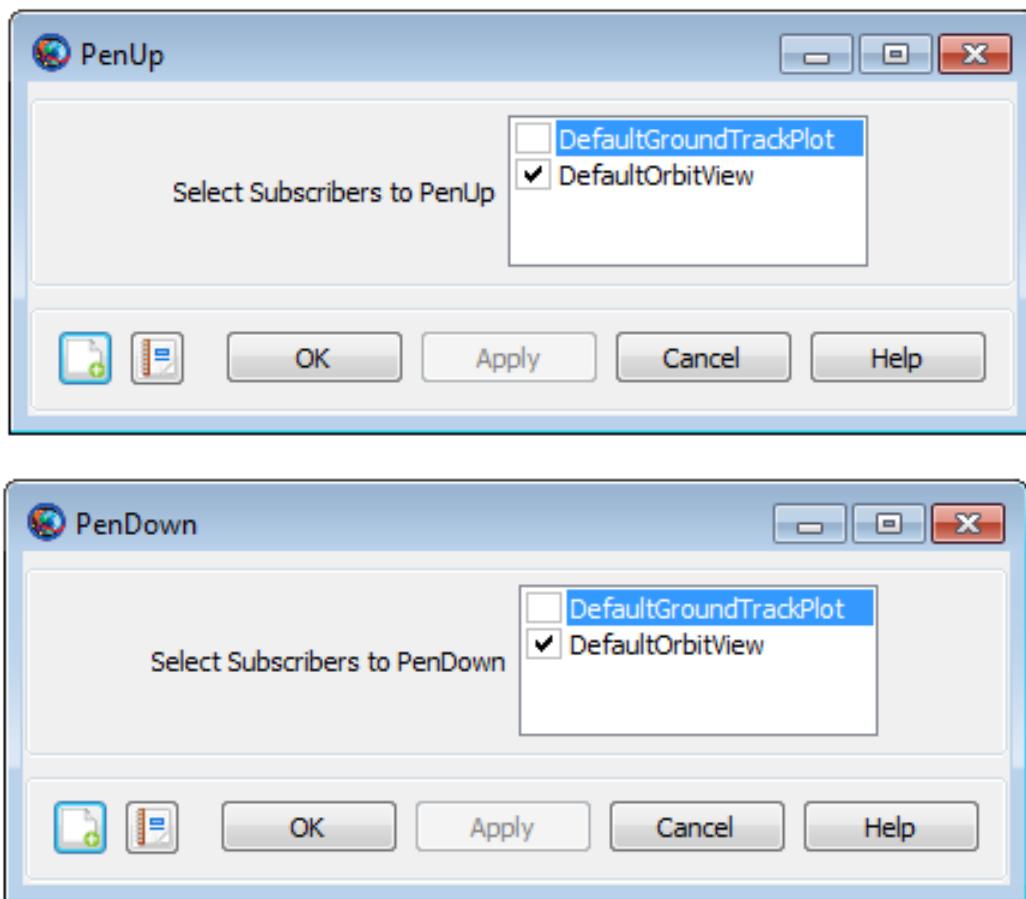
Options

Option	Description										
OutputNames	When a PenUp command is issued for a plot, no data is drawn to that plot until a PenDown command is issued for that plot										
	<table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Resource reference</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>XYPlot, OrbitView or GroundTrackPlot resources</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>DefaultOrbitview</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Resource reference	Allowed Values	XYPlot , OrbitView or GroundTrackPlot resources	Default Value	DefaultOrbitview	Required	yes	Interfaces	GUI, script
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OutputNames	When a PenDown command is issued for a plot, data is drawn for each integration step until a PenUp command is issued for that plot.										
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GUI

Figures below show default settings for **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands:



Remarks

XYPlot, **OrbitView** and **GroundTrackPlot** subscribers plot data at each integration step of the entire mission duration. If you want to plot data at specific points in your mission, then a **PenUp** and **PenDown** command can be inserted into the mission sequence to control when a subscriber plots data. For example, when a **PenUp** command is issued for **XYPlot**, **OrbitView** or **GroundTrackPlot**, no data is drawn to that plot until a **PenDown** command is issued for that same plot. Similarly, when a **PenDown** command is issued for any of the three **subscribers**, then data is drawn for each integration step until a **PenUp** command is issued for that specific subscriber. Refer to the [Examples](#) section below to see how **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands can be used in the **Mission** tree.

Examples

This example shows how to use **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands on multiple subscribers. **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands are used on **XYPlot**, **OrbitView** and **GroundTrackPlot**. Data is drawn to the plots for first day of the propagation, turned off for second day of propagation and then data is drawn for third day of the propagation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aPlot
```

```
aPlot.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
aPlot.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.SMA}

Create OrbitView anOrbitViewPlot
anOrbitViewPlot.Add = {aSat, Earth}

Create GroundTrackPlot aGroundTrackPlot
aGroundTrackPlot.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
PenUp aGroundTrackPlot anOrbitViewPlot aPlot
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
PenDown aGroundTrackPlot anOrbitViewPlot aPlot
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

This example shows how to use **PenUp** and **PenDown** commands on a single **XYPlot** subscriber. Data is drawn to the plot for one-third of the day, turned off for second one-third of the day and then data is drawn again for last one-third of the day:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aPlot1
aPlot1.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
aPlot1.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.Altitude}

Create Variable I
I = 0

BeginMissionSequence

While aSat.ElapsedDays < 1.0

    Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 60}
    If I == 480
        PenUp aPlot1
        EndIf

    If I == 960
        PenDown aPlot1
        EndIf

    GMAT I = I +1

EndWhile
```


Propagate

Propagates spacecraft to a requested stopping condition

Script Syntax

The **Propagate** command is a complex command that supports multiple **Propagators**, multiple **Spacecraft**, and multiple stopping conditions. In the syntax definition below, **SatList** is a comma separated list of spacecraft and **StopList** is a comma separated list of stopping conditions. The general syntax of the **Propagate** command is:

```
Propagate [Mode] [BackProp] Propagator1Name(SatList1,{StopList1})...
Propagator2Name(SatList2,{StopList2})
```

or

```
Propagate [Mode] [BackProp] Propagator1Name(SatList1)...
Propagator2Name(SatList2){StopList}
```

Most applications propagate a single **Spacecraft**, forward, to a single stopping condition. In that case, the syntax simplifies to:

```
Propagate PropagatorName(SatName,{StopCond});
```

or

```
Propagate PropagatorName(SatName){StopCond};
```

In GMAT, syntax for setting orbit color on a **Propagate** command for a single **Spacecraft** propagating forward to a single stopping condition can be done by either identifying orbit color through ColorName or via RGB triplet value:

```
Propagate PropagatorName(SatName),{StopCond, OrbitColor = ColorName};
```

or

```
Propagate PropagatorName(SatName),{StopCond, OrbitColor = [RGB triplet value]};
```

Description

The **Propagate** command controls the time evolution of spacecraft. GMAT allows you to propagate single **Spacecraft**, multiple non-cooperative **Spacecraft**, and **Formations** in a single **Propagate** command. The **Propagate** command is complex and controls the following aspects of the temporal modelling of spacecraft:

- The **Spacecraft** to be propagated
- The model(s) used for the propagation (numerical integration, ephemeris interpolation)
- The condition(s) to be satisfied at the termination of propagation
- The direction of propagation (forwards or backwards in time)
- The time synchronization of multiple **Spacecraft**
- Propagation of STM and computation of state Jacobian (A-matrix)

- Setting unique colors on different **Spacecraft** trajectory segments through **Propagate** commands

See Also: Propagator, Spacecraft, Formation, Color

Options

Option	Description										
Mode	<p>Optional flag to time-synchronize propagation of Spacecraft performed by multiple Propagators in a single Propagate command. See the section called “Remarks” for more details.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Synchronized</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Not used</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>no</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	String	Allowed Values	Synchronized	Default Value	Not used	Required	no	Interfaces	GUI, script
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BackProp	<p>Optional flag to propagate all Spacecraft in a Propagate command backwards in time.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>String</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>BackProp</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>Not used</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>no</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	String	Allowed Values	BackProp	Default Value	Not used	Required	no	Interfaces	GUI, script
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StopList	<p>A comma separated list of stopping conditions. Stopping conditions must be parameters of propagated Spacecraft in SatList. See the section called “Remarks” for more details.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Reference array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Valid list of stopping conditions</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>ElapsedSecs = 12000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>no</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Reference array	Allowed Values	Valid list of stopping conditions	Default Value	ElapsedSecs = 12000	Required	no	Interfaces	GUI, script
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SatList	<p>A comma separated list of Spacecraft. For SPK type Propagators, the Spacecraft must be configured with valid SPK kernels.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Resource array</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Valid list of spacecraft and/or formations</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>DefaultSC</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Resource array	Allowed Values	Valid list of spacecraft and/or formations	Default Value	DefaultSC	Required	yes	Interfaces	GUI, script
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PropagatorName	<p>A propagator name.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Accepted Data Types</td><td>Propagator</td></tr> <tr> <td>Allowed Values</td><td>Valid Propagator name</td></tr> <tr> <td>Default Value</td><td>DefaultProp</td></tr> <tr> <td>Required</td><td>yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Interfaces</td><td>GUI, script</td></tr> </table>	Accepted Data Types	Propagator	Allowed Values	Valid Propagator name	Default Value	DefaultProp	Required	yes	Interfaces	GUI, script
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Option	Description
StopTolerance	Tolerance on the stopping condition root location. See the section called “Remarks” for more details.
	Accepted Data Types Real Allowed Values Real number > 0 Default Value 0.0000001 Required no Interfaces GUI, script
STM	Optional flag to propagate the orbit STM. STM propagation only occurs for numerical integrator type propagators.
	Accepted Data Types String Allowed Values STM Default Value Not used Required no Interfaces GUI, script
AMatrix	The Jacobian of the orbital acceleration. The partial of the first order acceleration vector with respect to the state vector.
	Accepted Data Types String Allowed Values AMatrix Default Value Not used Required no Interfaces GUI, script

Option	Description
OrbitColor	Sets orbit color on a Propagate command. Default color on Propagate segment is seeded from color that is set on Spacecraft.OrbitColor field. To set unique colors on Propagate command in script mode: Enter ColorName or RGB triplet value for the color of your choice. In GUI mode, select unique color of your choice on the Propagate command by clicking on Orbit Color Selectbox. For Example: Setting yellow color on Propagate segment in script mode can be done in either of the following two ways: Propagate DefaultProp(DefaultSC) {DefaultSC.Earth.Apoapsis, OrbitColor = Yellow} or Propagate DefaultProp(DefaultSC) {DefaultSC.Earth.Apoapsis, OrbitColor = [255 255 0]} .
Accepted Data Types	Integer Array or String
Allowed Values	Any color available from the Orbit Color Picker in GUI. Valid predefined color name or RGB triplet value between 0 and 255.
Default Value	Default color on Propagate command is color that is first set on Spacecraft.OrbitColor field. Default color on Spacecraft.OrbitColor is Red. Therefore default color for Propagate command is Red.
Required Interfaces	no GUI, script

GUI

Introduction

The **Propagate** command GUI provides an interface to assign **Spacecraft** to **Propagators** used for propagation and to define a set of conditions to terminate propagation. The GUI also allows you to define the direction of propagation, the synchronization mode for multiple spacecraft, and whether or not to propagate the STM and compute the A-Matrix.

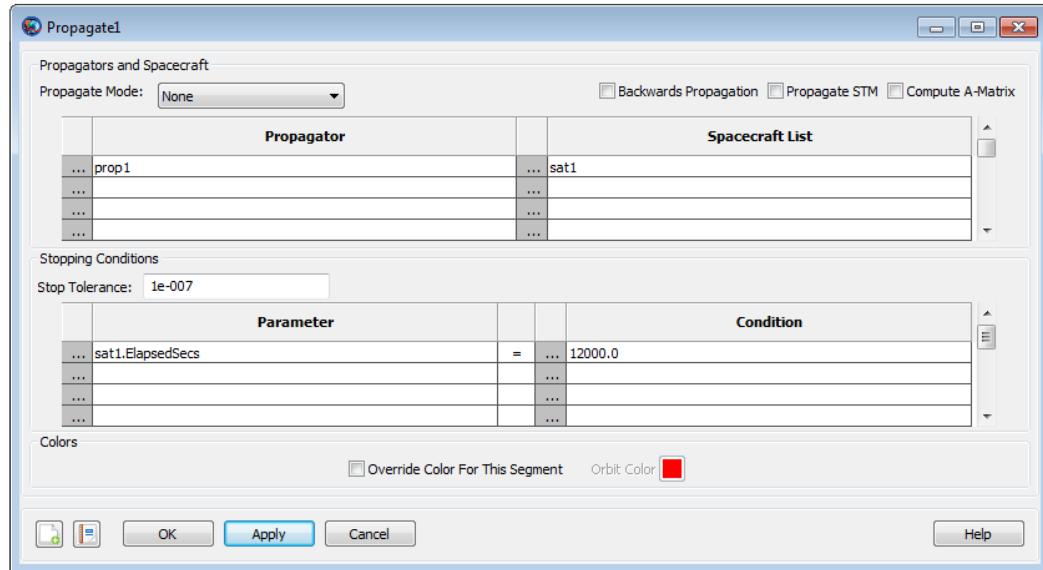
To follow the examples below, you can load the following script snippet or create a new mission with three spacecraft (named **sat1**, **sat2**, and **sat3**) and two propagators (named **prop1** and **prop2**).

```
Create Spacecraft sat1 sat2 sat3
Create Propagator prop1 prop2
BeginMissionSequencer
```

Defining Spacecraft and Propagators

To demonstrate how to define a set of propagators and **Spacecraft** for propagation, you will set up a **Propagate** command to propagate a **Spacecraft** named **sat1** using a **Propagator** named **prop1** and **Spacecraft** named **sat2** and **sat3** using a **Propagator** named **prop2**. You will configure the command to propagate for 1 day or until **sat2** reaches periapsis, whichever happens

first. You will need to configure GMAT as described in the [the section called “Introduction”](#) section and add a new **Propagate** command to your mission sequence. GMAT auto-populates the **Propagate** command GUI with the first **Propagator** in the GUI list and the first **Spacecraft** when you add a new **Propagate** command so you should start from this point.

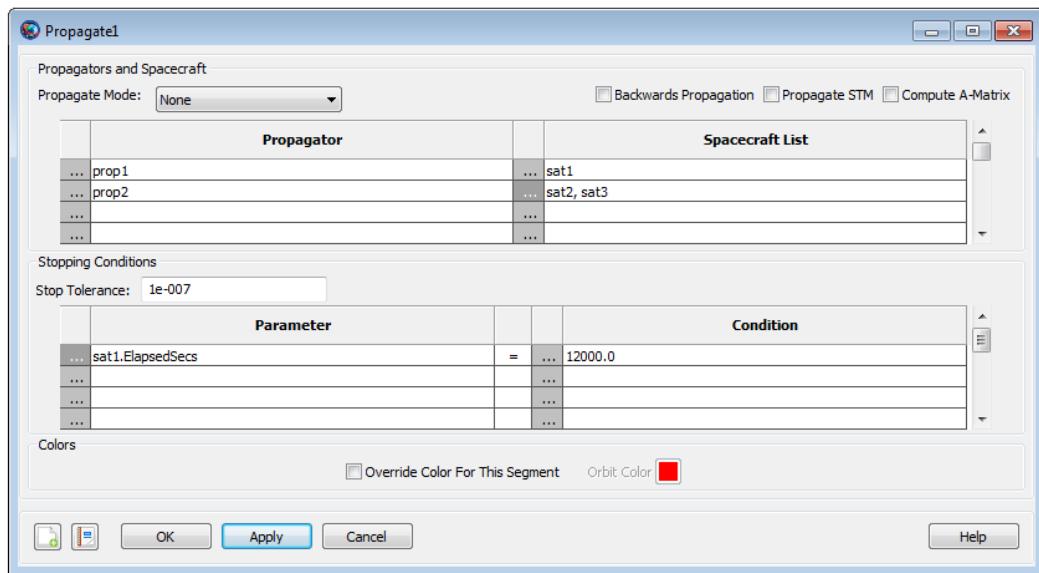


To add a second **Propagator** to propagate **sat2** and **sat3** using **prop2**:

1. In the **Propagator** list, click the ellipsis button in the second row to open the **Propagator Select Dialog**.



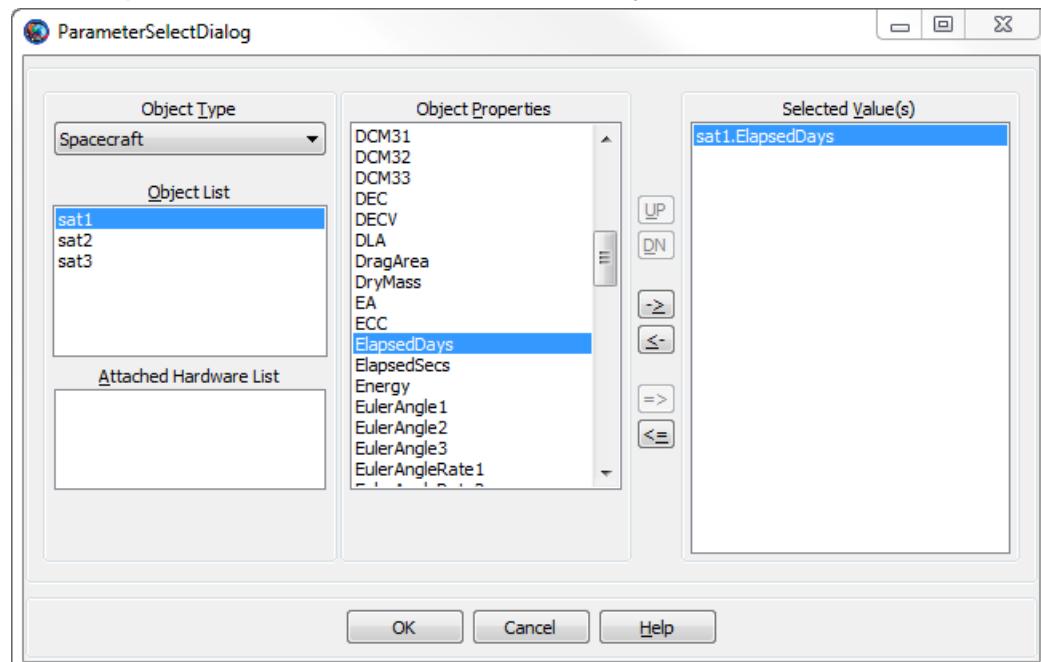
2. In the **Available Propagators** list, click on **prop2**, and click **OK**.
3. In the **Spacecraft List**, click the ellipsis button in the second row to open the **Space Object Select** dialog.
4. Click the right-arrow twice to add **sat2** and **sat3** to the list of selected spacecraft and click **Ok**.



Stopping conditions

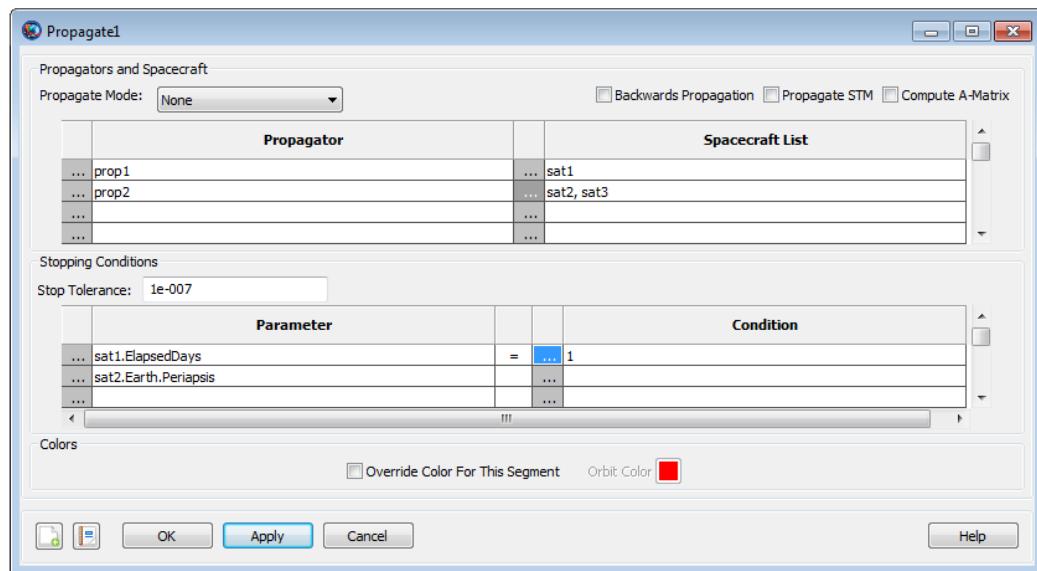
Continuing with the example above, now you will configure GMAT to propagate for one elapsed day or until **sat2** reaches periapsis.

1. In the **Parameter** list, click the ellipsis button in the first row to bring up the **Parameter Select Dialog**.
2. In the **ObjectProperties** list, double click **ElapsedDays**, and click **OK**.



3. In the **Condition** list, double click the first row containing **12000**, type **1**, and click **OK**.
4. In the **Parameter** list, click the ellipsis button in the second row to bring up the **Parameter Select Dialog**.
5. In the **Object** list, click **Sat2**.
6. In the **ObjectProperties** list, double click **Periapsis** and click **OK**.

The **Propagate1** dialog should now look like the image below.



Remarks

Introduction

The **Propagate** command documentation below describes how to propagate single and multiple **Spacecraft** to desired conditions forward and backwards in time. To streamline the script examples, the objects **numSat**, **spkSat**, **numProp**, and **spkProp** are assumed to be configured as shown below. GMAT is distributed with the SPK kernels used in the examples.

```
Create Spacecraft spkSat;
spkSat.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '02 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000'
spkSat.NAIFId = -123456789;
spkSat.OrbitSpiceKernelName = {'..\data\vehicle\ephem\spk\GEOSat.bsp'};

Create Spacecraft numSat
numSat.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '02 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000'

Create Propagator spkProp;
spkProp.Type = SPK;
spkProp.StartEpoch = FromSpacecraft

Create Propagator numProp
numProp.Type = PrinceDormand78

BeginMissionSequence
```

How to Propagate a Single Spacecraft

Note: See the [the section called “Introduction”](#) section for a script snippet to configure GMAT to execute the examples in this section.

The **Propagate** command provides a simple interface to propagate a **Spacecraft** to a stopping condition or to take a single propagation step. To propagate a single **Spacecraft** you must specify the desired **Propagator**, the **Spacecraft** to propagate, and if desired, the stopping condition. The **Propagate** command supports numerical integrator and ephemeris type propagators. For single

Spacecraft propagation, the syntax is the same regardless of propagator type. For example, to propagate a **Spacecraft** using a numerical integrator, you can use the following script snippet:

```
Propagate numProp(numSat){numSat.Periapsis}  
% or  
Propagate numProp(numSat,{numSat.Periapsis})
```

To propagate a single **Spacecraft** using a **Propagator** configured to use an SPK kernel use the following:

```
Propagate spkProp(spkSat){spkSat.TA = 90}  
% or  
Propagate spkProp(spkSat,{spkSat.TA = 90})
```

To take a single propagation step, simply omit the stopping conditions as shown below. The **Propagator** will take a step based on its step size control algorithm. See the [Propagator](#) documentation for more information on step size control.

```
Propagate numProp(numSat)  
% or  
Propagate spkProp(spkSat)
```

How to Propagate Multiple Spacecraft

The **Propagate** command allows you to propagate multiple **Spacecraft** by including a list of **Spacecraft** in a single **Propagator**, by including a **Formation** in a **Propagator**, and/or by including multiple **Propagators** in a single command. For example purposes, here is a script snippet that propagates multiple **Spacecraft**.

```
Propagate Synchronized Prop1(Sat1,Sat2) Prop2(Sat3,Sat4)...  
Prop3(aFormation){Sat1.Earth.Periapsis}
```

In the script line above **Sat1** and **Sat2** are propagated using **Prop1**; **Prop2** is used to propagate **Sat3** and **Sat4**; all **Spacecraft** added to **aFormation** are propagated using **Prop3**. The **Propagate** command configured above propagates all **Spacecraft** until **Sat1** reaches Earth periapsis.

All **Spacecraft** propagated by the same **Propagator** are time synchronized during propagation. By time synchronization, we mean that all **Spacecraft** are propagated across the same time step. The **Synchronized** keyword tells GMAT to keep **Spacecraft** propagated by different **Propagators** synchronized in time during propagation. Time synchronization among multiple **Propagators** is performed by taking a single step for all **Spacecraft** controlled by the first **Propagator** (**Prop1** in the above example), and then stepping all other **Propagators** to that time. When the **Synchronized** keyword is omitted, **Spacecraft** propagated by different **Propagators** are not synchronized in time. In that case, each **Propagator** takes steps determined by its step size control algorithm without regard to the other **Propagators** in the **Propagate** command. Time synchronization is particularly useful if you need ephemeris files for multiple spacecraft with consistent time tags, or if you are visualizing multiple spacecraft in an **OrbitView**.



Warning

Caution: When using a **Propagator** configured to use SPK kernels, you can only have one **Spacecraft** per **Propagator**.

This is supported:

```
Propagate      numProp(numSat)      spkProp(spkSat1)  
spkProp(spkSat2)
```

This is NOT supported!

```
Propagate numProp(numSat) spkProp(spkSat1,spkSat2)
```

Behavior of Stopping Conditions

GMAT allows you to define a set of stopping conditions when propagating **Spacecraft** that define conditions that must be satisfied at the termination of the **Propagate** command. For example, it is often useful to propagate to an orbital location such as Apogee. When no stopping condition is provided, the **Propagate** command takes a single step. When given a set of stopping conditions, the **Propagate** command propagates the **Spacecraft** to the condition that occurs first in elapsed propagation time and terminates propagation. There are several ways to define stopping conditions via the script interface. One is to include a comma separated list of stopping conditions with each **Propagator** like this.

```
Propagate Prop1(Sat1,{Sat1.Periapsis}) Prop2(Sat2,{Sat2.Periapsis})
```

A second approach is to define a comma separated list of stopping conditions at the end of the **Propagate** command like this.

```
Propagate Prop1(Sat1) Prop2(Sat2) {Sat1.Periapsis,Sat2.Periapsis}
```

Note that the above two methods result in the same stopping epoch. When you provide a set of stopping conditions, regardless of where in the command the stopping condition is defined, GMAT builds a list of all conditions and tracks them until the first condition occurs.

The **Propagate** command currently requires that the left hand side of a stopping condition is a valid **Spacecraft** parameter. For example, the first line in the following example is supported and the second line is not supported.

```
Propagate Prop1(Sat1) {Sat1.TA = 45} % Supported  
Propagate Prop1(Sat1) {45 = Sat1.TA} % Not supported
```

GMAT supports special built-in stopping conditions for apoapsis and periapsis like this:

```
Propagate Prop1(Sat1) {Sat1.Apoapsis}  
Propagate Prop1(Sat1) {Sat1.Mars.Periapsis}
```

You can define the tolerance on the stopping condition by including the **StopTolerance** keyword in the **Propagate** command as shown below. In this example, GMAT will propagate until the true anomaly of **Sat1** is 90 degrees to within +/- 1e-5 degrees.

```
Propagate Prop1(Sat1) {Sat1.TA = 90, StopTolerance = 1e-5}
```



Warning

Caution: GMAT currently propagates **Spacecraft** to a time quantization of a few microseconds. Depending upon the rate of the stopping condition function, it may not be possible to locate the stopping condition to the requested **StopTolerance**. In that case, GMAT throws a warning to alert you that the tolerance was not satisfied and provides information on the achieved stopping value and the requested tolerance.

Note: GMAT does not currently support tolerances on a per stopping condition basis. If you include **StopTolerance** multiple times in a single **Propagate** command, GMAT uses the last value provided.

The **Propagate** command uses an algorithm called the First Step Algorithm (FSA) when back-to-back propagations occur and both propagations have at least one stopping condition that is the same in both commands. For example:

```
Propagate prop1(Sat1) {Sat1.TA = 90}
Propagate prop1(Sat1) {Sat1.TA = 90, StopTolerance = 1e-4}
```

The **FSA** determines the behavior of the first step when the last propagation performed on a **Spacecraft** was terminated using a stopping condition listed in the current command. If the error in the stopping condition at the initial epoch of the second **Propagate** command is less than SafetyFactor***StopTolerance**, the propagate command will take one integration step before attempting to locate the stopping condition again. In the FSA, SafetyFactor = 10, and the **StopTolerance** is from the second **Propagate** command. Continuing with the example above, if $\text{abs}(\text{TA}_\text{Achieved} - \text{TA}_\text{Desired}) < 1\text{e-}3$ -- where $\text{TA}_\text{Achieved}$ is the TA after the first **Propagate** command and TA_Desired is the requested value of TA in the second **Propagate** command -- then the **Propagate** command will take one step before attempting to locate the stopping condition. The first step algorithm works the same way for forward propagation, backwards propagation, and changing propagation directions.



Warning

Caution: It is possible to specify a **StopTolerance** that cannot be satisfied by the stopping condition root locators and in that case, a warning is thrown. However, subsequent **Propagate** commands using the same stopping conditions may not behave as desired. For the FSA algorithm to work as designed, you must provide **StopTolerance** values that are achievable.

How to Propagate Backwards

To propagate backwards using the script interface, include the keyword **BackProp** between the **Propagate** command and the first **Propagator** in the command as shown below. All **Propagators** in the command will propagate backwards.

```
Propagate Synchronized BackProp Prop1(Sat1,Sat2) Prop2(Sat3,Sat4)...
Prop3(aFormation){Sat1.Earth.Periapsis}
```

```
Propagate Backprop numProp(numSat){numSat.Periapsis}
```

How to Propagate the STM and Compute the Jacobian (A-matrix)

GMAT propagates the STM for all **Spacecraft** propagated using numerical integrators by including the **STM** keyword in a **Propagate** command as shown below. If the STM keyword is included anywhere in a **Propagate** command, the STM is propagated for all spacecraft using numerical propagators.

```
Propagate Backprop numProp(numSat,'STM'){numSat.Periapsis}
```

GMAT does not currently support propagating the STM when propagating **Formation** resources or when using SPK type propagators.

Limitations of the Propagate Command

- When using an SPK-type **Propagator**, only a single **Spacecraft** can be propagated by a given **Propagator**.
- GMAT does not currently support propagating the STM when propagating **Formation** objects.
- When computing the A-matrix during propagation, the A-matrix values are only accessible via the C-Interface.

Setting Colors on the Propagate Command

GMAT allows you to assign unique colors to **Spacecraft** trajectory segments by setting orbital colors on each **Propagate** command. If you do not set unique colors on each **Propagate** command, then by default, the color on each propagate segment is seeded from color that is set on **Spacecraft.OrbitColor** field. See the [Options](#) section for **OrbitColor** option that lets you set colors on the **Propagate** command. Also see [Color](#) documentation for discussion and examples on how to set unique colors on orbital trajectory segments through GMAT's **Propagate** command.

Examples

Propagate a single **Spacecraft** to Earth periapsis

```
Create Spacecraft numSat
numSat.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '02 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000'

Create Propagator numProp
numProp.Type = PrinceDormand78

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate numProp(numSat) {numSat.Earth.Periapsis}
```

Propagate a single **Spacecraft** for one day.

```
Create Spacecraft numSat
numSat.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '02 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000'

Create Propagator numProp
numProp.Type = PrinceDormand78

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate numProp(numSat) {numSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Propagate a single **Spacecraft** backwards to true anomaly of 90 degrees.

```
Create Spacecraft numSat
numSat.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '02 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000'

Create Propagator numProp
numProp.Type = PrinceDormand78

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate BackProp numProp(numSat) {numSat.TA = 90}
```

Propagate two **Spacecraft**, each using a different **Propagator**, but keep the **Spacecraft** synchronized in time. Propagate until either **Spacecraft** reaches a mean anomaly of 45 degrees.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat1 aSat2
aSat1.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '02 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000'
aSat2.Epoch.UTCGregorian = '02 Jun 2004 12:00:00.000'
aSat2.TA = 0;

Create Propagator aProp1
aProp1.Type = PrinceDormand78
Create Propagator aProp2
aProp2.Type = PrinceDormand78

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate Synchronized aProp1(aSat1) aProp2(aSat2) ...
    {aSat1.MA = 45,aSat2.MA = 45}
```

Report

Allows you to write data to a text file

Script Syntax

```
Report ReportName DataList
```

ReportName

ReportName option allows you to specify the ReportFile for data output.

DataList

DataList option allows you to output data to the Filename specified by the *ReportName*. Multiple objects can be written in the *DataList* when they are separated by spaces.

Description

The **Report** command allows you to report data at specific points in your mission sequence. GMAT allows you to insert **Report** command into the **Mission** tree at any location. **Report** command can be used through GMAT's GUI or via the script interface. The parameters reported by **Report** command are placed into a report file that can be accessed at the end of the mission run.

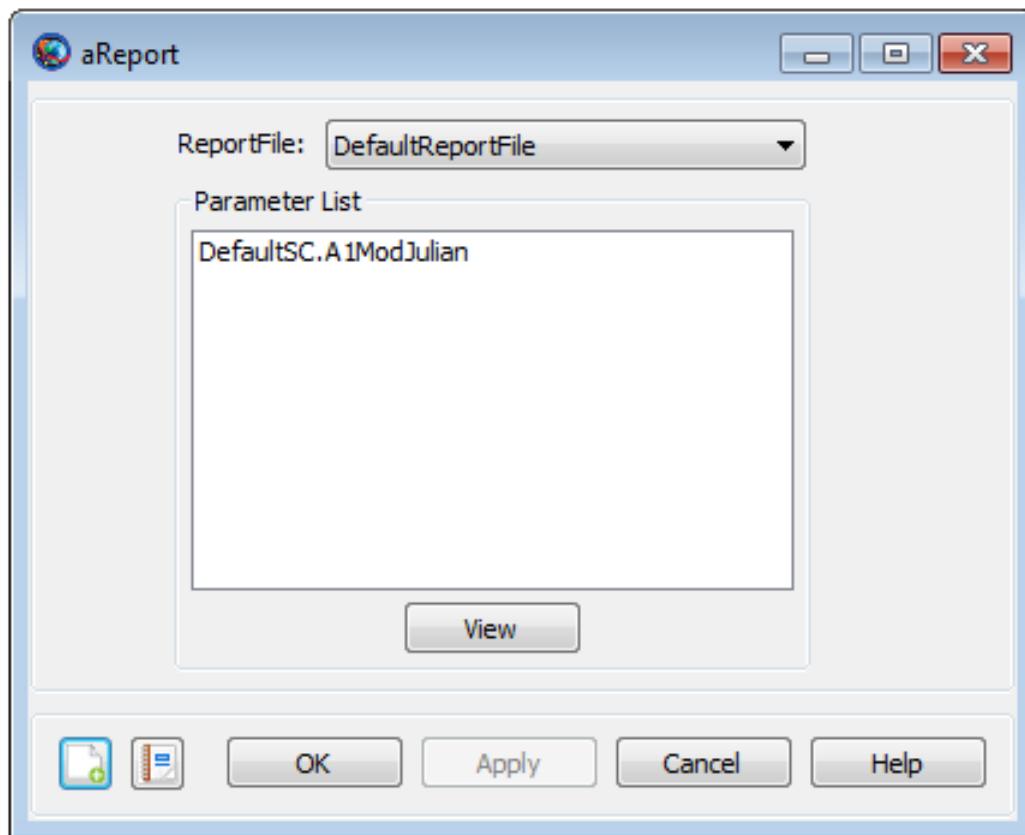
See Also: [ReportFile](#)

Options

Option	Description	
ReportName	The ReportName option allows the user to specify the ReportFile for data output.	
	Accepted Data Types	Resource reference
	Allowed Values	ReportFile resource
	Default Value	DefaultReportFile
	Required	yes
	Interfaces	GUI, script
DataList	The DataList option allows the user to output data to the file name that is specified by the ReportName . Multiple objects can be in the DataList when they are separated by spaces.	
	Accepted Data Types	Reference array
	Allowed Values	Spacecraft , ImpulsiveBurn reportable parameters, Array , Array Element , Variable , or a String .
	Default Value	DefaultSC.A1ModJulian
	Required	yes
	Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

Figure below shows default settings for **Report** command:



Remarks

Report command can be used to report data to a report file at specific points in your mission. If you want data to be reported at each propagation step of the entire mission duration, then you should not use **Report** command. Instead you should use **ReportFile** resource. See **ReportFile** resource section of the User's Guide to learn about the syntax that allows you to report data at each raw integrator steps.

Examples

Propagate an orbit for two days and report epoch and selected orbital elements to a report file using the **Report** command.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ReportFile aReport

Create Propagator aProp

BeginMissionSequence

Report aReport aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.Earth.SMA aSat.Earth.ECC ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.RAAN
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
Report aReport aSat.UTCGregorian aSat.Earth.SMA aSat.Earth.ECC ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.RAAN
```

Report user-defined parameters such as variables, array elements and a string to a report file using the **Report** command.

```
Create ReportFile aReport

Create Variable aVar aVar2
aVar = 100
aVar2 = 2000

Create Array aArray[2,2]
aArray(1, 1) = 2
aArray(1, 2) = 3
aArray(2, 1) = 4
aArray(2, 2) = 5

Create String aString
aString = 'GMAT is awesome'

BeginMissionSequence

Report aReport aVar aVar2 aArray(1,1) aArray(1,2) aArray(2,1) ...
aArray(2,2) aString
```

While spacecraft propagates for less than a day, report spacecraft's true anomaly, eccentricity and altitude after every 3600 seconds using the **Report** command:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ReportFile aReport
Create Propagator aProp

BeginMissionSequence

While aSat.ElapsedDays < 1
  Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 3600 }
  Report aReport aSat.Earth.TA aSat.Earth.ECC aSat.Earth.Altitude
EndWhile
```


Set

Configure a resource from a data interface

Script Syntax

```
Set destination source (options)
```

Description

The **Set** command retrieves data from *source* according to *options* and populates *destination*. Time systems, time formats, state types, and coordinate systems are automatically converted to those required by *destination*.

See Also: [FileInterface](#), [Spacecraft](#)

Options

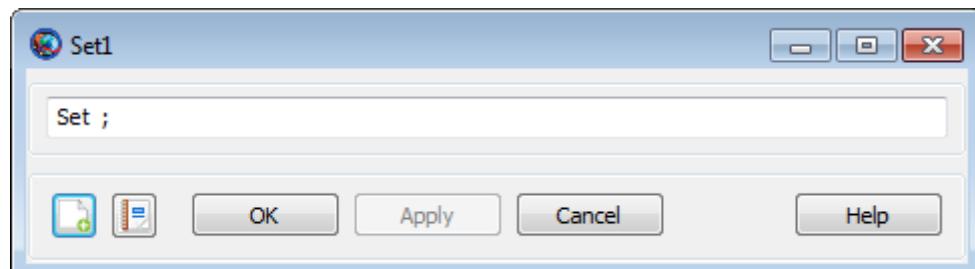
Option	Description	
<i>destination</i>	The resource to populate from the data source.	
	Accepted Data Types	Spacecraft
	Allowed Values	any Spacecraft resource
	Default Value	(None)
	Required	yes
	Interfaces	GUI, script
<i>source</i>	The data source from which to obtain data.	
	Accepted Data Types	FileInterface
	Allowed Values	any FileInterface resource
	Default Value	(None)
	Required	yes
	Interfaces	GUI, script
<i>options</i>	Options specific to the chosen <i>source</i> . See the following sections for details.	

The following options are available when *source* is a [FileInterface](#) and the [Format](#) is “TVHF_ASCII”:

Data={keyword[, keyword, ...]}

Comma-separated list of values to retrieve from the file. Defaults to ‘All’, which retrieves all available elements. The available keywords are documented in the “TVHF_ASCII” section of the [FileInterface](#) reference.

GUI



The **Set** GUI is a very simple text box that lets you type the command directly. By default, it has no arguments, so you must finish the command yourself.

Examples

Read a TVHF file and use it to configure a spacecraft.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create FileInterface tvhf
tvhf.Filename = 'statevec.txt'
tvhf.Format = 'TVHF_ASCII'

BeginMissionSequence

Set aSat tvhf
```

Read a TVHF file and use it to set only the epoch and the Cartesian state.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create FileInterface tvhf
tvhf.Filename = 'statevec.txt'
tvhf.Format = 'TVHF_ASCII'

BeginMissionSequence

Set aSat tvhf (Data = {'Epoch', 'CartesianState'})
```

Stop

Stop mission execution

Description

The **Stop** command stops execution of the current mission at the point that the command is encountered and returns control to the GMAT interface. The effect is similar to that of the **Stop** button on the GUI toolbar.

GUI

The **Stop** command can be inserted into and deleted from Mission tree, but the command has no GUI panel of its own.

Remarks

The **Stop** command stops execution of the current mission, not the GMAT application. All data displayed to the point, at which the script was stopped (e.g. **OrbitView** windows, **Ground-TrackPlot** windows), remain available for manipulation. Using the **Stop** command within a loop or solver structure will stop execution at the first iteration during which the command is encountered.

Examples

Stopping the execution of a script between commands:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create ForceModel aForceModel
Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aForceModel

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 30};
Stop
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 30};
```

Stopping the execution of a solver structure for further investigation:

```
Create ChemicalTank aTank
Create ForceModel aForceModel
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC

Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.Tanks = {aTank}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aForceModel

Create ImpulsiveBurn anIB
anIB.DecrementMass = true
anIB.Tanks = {aTank}

BeginMissionSequence
```

```
Target aDC
Vary aDC(anIB.Element1 = 0.5)
Maneuver anIB(aSat)
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Periapsis}
If aSat.aTank.FuelMass < 10
Stop
EndIf
Achieve aDC(aSat.Altitude = 1000)
```

Target

Solve for condition(s) by varying one or more parameters

Script Syntax

```
Target SolverName [{[SolveMode = value], [ExitMode = value],
                     [ShowProgressWindow = value]}]
    Vary command ...
    script statement ...
    Achieve command ...
EndTarget
```



Note

See the section called “Remarks” and the section called “Description” for this complex command. Multiple **Vary** and **Achieve** commands are permitted. Script statements can appear anywhere in the **Target** sequence.

Description

The **Target** and **EndTarget** commands are used to define a **Target** sequence to determine, for example, the maneuver components required to raise the orbit apogee to 42164 km. Another common targeting example is to determine the parking orbit orientation required to align a lunar transfer orbit with the moon. **Target** sequences in GMAT are general and these are just examples. Let’s define the quantities whose values you don’t know precisely, but need to determine, as the *control variables*. Define the conditions that must be satisfied as the *constraints*. A **Target** sequence numerically solves a boundary value problem to determine the value of the control variables required to satisfy the constraints. You define your control variables by using **Vary** commands and you define the problems constraints using **Achieve** commands. The **Target/EndTarget** sequence is an advanced command. The examples later in this section give additional details.

See also: [DifferentialCorrector](#), [Vary](#), [Achieve](#), [Optimize](#),

Options

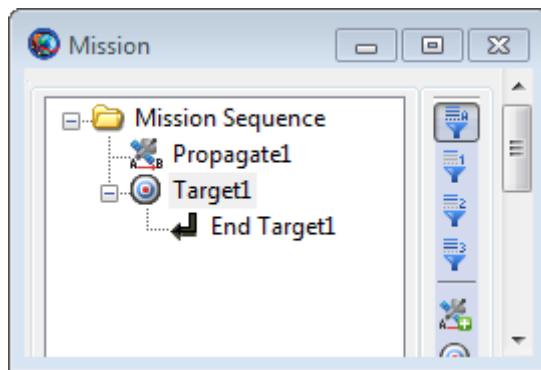
Option	Description
ApplyCorrections	This GUI button replaces the initial guess values specified in the Vary commands. If the Target sequence converged, the converged values are applied. If the Target sequence did not converge, the last calculated values are applied. There is one situation where the action specified above, where the initial guess values specified in the Vary commands are replaced, does not occur. This happens when the initial guess value specified in the Vary command is given by a variable. See the Remarks section of the help for additional details.
Accepted Data Types	N/A
Allowed Values	N/A
Default Value	N/A
Required	no
Interfaces	GUI

Option	Description
ExitMode	Controls the initial guess values for Target sequences nested in control flow. If ExitMode is set to SaveAndContinue , the solution of a Target sequence is saved and used as the initial guess for the next Target sequence execution. The rest of the mission sequence is then executed. If ExitMode is set to DiscardAndContinue , then the solution is discarded and the initial guess values specified in the Vary commands are used for each Target sequence execution. The rest of the mission sequence is then executed. If ExitMode is set to Stop , the Target sequence is executed, the solution is discarded, and the rest of the mission sequence is not executed.
	Accepted Data Types Reference Array Allowed Values DiscardAndContinue , SaveAndContinue , Stop Default Value DiscardAndContinue Required no Interfaces GUI, script
ShowProgressWindow	Flag to indicate if solver progress window should be displayed.
	Accepted Data Types Boolean Allowed Values true, false Default Value true Required no Interfaces GUI, script
SolveMode	Specifies how the Target sequence behaves during mission execution. When SolveMode is set to Solve , the Target sequence executes and attempts to solve the boundary value problem satisfying the targeter constraints (i.e, goals). When SolveMode is set to RunInitialGuess , the targeter does not attempt to solve the boundary value problem and the commands in the Target sequence execute using the initial guess values defined in the Vary commands.
	Accepted Data Types Reference Array Allowed Values Solve , RunInitialGuess Default Value Solve Required no Interfaces GUI, script
SolverName	Identifies the DifferentialCorrector used for a Target sequence.
	Accepted Data Types DifferentialCorrector Allowed Values Any user-defined or default DifferentialCorrector Default Value DefaultDC Required yes Interfaces GUI, script

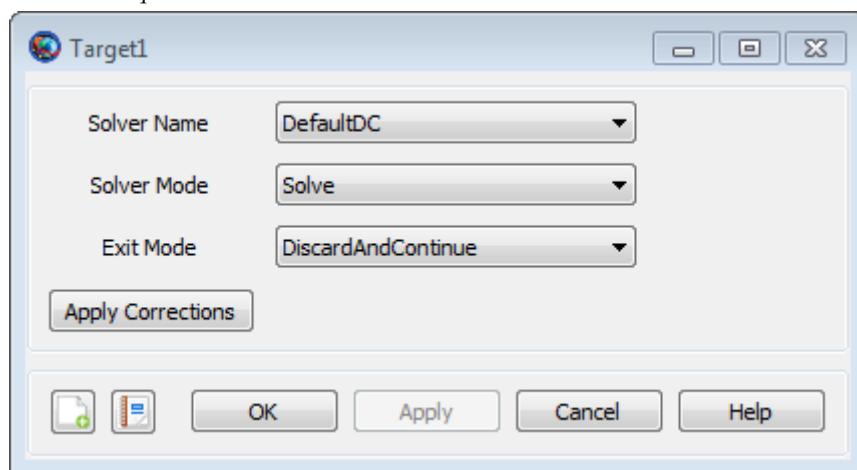
GUI

The **Target** command allows you to use a differential correction process to solve problems. To solve a given problem, you need to create a so-called **Target** sequence which we now define.

When you add a **Target** command to the mission sequence, an **EndTarget** command is automatically added as shown below.



In the example above, the **Target** command sequence is defined as all of the commands between the **Target1** and **End Target1** commands, inclusive. Although not shown above, a **Target** command sequence must contain both a **Vary** command and an **Achieve** command. The **Vary** command is used to define the control variables which can be varied in order to achieve a certain goal. The **Achieve** command is used to define the desired goal. In order for the **Target** sequence to be well formed, there must be at least one **Vary** command before any **Achieve** commands, so that the variable defined in the **Vary** command can affect the goal specified in the subsequent **Achieve** commands. Double click on **Target1** command above to bring up the **Target** command dialog box, shown below, which allows you to specify your choice of **Solver** (i.e., your choice of **DifferentialCorrector**), **Solver Mode**, and **Exit Mode**. As described in the Remarks section, the **Target** command dialog box also allows you to apply corrections to your **Target** command sequence.



If you set **ShowProgressWindow** to true, then a dynamic display is shown during targeting that contains values of variables and constraints as shown below.

Solver Window - Target 'Change Plane/Perigee' DC {SolveMode = Solve, ExitMode = DiscardAndContinue, ShowProgressWindow = True}			
Control Variable	Current Value	Last Value	Difference
MCC.Element1	0.7597813500198917	0.7597813500198917	0
MCC.Element2	0.7881136874688297	0.7881136874688297	0
Constraints	Desired	Achieved	Difference
(==) geoSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.INC	2	1.99999999997844	-2.156053113822054e-11
(==) geoSat.RMAG	42195	42195.00000083651	8.365095709450543e-07
CONVERGED			

Remarks

Content of a Target/EndTarget Sequence

A **Target/EndTarget** sequence must contain at least one **Vary** command and at least one **Achieve** Command. See the **Vary** and **Achieve** command sections for details on the syntax for those commands. The First **Vary** command must occur before the first **Achieve** command. **Target** commands must be be coupled with one and only one **EndTarget** command. Each **Target** command field in the curly braces is optional. You can omit the entire list and the curly braces and the default values will be used for **Target** configuration fields such as **SolveMode** and **ExitMode**.

Use of a Target/EndTarget Sequence

GMAT **Target** sequences can solve square problems (the number of Control Variables equals the number of constraints), over-determined problems (the number of Control Variables is less than the number of constraints) and under-determined problems (the number of Control Variables is greater than the number of constraints). In any of these cases, there may not be a solution and the type of solution found depends on the selection of the targeter (currently, only differential correctors are supported). Assuming a solution to the problem exists and assuming certain mathematical conditions are satisfied, there is often one solution for a square problem and many solutions to an under-determined problem. Problems with more goals (i.e., constraints) than variables may not have a solution. If your problem is under-determined, consider using an **Optimize** sequence to find an optimal solution in the space of feasible solutions.



Caution

If you configure a **Target** sequence and get the error “Rmatrix error: matrix is singular”, then your control variables defined in the **Vary** commands do not affect the constraints defined in the **Achieve** commands. A common mistake in this case is that you forgot to apply a maneuver.

Note on Using Apply Corrections

After the **Target** sequence has been run, you may choose to apply corrections by navigating to the **Mission** tree, right-clicking the **Target** command to bring up the **Target** window, and clicking the **Apply Corrections** button. The **Apply Corrections** button replaces the initial guess values specified in the **Vary** commands . If the **Target** sequence converged, the converged values are applied. If the **Target** sequence did not converge, the last calculated values are applied. Note that the **Apply Corrections** feature is only currently available through the GUI interface.

There is one situation where the action specified above, where the initial guess values specified in the **Vary** commands are replaced, does not occur. This happens, as illustrated in the example below, when the initial guess value specified in the **Vary** command is given by a variable. In this situation, the **Apply Corrections** button has no affect since GMAT does not allow variables to be overwritten.

```
Create Variable InitialGuess_BurnDuration BurnDuration
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC
BeginMissionSequence
Target aDC
Vary aDC(BurnDuration = InitialGuess_BurnDuration)
Achieve aDC(BurnDuration = 10) % atypical Achieve command for
```

```
% illustrative purposes only
EndTarget
```

Command Interactions

Vary com- Every **Target** sequence must contain at least one **Vary** command. **Vary** commands are used to define the control variables associated with a **Target** sequence.

Achieve Every **Target** sequence must contain at least one **Achieve** command. **Achieve** commands are used to define the goals associated with a **Target** sequence.

Examples

Use a **Target** sequence to solve for a root of an algebraic equation. Here we provide an initial guess of 5 for the Control Variable (or independent variable) x , and solve for the value of x that satisfies the Constraint $y = 0$, where $y := 3*x^3 + 2*x^2 - 4*x + 8$. After executing this example you can look in the message window to see the solution for the variable x . You can easily check that the value obtained does indeed satisfy the constraint.

```
Create Variable x y
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC

BeginMissionSequence

Target aDC
  Vary aDC(x = 5)
  y = 3*x^3 + 2*x^2 - 4*x + 8
  Achieve aDC(y = 0,{Tolerance = 0.0000001})
EndTarget
```

Use a **Target** sequence to raise orbit apogee. Here the control variable is the velocity component of an **ImpulsiveBurn** object. The Constraint is that the position vector magnitude at orbit apogee is 42164. Report the convergence status to a file.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aPropagator
Create Variable I

Create ImpulsiveBurn aBurn
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC
Create OrbitView EarthView
EarthView.Add = {Earth,aSat}
EarthView.ViewScaleFactor = 5

Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence
Target aDC
  Vary aDC(aBurn.Element1 = 1.0, {Upper = 3})
  Maneuver aBurn(aSat)
  Propagate aPropagator(aSat,{aSat.Apoapsis})
  Achieve aDC(aSat.RMAG = 42164)
EndTarget
Report aReport aDC.SolverStatus aDC.SolverState
```

Similar to the previous example, we use a **Target** sequence to raise orbit apogee except that this time we use a finite burn. Here the control variable is the duration of the Velocity component

of a **FiniteBurn** object. The Constraint is that the position vector magnitude at orbit apogee is 12000. Additional detail on the example below can be found in the Target Finite Burn to Raise Apogee tutorial.

```
Create Spacecraft DefaultSC
Create Propagator DefaultProp
Create ChemicalThruster Thruster1
GMAT Thruster1.C1 = 1000
GMAT Thruster1.DecrementMass = true
Create ChemicalTank FuelTank1
GMAT Thruster1.Tank = {FuelTank1}
Create FiniteBurn FiniteBurn1
GMAT FiniteBurn1.Thrusters = {Thruster1}
GMAT DefaultSC.Tanks = {FuelTank1}
GMAT DefaultSC.Thrusters = {Thruster1}
Create Variable BurnDuration
Create DifferentialCorrector DC1

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate DefaultProp(DefaultSC) {DefaultSC.Earth.Periapsis}
Target DC1
  Vary DC1(BurnDuration = 200, {Upper = 10000})
  BeginFiniteBurn FiniteBurn1(DefaultSC)
  Propagate DefaultProp(DefaultSC){DefaultSC.ElapsedSecs=BurnDuration}
  EndFiniteBurn FiniteBurn1(DefaultSC)
  Propagate DefaultProp(DefaultSC) {DefaultSC.Earth.Apoapsis}
  Achieve DC1(DefaultSC.Earth.RMAG = 12000)
EndTarget
```

Toggle

Allows you to turn data output off or on

Script Syntax

```
Toggle OutputNames Arg
```

OutputNames

OutputNames is the list of subscribers that are to be toggled. When multiple subscribers are being toggled in the *OutputNames*, then they need to be separated by a space.

Arg

Arg option allows you to turn off or on the data output to the selected subscribers listed in the *OutputNames*.

Description

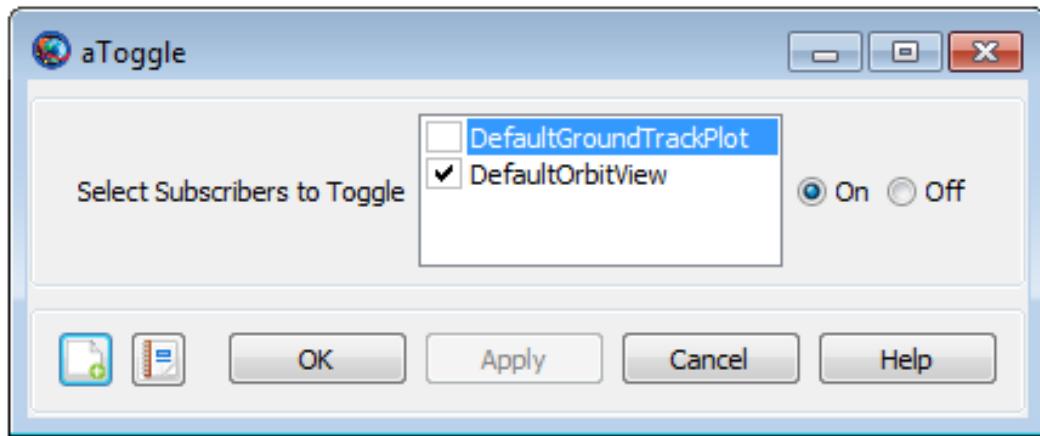
The **Toggle** command allows you to turn data output off or on for the subscribers that you select such as **ReportFile**, **XYPlot**, **OrbitView**, **GroundTrackPlot** and **EphemerisFile**. GMAT allows you to insert **Toggle** command into the **Mission** tree at any location and data output can be turned off or on at any point in your mission. **Toggle** command can be used through GMAT's GUI or the script interface.

Options

Option	Description										
OutputNames	The Toggle option allows the user to assign subscribers such as ReportFile , XYPlot , OrbitView , GroundTrackPlot or EphemerisFile to be toggled. When more than one subscriber is being toggled, they need to be separated by a space.										
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Required	yes										
Interfaces	GUI, script										
Arg	The Arg option allows the user to turn off or on the data output to the selected subscriber.										
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Allowed Values	On, Off										
Default Value	On										
Required	yes										
Interfaces	GUI, script										

GUI

Figure below shows default settings for **Toggle** command:



Remarks

The subscribers such as **ReportFile**, **XYPlot**, **OrbitView**, **GroundTrackPlot** and **EphemerisFile** report or plot data at each propagation step of the entire mission duration. If you want to report data to any of these subscribers at specific points in your mission, then a **Toggle On/Off** command can be inserted into the mission sequence to control when a subscriber reports or plots data. For example, when a **Toggle Off** command is issued for a **XYPlot**, no data is plotted onto the X and Y axis of the graph until a **Toggle On** command is issued. Similarly when a **Toggle On** command is used, data is plotted onto the X and Y axis at each integration step until a **Toggle Off** command is used.

Examples

This example shows how to use **Toggle Off** and **Toggle On** commands while using the **XYPlot** resource. Spacecraft's position magnitude and semi-major-axis are plotted as a function of time. **XYPlot** is turned off for the first 2 days of the propagation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aPlot
aPlot.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
aPlot.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.RMAG, aSat.Earth.SMA}

BeginMissionSequence

Toggle aPlot Off
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 2}
Toggle aPlot On
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 4}
```

This example shows how to use **Toggle Off** and **Toggle On** commands while using the **ReportFile** resource. Spacecraft's cartesian position vector is reported to the report file. Report file is turned off for the first day of the propagation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Filename = 'ReportFile1.txt'
aReport.Add = {aSat.ElapsedDays aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X ...}
```

```
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z}

BeginMissionSequence

Toggle aReport Off
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
Toggle aReport On
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 4}
```

This example shows how to toggle multiple subscribers. **Toggle Off** and **Toggle On** commands are used on multiple subscribers like **ReportFile**, **XYPlot** and **EphemerisFile**. Subscribers are turned off for first 3 days of the propagation:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Filename = 'ReportFile1.txt'
aReport.Add = {aSat.ElapsedDays aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.X ...
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z}

Create XYPlot aPlot
aPlot.XVariable = aSat.ElapsedDays
aPlot.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.RMAG, aSat.Earth.SMA}

Create EphemerisFile aEphemerisFile
aEphemerisFile.Spacecraft = aSat

BeginMissionSequence

Toggle aReport aPlot aEphemerisFile Off
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 3}
Toggle aReport aPlot aEphemerisFile On
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```


Vary

Specifies variables used by a solver

Script Syntax

```
Vary SolverName(<UserSelectedControl>)=InitialGuess,  
[{{Perturbation=Arg1}, [MaxStep=Arg2],  
[Lower=Arg3], [Upper=Arg4],  
[AdditiveScalefactor=Arg5], [MultiplicativeScalefactor=Arg6]}])
```

Description

The **Vary** command is used in conjunction with either the **Target** or the **Optimize** command. The **Vary** command defines the control variable used by the targeter or optimizer. The **Target** or **Optimize** sequence then varies these control variables until certain desired conditions are met. Every **Target** or **Optimize** sequence must contain at least one **Vary** command.

See Also: [DifferentialCorrector](#), [FminconOptimizer](#), [VF13ad](#), [Target](#), [Optimize](#)

Options

Option	Description
AdditiveScaleFactor	Number used to nondimensionalize the independent variable. The solver sees only the nondimensional form of the variable. The nondimensionalization is performed using the following equation: $x_n = m (x_d + a)$. (x_n is the non-dimensional parameter. x_d is the dimensional parameter. a = additive scale factor. m = multiplicative scale factor.) Note the nondimensionalization process occurs after the perturbation to the control variable has been applied. Thus, x_d represents a perturbed control variable.
Accepted Data Types	Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter
Allowed Values	Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter
Default Value	0
Required	no
Interfaces	GUI, script

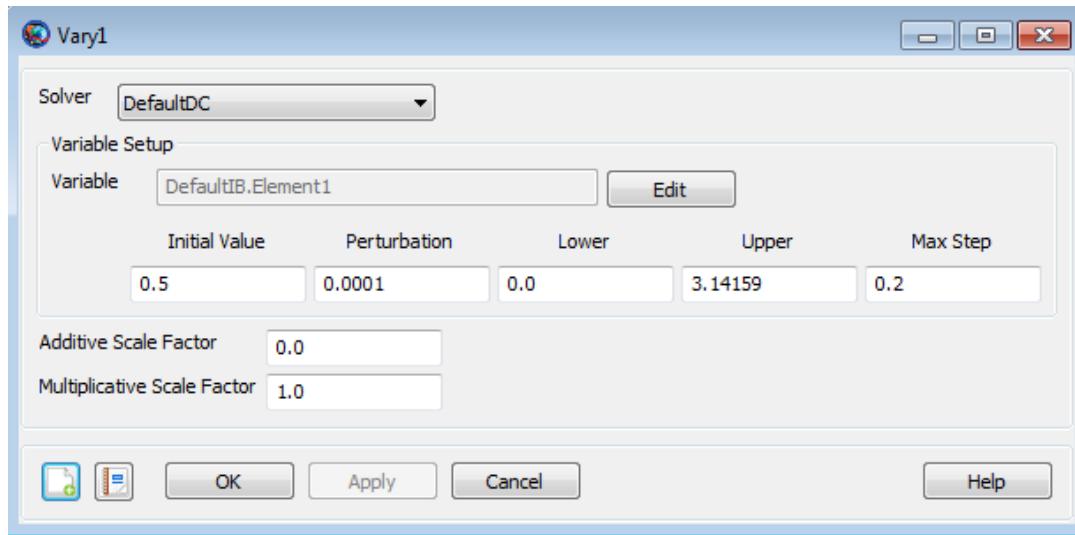
Option	Description
InitialGuess	Specifies the initial guess for the selected Variable
	<p>Accepted Data Types Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user-defined parameter that obeys the conditions for the selected Variable object</p> <p>Allowed Values Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user-defined parameter that obeys the conditions for the selected Variable object</p> <p>Default Value 0.5</p> <p>Required yes</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Lower	The Lower option (only used for the Differential Corrector and fmincon solvers) is used to set the lower bound of the control Variable . Lower must be less than Upper .
	<p>Accepted Data Types Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter</p> <p>Allowed Values Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter (Upper > Lower)</p> <p>Default Value 0</p> <p>Required no</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
MaxStep	The MaxStep option (only used for the DifferentialCorrector and VF13ad solvers) is the maximum allowed change in the control variable during a single iteration of the solver.
	<p>Accepted Data Types Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter > 0</p> <p>Allowed Values Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter > 0</p> <p>Default Value 0.2</p> <p>Required no</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Option	Description
MultiplicativeScaleFactor	<p>Number used to nondimensionalize the independent variable. The solver sees only the nondimensional form of the variable. The nondimensionalization is performed using the following equation: $x_n = m (x_d + a)$. (x_n is the non-dimensional parameter. x_d is the dimensional parameter. a= additive scale factor. m= multiplicative scale factor.) Note the nondimensionalization process occurs after the perturbation to the control variable has been applied. Thus, x_d represents a perturbed control variable.</p>
	<p>Accepted Data Types Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter</p> <p>Allowed Values Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter > 0</p> <p>Default Value 1</p> <p>Required no</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
Perturbation	<p>The Perturbation option (only used for the DifferentialCorrector and VF13ad solvers) is the perturbation step sized used to calculate the finite difference derivative</p>
	<p>Accepted Data Types Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter</p> <p>Allowed Values Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter $\neq 0$</p> <p>Default Value 0.0001</p> <p>Required no</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>
SolverName	<p>Allows you to choose which solver to assign to the Vary command. In the context of a Target sequence, you will choose a DifferentialCorrector object. In the context of an Optimize sequence, you will choose either a FminconOptimizer or VF13ad object.</p>
	<p>Accepted Data Types Solver (either an Optimizer or a Targeter)</p> <p>Allowed Values Any user defined Optimizer or Targeter</p> <p>Default Value DefaultDC in a Target sequence and DefaultSQP in an Optimize sequence</p> <p>Required yes</p> <p>Interfaces GUI, script</p>

Option	Description
Upper	The Upper option (only used for the DifferentialCorrector and FminconOptimizer solvers) is used to set the upper bound of the control Variable . Lower must be less than Upper .
Accepted Data Types	Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter
Allowed Values	Real Number, Array element, Variable, or any user defined parameter (Upper > Lower)
Default Value	3.14159
Required	no
Interfaces	GUI, script
UserSelectedControl	Allows you to select any single element user-defined parameter, except a number, to vary. For example, DefaultIB.V , DefaultIB.N , DefaultIB.Element1 , DefaultSC.TA , Array(1,1) , and Variable are all valid values. The three element burn vector or multidimensional Arrays are not valid values.
Accepted Data Types	Parameter, Array element, Variable , or any other single element user-defined parameter, excluding numbers. Note that the variable chosen must be settable in the Mission tree.
Allowed Values	Spacecraft parameter, Array element, Variable , or any other single element user-defined parameter, excluding numbers
Default Value	DefaultIB.Element1
Required	yes
Interfaces	GUI, script

GUI

The **Vary** command, only valid within either a **Target** or an **Optimize** sequence, is used to define the control variables which will be used to solve a problem. The **Vary** command dialog box is shown below.



The **Vary** command dialog box allows you to specify

- Choice of **Solver** (a differential corrector if using a **Target** sequence or an optimizer if using an **Optimize** sequence).
- Control **Variable** object. To define the control **Variable** used in the **Vary** command, click the **Edit** button to bring up the **ParameterSelectDialog** as shown below. Use the arrow to select the desired object and then click **OK**.
- **Initial Value** for the control variable object.
- **Perturbation** Step size used as part of the finite differencing algorithm. As noted in the Remarks section, this field is only used if the solver chosen is a differential corrector or a VF13AD optimizer.
- **Lower** allowed limit for the converged control variable object. As noted in the Remarks section, this field is only used if the solver chosen is a differential corrector or a fmincon optimizer.
- **Upper** allowed limit for the converged control variable object. As noted in the Remarks section, this field is only used if the solver chosen is a differential corrector or a fmincon optimizer.
- Maximum step size (**Max Step**), per iteration, for the control variable object. As noted in the Remarks section, this field is only used if the solver chosen is a differential corrector or a VF13AD optimizer.
- **Additive Scale Factor** used to scale the control variable object.
- **Multiplicative Scale Factor** used to scale the control variable object.

Remarks

Vary Command Options

The **Vary** command is designed to work with all three of the GMAT targeters and optimizers (Differential Corrector, fmincon, and VF13AD). The solvers, which are developed by different parties, all work slightly differently and thus have different needs. The table below shows which command options are available for a given solver.

	Differential Corrector	fmincon	VF13AD	SNOPT
SolverName	X	X	X	X

	Differential Corrector	fmincon	VF13AD	SNOPT
Variable	X	X	X	X
InitialGuess	X	X	X	X
AdditiveScaleFactor	X	X	X	X
MultiplicativeScaleFactor	X	X	X	X
Lower	X	X		X
Upper	X	X		X
Perturbation	X		X	
MaxStep	X		X	

The **Vary** syntax allows you to specify the value of an option even if a particular solver would not use the information.

Vary Command Accepts Repeated Parameters

As shown in the example below, the **Vary** command accepts repeated parameters.

```
Vary DefaultDC(ImpulsiveBurn1.Element1 = 2, ...
{Perturbation = 1e99, Perturbation = .001})
```

The accepted best practice is not to repeat parameters in any given command. However, for the **Vary** command, if you accidentally sets the same parameter multiple times, the last setting takes precedence. Thus, in the example above, the perturbation step size is set to 0.001.

Use of Thruster Parameters in a Vary Command

If you wish to use thruster parameters, such as thrust direction, in a **Vary** command, then you must reference the cloned (child) object directly. In the example below, we first show syntax, using the parent object that does not work. We then show the correct syntax using the cloned (child) object.

```
%Referencing the parent object, thruster1, does not work.
Vary DC1(thruster1.ThrustDirection1 = 0.4)
Vary DC1(thruster1.ThrustDirection2 = 0.5)

%Referencing the cloned (child) object, Sc.thruster1, does work.
Vary DC1(Sc.thruster1.ThrustDirection1 = 0.4)
Vary DC1(Sc.thruster1.ThrustDirection2 = 0.5)
```

Command Interactions

Target command	A Vary command only occurs within a Target or Optimize sequence.
Optimize command	A Vary command only occurs within a Target or Optimize sequence.
Achieve command	The Achieve command, used as part of a Target sequence, specifies the desired result or goal (obtained by using the Vary command to vary the control variables).

NonlinearConstraint command

The **NonlinearConstraint** command, used as part of an **Optimize** sequence, specifies the desired result or goal (obtained by using the **Vary** command to vary the control variables).

Minimize command

The **Minimize** command, used as part of an **Optimize** sequence, specifies the desired quantity to be minimized (obtained by using the **Vary** command to vary the control variables).

Examples

As mentioned above, the **Vary** command only occurs within either a **Target** or an **Optimize** sequence. See the **Target** and **Optimize** command help for examples showing the use of the **Vary** command.

While

Execute a series of commands repeatedly while a condition is met

Script Syntax

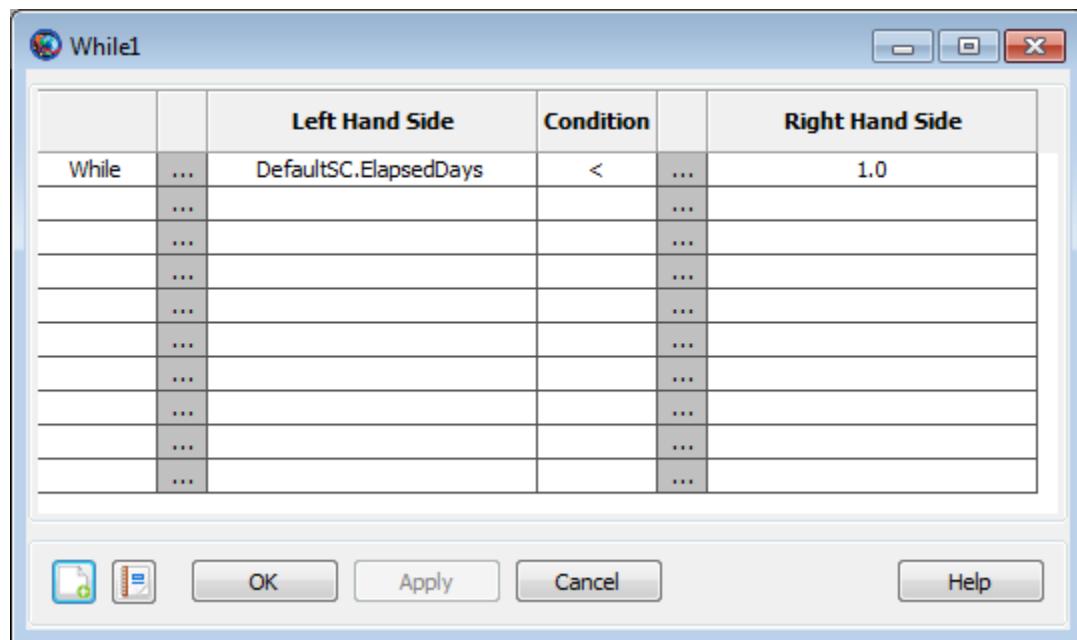
```
While Logical expression
    [script statement]
    ...
EndWhile
```

Description

The **While** command is a control logic statement that executes a series of commands repeatedly as long as the value of the provided logical expression is true. The logical expression is evaluated before every iteration of the loop. If the expression is initially false, the loop is never executed. The syntax of the expression is described in the [script language reference](#).

See Also: [Script Language](#), [For](#), [If](#)

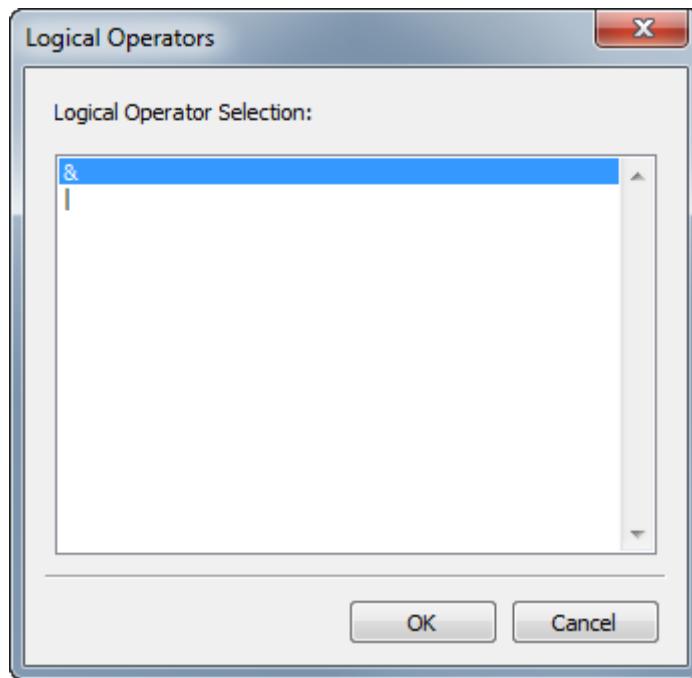
GUI



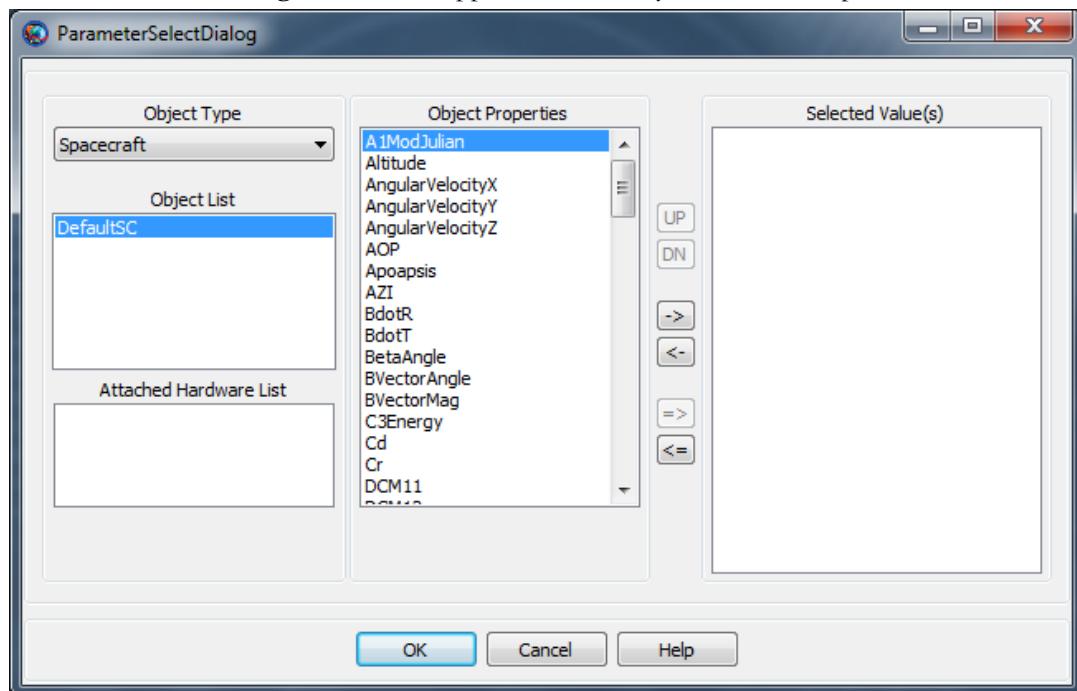
The **While** command GUI panel features a table in which you can build a complex logical expression. The rows of the table correspond to individual relational expressions in a compound logical expression, and the columns correspond to individual elements of those expressions. The first line automatically contains a default statement:

```
While DefaultSC.ElapsedDays < 1.0
```

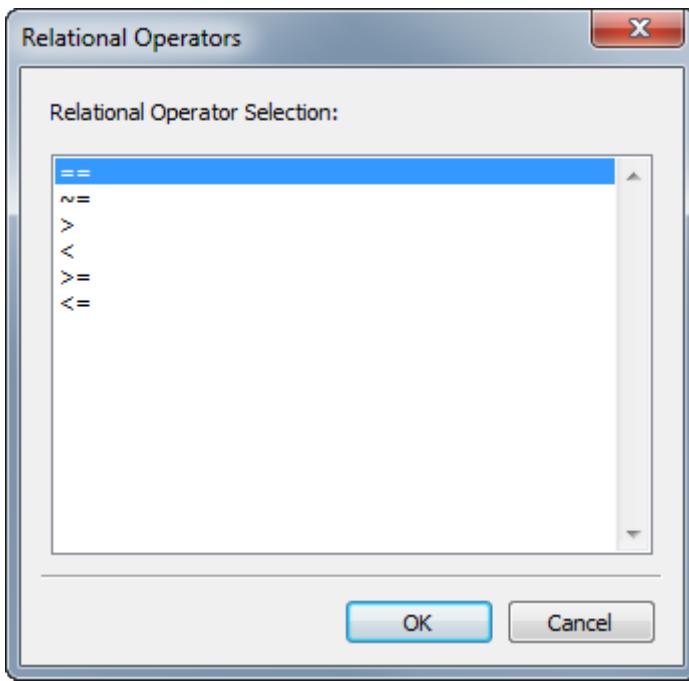
The first column of the first row contains a placeholder for the **While** command name. This cannot be changed. The first column of each additional row contains the logical operator (**&**, **|**) that joins the expression in that row with the one above it. To select a logical operator, double-click or right-click in the appropriate box in the table, and a selection window will appear. Click the correct operator and click **OK** to select it.



The **Left Hand Side** column contains the left-hand side of each individual relational expression. Double-click the cell to type a parameter name. To set this value from a parameter selection list instead, either click “...” to the left of the cell you want to set, or right-click the cell itself. A **ParameterSelectDialog** window will appear that allows you to choose a parameter.



The **Condition** column contains the conditional operator ($==$, $\sim=$, $<$, etc.) that joins the left-hand and right-hand sides of the expression. To select a relational operator, double-click or right-click in the appropriate box in the table, and a selection window will appear. Click the correct operator and click **OK** to select it.



Finally, the **Right Hand Side** column contains the right-hand side of the expression. This value can be modified the same way as the **Left Hand Side** column.

When you are finished, click **Apply** to save your changes, or click **OK** to save your changes and close the window. The command will be validated when either button is clicked.

Examples

Propagate a spacecraft until it reaches a predefined altitude, reporting data at each periapsis crossing:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.SMA = 6800
aSat.ECC = 0

Create ForceModel aForceModel
aForceModel.Drag.AtmosphereModel = MSISE90

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aForceModel

Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence

While aSat.Altitude > 300
    Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Periapsis}
    Report aReport aSat.TAIGregorian aSat.Altitude
EndWhile
```


System

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Calculation Parameters

Resource properties available for use by commands and output

Description

Parameters are named resource properties that can be used to obtain data for use by Mission Sequence commands or by output resources. Some parameters, such as the **Altitude** parameter of **Spacecraft**, are calculated values that can only be used to retrieve data. They cannot be set directly. Others, such as the **Element1** parameter of **ImpulsiveBurn**, share the same name as a resource field and can be used both to set data and retrieve it. Parameters are distinguished from resource fields by their extra functionality: fields are static resource properties that are usually set in initialization (or in the GUI Resources tree), while parameters can be calculated on the fly and used in plots, reports, and mathematical expressions.

Parameters are classified as one of four types: central-body-dependent parameters, coordinate-system-dependent parameters, attached-hardware parameters, and standalone parameters. Standalone parameters are the simplest type, as they have no dependencies. The **ElapsedSecs** parameter of **Spacecraft** is an example of this; it is simply referenced as **Spacecraft.ElapsedSecs**.

Central-body-dependent parameters, as the name suggests, have a value that is dependent on the chosen celestial body. The **Altitude** parameter of **Spacecraft** is an example of this. To reference this parameter, you must specify a central body, such as **Spacecraft.Mars.Altitude**. Any built-in central body or user-defined **Asteroid**, **Comet**, **Moon**, or **Planet** is valid as a dependency.

Likewise, coordinate-system-dependent parameters have a value that is dependent on the chosen coordinate system. The **DEC** parameter of **Spacecraft** is an example of this. To reference this parameter, you must specify the name of a **CoordinateSystem** resource, such as **Spacecraft.EarthFixed.DEC**. Any default or user-defined **CoordinateSystem** resource is valid as a dependency.

If a dependency is used when retrieving the value of the parameter, as in the following line, the value of **Altitude** is calculated at Mars before setting it to the variable **x**. If the dependency is omitted, **Earth** and **EarthMJ2000Eq** are assumed unless noted otherwise.

```
x = DefaultSC.Mars.Altitude
```

If a dependency is used when setting the value of a parameter, the value of the parameter is first converted based on the value of the dependency, then the value is set. For example, in the following line, the value of **SMA** is first calculated at Mars, then it is set to the value **10000** in that context. If the dependency is omitted when setting the value, the default is assumed to be the central body or coordinate system of the parent resource (in this case, **DefaultSC**).

```
DefaultSC.Mars.SMA = 10000
```

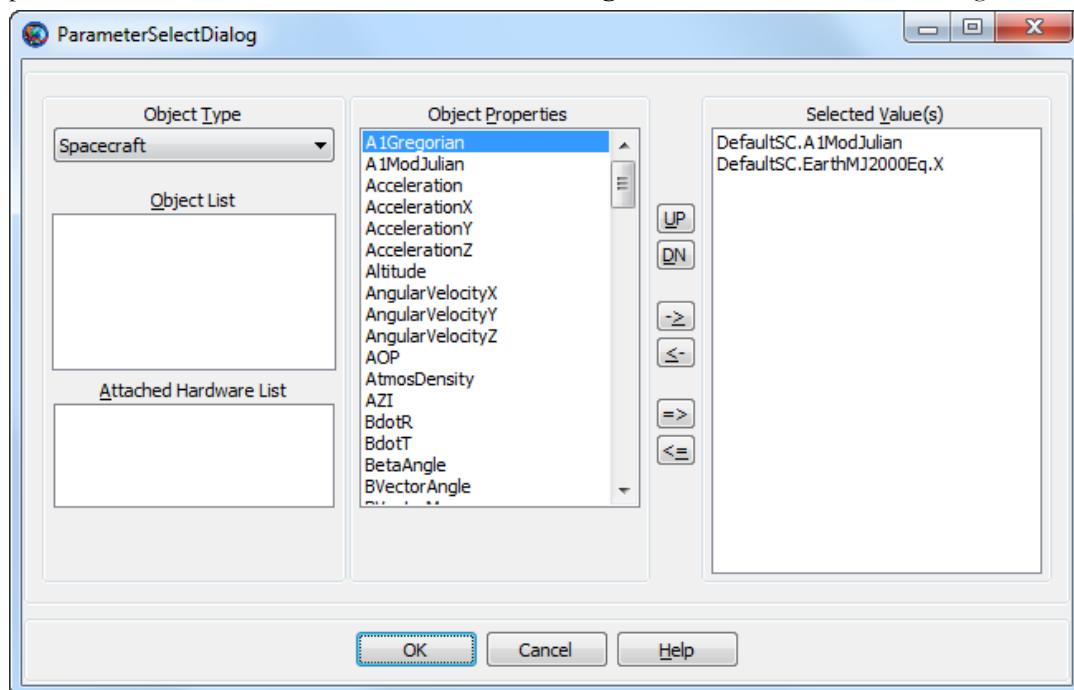
Attached-hardware parameters have no dependencies, but are themselves dependent on being attached to a **Spacecraft**. **ChemicalTank** and **ChemicalThruster** parameters are examples of this. The **FuelMass** parameter of **ChemicalTank** cannot be referenced without first attaching the **ChemicalTank** to a **Spacecraft**. Then, the parameter can be referenced as: **Spacecraft.FuelTank.FuelMass**.

The individual parameters are resource-specific, and are documented in the tables below. The GUI has a parameter selection interface that is common to all parameters. This interface is documented in GUI, below.

See Also: [Array](#), [ChemicalTank](#), [ImpulsiveBurn](#), [Spacecraft](#), [String](#), [ChemicalThruster](#), [Variable](#)

GUI

Parameters can be used as input in several places throughout GMAT, such as the **ReportFile** and **XYPlot** resources and the **If/Else**, **Propagate**, and **Report** commands. In the GUI, all of these use a common interface called the **ParameterSelectDialog** that allows for interactive parameter selection. A basic **ParameterSelectDialog** window looks like the following:



The **ParameterSelectDialog** window is used to build a parameter, along with any dependencies, for use in a command or resource. Some resources and commands have different requirements for the types of parameters that can be used, so the **ParameterSelectDialog** can take slightly different forms, depending on where it's used. This section will describe the generic interface, then mention any resource- or command-specific exceptions.

General Usage

The first step in choosing a parameter is to select the object (or resource) type from the **Object Type** list in the upper left. Five types can appear in this list: **Spacecraft**, **ImpulsiveBurn**, **Variable**, **Array**, and **String**.

Once you've selected a type, The **Object List** box is populated with all existing resources of that type. Use this list to choose the specific resource you'd like to reference.

If the **Spacecraft** type is selected, the **Attached Hardware List** appears below the **Object List**. This list displays any hardware (such as **ChemicalTank** resources) attached to the selected **Spacecraft**. If the **Array** type is selected, **Row** and **Col** boxes appear. Use these to specify a row and column to select an individual array element, or check **Select Entire Object** to choose the entire array.

Once a resource is selected, the **Object Properties** list is populated with all available parameters provided by that resource. Some resources, such as instances of **Variable** or **Array**, are themselves parameters, so this list remains empty.

Parameters with different dependency types are commingled in the **Object Properties** list. When you select one, the appropriate dependency (if any) appears below the list. For example, after selecting the **Spacecraft AOP** parameter, a **CoordinateSystem** list appears. After selecting the **Spacecraft Apoapsis** parameter, a **Central Body** list appears. And after selecting the Spacecraft Cd parameter, no dependency list appears. To select a range of parameters from the **Object Properties** list, hold down the Shift key while selecting the second endpoint of the range. To select multiple individual parameters, hold down the **Ctrl** key while making each selection.

To select a parameter, select the appropriate **Object Type**, the specific resource from the **Object List** or **Attached Hardware List**, the desired parameter from the **Object Properties** list, and the required dependency, and add it to the **Selected Value(s)** list on the right. There are six buttons available to control this list:

- **UP**: Move the selected item in the **Selected Value(s)** list up one position (if allowed).
- **DN**: Move the selected item in the **Selected Value(s)** list down one position (if allowed).
- **->**: Add the selected item in the **Object Properties** list to the **Selected Value(s)** list.
- **<-**: Remove the selected item in the **Selected Value(s)** list.
- **=>**: Add all items to the **Selected Value(s)** list.
- **<=**: Remove all items from the **Selected Value(s)** list.

When finished, the **Selected Value(s)** list contains the final selected parameters. Click **OK** to accept the selection.

The ordering of the **Selected Value(s)** list is significant in certain circumstances (such as in the **Add** field of **ReportFile**), but not in others. See the documentation for each resource or command for details.

Special Considerations

Some resources and commands (such as the **Propagate** command **Parameter** argument) only accept a single parameter as input; in this context the **ParameterSelectDialog** only allows one parameter in the **Selected Value(s)** list and does not allow use of the **UP**, **DN**, and **=>** buttons.

In some instances (such as in the **Vary** command), only parameters that are also fields (and so can be set in the **Mission Sequence**) can be used. In this case only the allowed parameters will be shown in the **Object Properties** list.

In the **Propagate** command **Parameter** argument, only parameters of **Spacecraft** can be used. In this case only **Spacecraft** will be shown in the **Object Type** list.

Parameters

Spacecraft

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description						
A1Gregorian	Y	N	Spacecraft epoch in the A.1 system and the Gregorian format.						
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Units	(N/A)								

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A1ModJulian	Y	Y	Spacecraft epoch in the A.1 system and the Modified Julian format.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
Acceleration	N	Y	The total acceleration with respect to the inertial system computed using the ForceModel selected for the dependency.
			Data Type Real Dependency ForceModel Units km/s ²
AccelerationX	N	Y	The x-component of acceleration with respect to the inertial system computed using the ForceModel selected for the dependency.
			Data Type Real Dependency ForceModel Units km/s ²
AccelerationY	N	Y	The y-component of acceleration with respect to the inertial system computed using the ForceModel selected for the dependency.
			Data Type Real Dependency ForceModel Units km/s ²
AccelerationZ	N	Y	The z-component of acceleration with respect to the inertial system computed using the ForceModel selected for the dependency.
			Data Type String Dependency ForceModel Units km/s ²
AltEquinoctialP	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.AltEquinoctialP
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
AltEquinoctialQ	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.AltEquinoctialQ
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
Altitude	N	Y	Distance to the plane tangent to the surface of the specified celestial body at the sub-satellite point. GMAT assumes the body is an ellipsoid.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km
AngularVelocityX	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.AngularVelocityX
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units deg/s
AngularVelocityY	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.AngularVelocityY
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units deg/s
AngularVelocityZ	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.AngularVelocityZ
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units deg/s
AOP	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.AOP
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq AOP < 360^\circ$ Units deg
Apoapsis	N	Y	A parameter that equals zero when the spacecraft is at orbit apoapsis. This parameter can only be used as a stopping condition in the Propagate command.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units (None)
AtmosDensity	N	Y	The atmospheric density at the current Spacecraft epoch and location computed using the ForceModel selected for the dependency.
			Data Type String Dependency ForceModel Units kg/km ³
AZI	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.AZI
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $-180^\circ \leq AZI \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
BdotR	N	Y	B-plane B·R magnitude. GMAT computes the B-plane coordinates in the coordinate system specified in the dependency. In many implementations, the B-plane coordinates are computed in a pseudo-rotating coordinate system where the $\omega \times r$ term is not applied when transforming velocity vectors. GMAT does apply the $\omega \times r$ term in the velocity transformation. When computing B-plane coordinates in inertial systems, this term is identically zero. For rotating systems such as the Sun-Earth body-body rotating system, the effect of including $\omega \times r$ is small but noticeable when comparing results between systems. When the rotation of the selected coordinate system is "fast", the values may differ significantly.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
BdotT	N	Y	B-plane B·T magnitude. See the BdotR parameter for notes on this calculation.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
BetaAngle	N	Y	Beta angle (or phase angle) between the orbit normal vector and the vector from the celestial body to the sun. Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range $-90^\circ \leq \text{BetaAngle} \leq 90^\circ$ Units deg
BrouwerLongAOP	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerLongAOP .
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{BrouwerLongAOP} \leq 360^\circ$ Units deg
BrouwerLongECC	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerLongECC .
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)

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BrouwerLongINC	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerLongINC . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{BrouwerLongINC} \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg
BrouwerLongMA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerLongMA . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{BrouwerLongMA} \leq 360^\circ$ Units deg
BrouwerLongRAAN	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerLongRAAN . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{BrouwerLongRAAN} \leq 360^\circ$ Units deg
BrouwerLongSMA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerLongSMA . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
BrouwerShortAOP	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerShortAOP . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{BrouwerShortAOP} \leq 360^\circ$ Units deg
BrouwerShortECC	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerShortECC . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
BrouwerShortINC	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerShortINC . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{BrouwerShortINC} \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg

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BrouwerShortMA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerShortMA . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{BrouwerShortMA} \leq 360^\circ$ Units deg
BrouwerShortRAAN	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerShortRAAN . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{BrouwerShortRAAN} \leq 360^\circ$ Units deg
BrouwerShortSMA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.BrouwerShortSMA . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
BVectorAngle	N	Y	B-plane angle between the B vector and the T unit vector. See the BdotR parameter for notes on this calculation. Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $-180^\circ \leq \text{BVectorAngle} \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg
BVectorMag	N	Y	B-plane B vector magnitude. See the BdotR parameter for notes on this calculation. Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
C3Energy	N	Y	C_3 (characteristic) energy. Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units MJ/kg (km^2/s^2)
Cd	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.Cd Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
Cr	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.Cr Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)

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CurrA1MJD	Y	Y	<i>Degraded.</i> Spacecraft epoch in the A.1 system and the Modified Julian format. Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
DCM11	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM11 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
DCM12	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM12 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
DCM13	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM13 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
DCM21	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM21 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
DCM22	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM22 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
DCM23	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM23 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
DCM31	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM31 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
DCM32	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM32 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
DCM33	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DCM33 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
DEC	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DEC Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $-90^\circ \leq \text{DEC} \leq 90^\circ$ Units deg
DECV	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DECV Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $-90^\circ \leq \text{DECV} \leq 90^\circ$ Units deg
Delaunayg	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.Delaunayg . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{Delaunayg} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
DelaunayG	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DelaunayG . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km^2/s
Delaunayh	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.Delaunayh . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{Delaunayh} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
DelaunayH	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DelaunayH . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km^2/s
Delaunayl	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.Delaunayl . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{Delaunayl} < 360^\circ$ Units deg

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
DelaunayL	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DelaunayL . Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km ² /s
DLA	N	Y	Declination of the outgoing hyperbolic asymptote. Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range -90° ≤ DLA ≤ 90° Units deg
DragArea	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DragArea Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units m ²
DryMass	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.DryMass Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units kg
EA	N	Y	Eccentric anomaly. Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range 0° ≤ EA < 360° Units deg
ECC	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.ECC Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range (None) Units (None)
ElapsedDays	N	Y	See Spacecraft.ElapsedDays Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
ElapsedSecs	N	Y	See Spacecraft.ElapsedSecs Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s
Energy	N	Y	Specific orbital energy. Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units MJ/kg (km ² /s ²)

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
EquinoctialH	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EquinoctialH Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
EquinoctialK	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EquinoctialK Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
EquinoctialP	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EquinoctialP Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
EquinoctialQ	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EquinoctialQ Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
EulerAngle1	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EulerAngle1 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{EulerAngle1} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
EulerAngle2	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EulerAngle2 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{EulerAngle2} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
EulerAngle3	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EulerAngle3 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{EulerAngle3} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
EulerAngleRate1	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EulerAngleRate1 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units deg/s
EulerAngleRate2	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EulerAngleRate2 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units deg/s

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
EulerAngleRate3	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.EulerAngleRate3
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units deg/s
FPA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.FPA
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{FPA} \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg
HA	N	Y	Hyperbolic anomaly.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range $-\infty < \text{HA} < \infty$ Units deg
Hmag	N	Y	Magnitude of the angular momentum vector.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km ² /s
Hx	N	Y	X component of the angular momentum vector.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km ² /s
Hy	N	Y	Y component of the angular momentum vector.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km ² /s
Hz	N	Y	Z component of the angular momentum vector.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km ² /s
Inc	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.INC
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{INC} \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
IncomingBVAZI	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.IncomingBVAZI
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{IncomingBVAZI} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
IncomingC3Energy	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.IncomingC3Energy .
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units MJ/kg (km ² /s ²)
IncomingDHA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.IncomingDHA
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $-90^\circ \leq \text{IncomingDHA} \leq 90^\circ$ Units deg
IncomingRadPer	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.IncomingRadPer
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km
IncomingRHA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.IncomingRHA
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{IncomingRHA} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
Latitude	N	Y	Planetodetic latitude.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range $-90^\circ \leq \text{Latitude} \leq 90^\circ$ Units deg
Longitude	N	Y	Planetodetic longitude.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range $-180^\circ \leq \text{Longitude} \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg

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LST	N	Y	<p>Local sidereal time of the spacecraft from the celestial body's inertial x-axis.</p> <p>Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range $0^\circ \leq LST < 360^\circ$ Units deg</p>
MA	N	Y	<p>Mean anomaly.</p> <p>Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range $0^\circ \leq MA < 360^\circ$ Units deg</p>
MHA	N	Y	<p>Angle between celestial body's body-fixed and inertial axes. For Earth, this is the Greenwich Hour Angle.</p> <p>Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range $0^\circ \leq MHA < 360^\circ$ Units deg</p>
MLONG	Y	Y	<p>See Spacecraft.MLONG</p> <p>Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq MLONG < 360^\circ$ Units deg</p>
MM	N	Y	<p>Mean motion.</p> <p>Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range rad/s Units rad/s</p>
ModEquinoctialF	Y	Y	<p>See Spacecraft.ModEquinoctialF</p> <p>Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)</p>
ModEquinoctialG	Y	Y	<p>See Spacecraft.ModEquinoctialG</p> <p>Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)</p>
ModEquinoctialH	Y	Y	<p>See Spacecraft.ModEquinoctialH</p> <p>Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)</p>

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ModEquinoctialK	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.ModEquinoctialK Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
MRP1	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.MRP1 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
MRP2	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.MRP2 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
MRP3	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.MRP3 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
OrbitPeriod	N	Y	Osculating orbit period. Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units s
OrbitSTM	N	N	State transition matrix with respect to the origin-independent MJ2000Eq axes. Data Type Array (6×6) Dependency (None) Units (None)
OrbitSTMA	N	N	Upper-left quadrant of the state transition matrix, with respect to the origin-independent MJ2000Eq axes. Data Type Array (3×3) Dependency (None) Units (None)
OrbitSTMB	N	N	Upper-right quadrant of the state transition matrix, with respect to the origin-independent MJ2000Eq axes. Data Type Array (3×3) Dependency (None) Units (None)

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OrbitSTMC	N	N	Lower-left quadrant of the state transition matrix, with respect to the origin-independent MJ2000Eq axes.
			Data Type Array (3×3) Dependency (None) Units (None)
OrbitSTMD	N	N	Lower-right quadrant of the state transition matrix, with respect to the origin-independent MJ2000Eq axes.
			Data Type Array (3×3) Dependency (None) Units (None)
OutgoingBVAZI	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.OutgoingBVAZI
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{OutgoingBVAZI} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
OutgoingC3Energy	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.OutgoingC3Energy .
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units MJ/kg (km ² /s ²)
OutgoingDHA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.OutgoingDHA
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $-90^\circ \leq \text{OutgoingRHA} \leq 90^\circ$ Units deg
OutgoingRadPer	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.OutgoingRadPer
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km
OutgoingRHA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.OutgoingRHA
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{OutgoingRHA} < 360^\circ$ Units deg

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
Periapsis	N	Y	A parameter that equals zero when the space-craft is at orbit periapsis. This parameter can only be used as a stopping condition in the Propagate command.
			<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Dependency CelestialBody</p> <p>Units (None)</p>
PlanetodeticAZI	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.PlanetodeticAZI . This parameter must be used with a CoordinateSystem with BodyFixed axes.
			<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Dependency CoordinateSystem (with BodyFixed axes)</p> <p>Output Range $-180^\circ \leq \text{PlanetodeticAZI} \leq 180^\circ$</p> <p>Units deg</p>
PlanetodeticHFPA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.PlanetodeticHFPA . This parameter must be used with a CoordinateSystem with BodyFixed axes.
			<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Dependency CoordinateSystem (with BodyFixed axes)</p> <p>Output Range $-90^\circ \leq \text{PlanetodeticHFPA} \leq 90^\circ$</p> <p>Units deg</p>
PlanetodeticLAT	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.PlanetodeticLAT . This parameter must be used with a CoordinateSystem with BodyFixed axes.
			<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Dependency CoordinateSystem (with BodyFixed axes)</p> <p>Output Range $-180^\circ \leq \text{PlanetodeticLAT} \leq 180^\circ$</p> <p>Units deg</p>
PlanetodeticLON	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.PlanetodeticLON . This parameter must be used with a CoordinateSystem with BodyFixed axes.
			<p>Data Type Real</p> <p>Dependency CoordinateSystem (with BodyFixed axes)</p> <p>Output Range $-180^\circ \leq \text{PlanetodeticLON} \leq 180^\circ$</p> <p>Units deg</p>

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Dependency	CoordinateSystem										
Output Range	-180° ≤ RA ≤ 180°										
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Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
RAAN	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.RAAN
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $0^\circ \leq \text{RAAN} < 360^\circ$ Units deg
RadApo	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.RadApo
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km
RadPer	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.RadPer
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km
RAV	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.RAV
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $-180^\circ \leq \text{RAV} \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg
RLA	N	Y	Right ascension of the outgoing hyperbolic asymptote.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range $-180^\circ \leq \text{RLA} \leq 180^\circ$ Units deg
RMAG	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.RMAG
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km
SemilatusRectum	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.SemilatusRectum
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km
SemilatusRectum	N	Y	Semilatus rectum of the osculating orbit.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km
SMA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.SMA
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
SRPArea	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.SRPArea
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units m ²
TA	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.TA
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Output Range 0° ≤ TA < 360° Units deg
TAIGregorian	Y	N	Spacecraft epoch in the TAI system and the Gregorian format.
			Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
TAIModJulian	Y	Y	Spacecraft epoch in the TAI system and the Modified Julian format.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
TDBGregorian	Y	N	Spacecraft epoch in the TDB system and the Gregorian format.
			Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
TDBModJulian	Y	Y	Spacecraft epoch in the TDB system and the Modified Julian format.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
TLONG	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.TLONG
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range 0° ≤ TLONG < 360° Units deg
TotalMass	N	Y	Total mass, including fuel mass from attached ChemicalTank resources.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units kg

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
TTGregorian	Y	N	Spacecraft epoch in the TT system and the Gregorian format.
			Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
TTModJulian	Y	Y	Spacecraft epoch in the TT system and the Modified Julian format.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
UTCGregorian	Y	N	Spacecraft epoch in the UTC system and the Gregorian format.
			Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
UTCModJulian	Y	Y	Spacecraft epoch in the UTC system and the Modified Julian format.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
VelApoapsis	N	Y	Scalar velocity at apoapsis.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km/s
VelPeriapsis	N	Y	Scalar velocity at periapsis.
			Data Type Real Dependency CelestialBody Units km/s
VMAG	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.VMAG
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Output Range Units km/s
VX	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.VX
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km/s

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
VY	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.VY
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km/s
VZ	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.VZ
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km/s
X	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.X
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
Y	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.Y
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
Z	Y	Y	See Spacecraft.Z
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km

FuelTank

ChemicalTank parameters are accessible only after attaching the **ChemicalTank** resource to a **Spacecraft**, like so:

```
Create FuelTank aTank
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.Tanks = {aTank}
```

Then, **ChemicalTank** parameters are accessible by specifying the **ChemicalTank** name as the parameter dependency:

```
Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Add = {aSat.aTank.FuelMass}
```

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
FuelDensity	Y	Y	See ChemicalTank.FuelDensity
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units kg/m ³
FuelMass	Y	Y	See ChemicalTank.FuelMass
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units kg

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
Pressure	Y	Y	See ChemicalTank.Pressure
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units kPa
RefTemperature	Y	Y	See ChemicalTank.RefTemperature
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units °C
Temperature	Y	Y	See ChemicalTank.Temperature
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units °C
Volume	Y	Y	See ChemicalTank.Volume
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units m³

Space Point Parameters

All Resources that have coordinates in space have Cartesian position and velocity parameters, so you can access ephemeris information. This includes all built-in solar system bodies and other Resources such as **CelestialBody**, **Planet**, **Moon**, **Asteroid**, **Comet**, **Barycenter**, **Libration-Point**, and **GroundStation**:

- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.X*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.Y*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.Z*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.VX*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.VY*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.VZ*



Warning

Note that to use these parameters, you must first set the epoch of the Resource to the desired epoch at which you want the data. Additionally, the epoch should be set after the **BeginMissionSequence** Command. See the following example.

```
Create ReportFile rf
BeginMissionSequence
Luna.Epoch.A1ModJulian = 21545
Report rf Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.X Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z ...
    Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ
```



Note

Spacecraft parameters are treated slightly different than Space Point parameters primarily because **Spacecraft** Cartesian state parameters are settable, and all other Space Point Cartesian parameters are only gettable. When requesting state information for Space Points other than **Spacecraft**, the coordinates are computed based on the model configured for that Resource. Additionally, not all epoch configuration options supported for **Spacecraft** are supported for Space Points (i.e. **Epoch** and **DateFormat**).

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
A1Gregorian	Y	N	Resource epoch in the A.1 system and the Gregorian format.
			Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
A1ModJulian	Y	Y	Resource epoch in the A.1 system and the Modified Julian format.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
TAIGregorian	Y	N	Resource epoch in the TAI system and the Gregorian format.
			Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
TAIModJulian	Y	Y	Resource epoch in the TAI system and the Modified Julian format.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
TDBGregorian	Y	N	Resource epoch in the TDB system and the Gregorian format.
			Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
TDBModJulian	Y	Y	Resource epoch in the TDB system and the Modified Julian format.
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
TTGregorian	Y	N	Resource epoch in the TT system and the Gregorian format. Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
TTModJulian	Y	Y	Resource epoch in the TT system and the Modified Julian format. Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
UTCGregorian	Y	N	Resource epoch in the UTC system and the Gregorian format. Data Type String Dependency (None) Units (N/A)
UTCModJulian	Y	Y	Resource epoch in the UTC system and the Modified Julian format. Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units d
VX	N	Y	The x-component of velocity with respect to the CoordinateSystem chosen as the dependency. When no dependency is selected, EarthMJ2000Eq is used. Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km/s
vy	N	Y	The y-component of velocity with respect to the CoordinateSystem chosen as the dependency. When no dependency is selected, EarthMJ2000Eq is used. Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km/s
vz	N	Y	The z-component of velocity with respect to the CoordinateSystem chosen as the dependency. When no dependency is selected, EarthMJ2000Eq is used. Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km/s

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
X	N	Y	The x-component of position with respect to the CoordinateSystem chosen as the dependency. When no dependency is selected, EarthMJ2000Eq is used.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
Y	N	Y	The y-component of position with respect to the CoordinateSystem chosen as the dependency. When no dependency is selected, EarthMJ2000Eq is used.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km
Z	N	Y	The z-component of position with respect to the CoordinateSystem chosen as the dependency. When no dependency is selected, EarthMJ2000Eq is used.
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units km

Thruster

ChemicalThruster parameters are accessible only after attaching the **ChemicalThruster** resource to a **Spacecraft**, like so:

```
Create Thruster aThruster
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.Thrusters = {aThruster}
```

Then, **ChemicalThruster** parameters are accessible by specifying the **ChemicalThruster** name as the parameter dependency:

```
Create ReportFile aReport
aReport.Add = {aSat.aThruster.DutyCycle}
```

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
C1	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C1
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N
C2	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C2
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N/kPa

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
C3	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C3 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N
C4	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C4 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N/kPa
C5	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C5 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N/kPa ²
C6	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C6 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N/kPa ^{C7}
C7	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C7 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
C8	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C8 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N/kPa ^{C9}
C9	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C9 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
C10	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C10 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N/kPa ^{C11}
C11	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C11 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
C12	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C12 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units N
C13	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C13 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
C14	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C14 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units 1/kPa
C15	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C15 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
C16	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.C16 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units 1/kPa
DutyCycle	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.DutyCycle Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
GravitationalAccel	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.GravitationalAccel Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units m/s ²
K1	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K1 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s
K2	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K2 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s/kPa

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
K3	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K3 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s
K4	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K4 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s/kPa
K5	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K5 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s/kPa ²
K6	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K6 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s/kPa ^{C7}
K7	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K7 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
K8	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K8 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s/kPa ^{C9}
K9	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K9 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
K10	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K10 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s/kPa ^{C11}
K11	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K11 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
K12	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K12 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units s
K13	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K13 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
K14	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K14 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units 1/kPa
K15	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K15 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
K16	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.K16 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units 1/kPa
ThrustDirection1	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.ThrustDirection1 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
ThrustDirection2	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.ThrustDirection2 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
ThrustDirection3	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.ThrustDirection3 Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
ThrustScaleFactor	Y	Y	See ChemicalThruster.ThrustScaleFactor Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)

ImpulsiveBurn

To compute **ImpulsiveBurn** parameters, GMAT requires that an **ImpulsiveBurn** has been executed using a **Maneuver** command like this:

```
Maneuver myImpulsiveBurn(mySat)
```

In the case that an **ImpulsiveBurn** has not been applied, GMAT will output zeros for the **ImpulsiveBurn** components and issue a warning.

We recommended that you evaluate **ImpulsiveBurn** parameters immediately after the **ImpulsiveBurn** is applied using the **Maneuver** command like this:

```
Maneuver myImpulsiveBurn(mySat)
myVar = mySat.MyCoordinateSystem.Element1
```

The above usage avoids issues that may occur if the **ImpulsiveBurn** coordinate system is time varying, and the **ImpulsiveBurn** parameters are requested after further manipulation of the participants using other commands (such as **Propagate**). In that case, it is possible that the participants are no longer at the epoch of the maneuver, and unexpected results can occur due to epoch mismatches.

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
B	Y	Y	See ImpulsiveBurn.B
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
Element1	Y	Y	See ImpulsiveBurn.Element1
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
Element2	Y	Y	See ImpulsiveBurn.Element2
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
Element3	Y	Y	See ImpulsiveBurn.Element3
			Data Type Real Dependency CoordinateSystem Units (None)
N	Y	Y	See ImpulsiveBurn.N
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)
V	Y	Y	See ImpulsiveBurn.V
			Data Type Real Dependency (None) Units (None)

Solver

Solver parameters allow you to query a **Solver** for its convergence state to determine if the **Solver** converged. There are both string and numeric parameters which are described in further

detail in the table below the following usage example using solver parameters before and after a **Target** sequence.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aPropagator

Create ImpulsiveBurn aBurn
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC
Create OrbitView EarthView
EarthView.Add = {Earth,aSat}
EarthView.ViewScaleFactor = 5

Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence
Report aReport aDC.SolverStatus aDC.SolverState
Target aDC
    Vary aDC(aBurn.Element1 = 1.0, {Upper = 3})
    Maneuver aBurn(aSat)
    Propagate aPropagator(aSat,{aSat.Apoapsis})
    Achieve aDC(aSat.RMAG = 42164)
EndTarget
Report aReport aDC.SolverStatus aDC.SolverState
```

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
SolverStatus	N	N	The SolverStatus parameter contains the state of a Solver . If the Solver has not executed, SolverStatus is Initialized . If the Solver has executed and converged, SolverStatus is Converged . If the Solver is iterating, SolverStatus is Running . If the Solver has executed and reached the maximum number of iterations before convergence, SolverStatus is ExceededIterations . If the Solver has executed and failed to converge, but did not exceed the maximum iterations, SolverStatus is DidNotConverge .
			Data Type String
			Dependency (None)
			Units (None)

Parameter	Settable	Plottable	Description
SolverState	N	Y	The SolverState parameter contains the state of a Solver . If the solver has not executed, SolverState is 0. If the Solver has executed and converged, SolverState is 1. If the Solver is iterating, SolverState is 0. If the Solver has executed and reached the maximum number of iterations before convergence, SolverState is -1. If the Solver has executed and failed to converge, but did not exceed the maximum iterations, SolverState is -2.
			<p>Data Type Integer Dependency (None) Units (None)</p>

Array, String, Variable

Array, **String**, and **Variable** resources are themselves parameters, and can be used as any other parameter would. All of these are writable parameters, though only **Variable** resources and individual elements of **Array** resources can be plotted.

Examples

Using parameters in the Mission Sequence:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp
Create ReportFile aReport
Create Variable i

BeginMissionSequence

% propagate for 100 steps
For i=1:100
    Propagate aProp(aSat)
% write four parameters (one standalone, three coordinate-system-dependent) to a file
Report aReport aSat.TAIGregorian aSat.EarthFixed.X aSat.EarthFixed.Y aSat.EarthFixed.Z
EndFor
```

Using parameters as plot data:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create XYPlot aPlot
aPlot.XVariable = aSat.TAIModJulian
aPlot.YVariables = {aSat.Earth.Altitude, aSat.Earth.ECC}

Create Variable i

BeginMissionSequence

% propagate for 100 steps
For i=1:100
    Propagate aProp(aSat)
```

EndFor

Using parameters as stopping conditions:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.SMA = 6678

Create ForceModel anFM
anFM.Drag.AtmosphereModel = MSISE90

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = anFM

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Altitude = 100, aSat.ElapsedDays = 365}
```


Color

Color support in GMAT resources and commands

Description

GMAT lets you assign different colors to orbital trajectory segments that are drawn by **Spacecraft**, **CelestialBody**, **LibrationPoint** and **Barycenter** resources. You can also assign unique colors to **Spacecraft** orbital trajectory segments by setting colors through the **Propagate** command. The orbital trajectories of these resources are drawn using the **OrbitView** 3D graphics resource. Additionally, GMAT allows you set colors on **GroundStation** facilities that are drawn on a spacecraft's ground track plot created by **GroundTrackPlot** 2D graphics resource.

In addition to setting colors on orbital trajectory segments of the following five resources and single command: **Spacecraft**, **CelestialBody**, **LibrationPoint**, **Barycenter**, **GroundStation** and **Propagate**, GMAT also allows you to assign colors to perturbing trajectories that may be drawn by the above five resources. These perturbing trajectories are drawn during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. The above five resources and single **Propagate** command each have a common field called **OrbitColor**. The **OrbitColor** field is used to set colors on orbital trajectory segments drawn by these resources and single command. Similarly, these five resources also have a common field called **TargetColor**. The **Propagate** command does not have a **TargetColor** field. The **TargetColor** field of these five resources can be used to set colors on perturbing trajectories that may be drawn during iterative processes.

You can set colors on the above five resources and **Propagate** command either via the GUI or script interface of GMAT. Setting colors on these five resources and single command via the GUI mode is very easy: After opening any of the five resources or **Propagate** command, you can choose colors for **OrbitColor** field by clicking on any available colors from Orbit Color selectbox. Similarly, for the five resources, you can select colors for the **TargetColor** field by choosing any available colors from the Target Color selectbox. See the [GUI](#) section below that walks you through an example of how to select colors through the GUI mode.

There are two ways to set colors on both **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields via GMAT's script mode. The available colors are identified through a string or a three digit integer array. You can input color of your choice by either entering a color's ColorName or its corresponding RGB triplet value. The table below shows a list of 75 colors that are available for you to select from. Each row of the table lists an available color's ColorName and an equivalent RGB triplet value. Refer to the Fields section of the above five resources and **Propagate** command's Options section to learn more about **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields and how to set colors. Also see the [Remarks](#) section below for additional script snippets that show how to assign colors through either ColorName or RGB triplet value input method for the above five resources and single command.

ColorName	Equivalent RGB Triplet Value
Aqua	0 255 255
AquaMarine	127 55 212
Beige	245 245 220
Black	0 0 0
Blue	0 0 255
BlueViolet	138 43 226
Brown	165 42 42

ColorName	Equivalent RGB Triplet Value
CadetBlue	95 158 160
Coral	255 127 80
CornflowerBlue	100 149 237
Cyan	0 255 255
DarkBlue	0 0 139
DarkGoldenRod	184 134 11
DarkGray	169 169 169
DarkGreen	0 100 0
DarkOliveGreen	85 107 47
DarkOrchid	153 50 204
DarkSlateBlue	72 61 139
DarkSlateGray	47 79 79
DarkTurquoise	0 206 209
DimGray	105 105 105
FireBrick	178 34 34
ForestGreen	34 139 34
Fuchsia	255 0 255
Gold	255 215 0
GoldenRod	218 165 32
Gray	128 128 128
Green	0 128 0
GreenYellow	173 255 47
IndianRed	205 92 92
Khaki	240 230 140
LightBlue	173 216 230
LightGray	211 211 211
Lime	0 255 0
LimeGreen	50 205 50
LightSteelBlue	176 196 222
Magenta	255 0 255
Maroon	128 0 0
MediumAquaMarine	102 205 170
MediumBlue	0 0 205
MediumOrchid	186 85 211
MediumSeaGreen	60 179 113
MediumSpringGreen	0 250 154
MediumTurquoise	72 209 204
MediumVioletRed	199 21 133

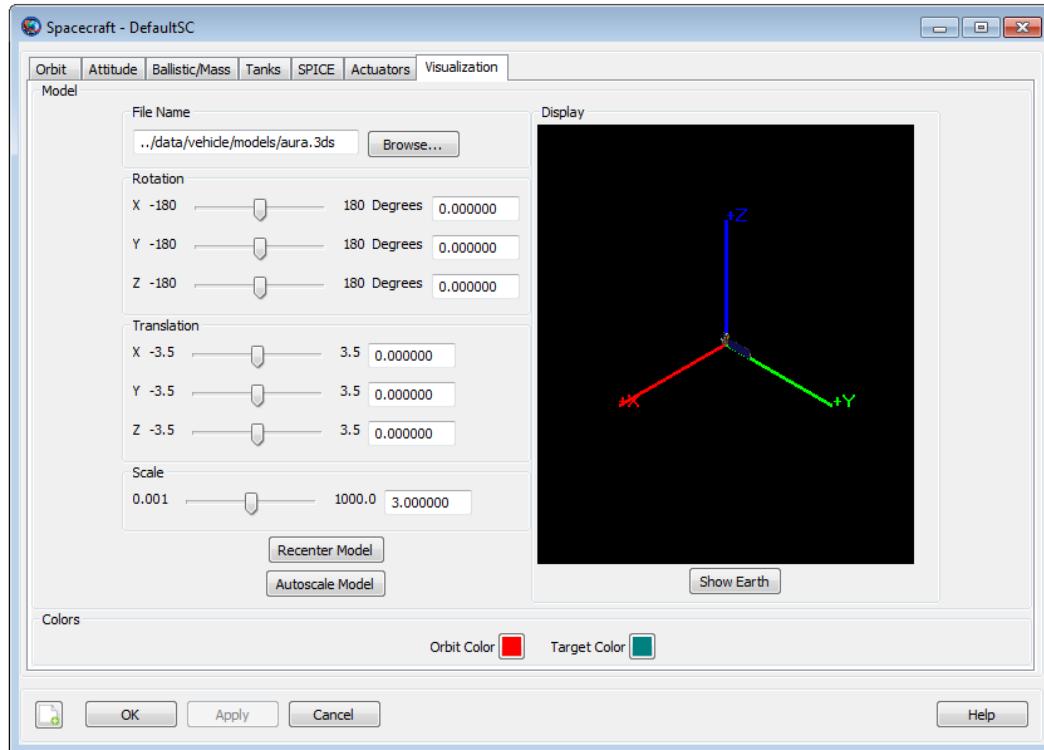
ColorName	Equivalent RGB Triplet Value
MidnightBlue	25 25 112
Navy	0 0 128
Olive	128 128 0
Orange	255 165 0
OrangeRed	255 69 0
Orchid	218 112 214
PaleGreen	152 251 152
Peru	205 133 63
Pink	255 192 203
Plum	221 160 221
Purple	128 0 128
Red	255 0 0
SaddleBrown	244 164 96
Salmon	250 128 114
SeaGreen	46 139 87
Sienna	160 82 45
Silver	192 192 192
SkyBlue	135 206 235
SlateBlue	106 90 205
SpringGreen	0 255 127
SteekBlue	70 130 180
Tan	210 180 140
Teal	0 128 128
Thistle	216 191 216
Turquoise	64 224 208
Violet	238 130 238
Wheat	245 222 179
White	255 255 255
Yellow	255 255 0
YellowGreen	154 205 50

See Also: [Spacecraft Visualization Properties](#), [CelestialBody](#), [LibrationPoint](#), [Barycenter](#), [GroundStation](#), [Propagate](#)

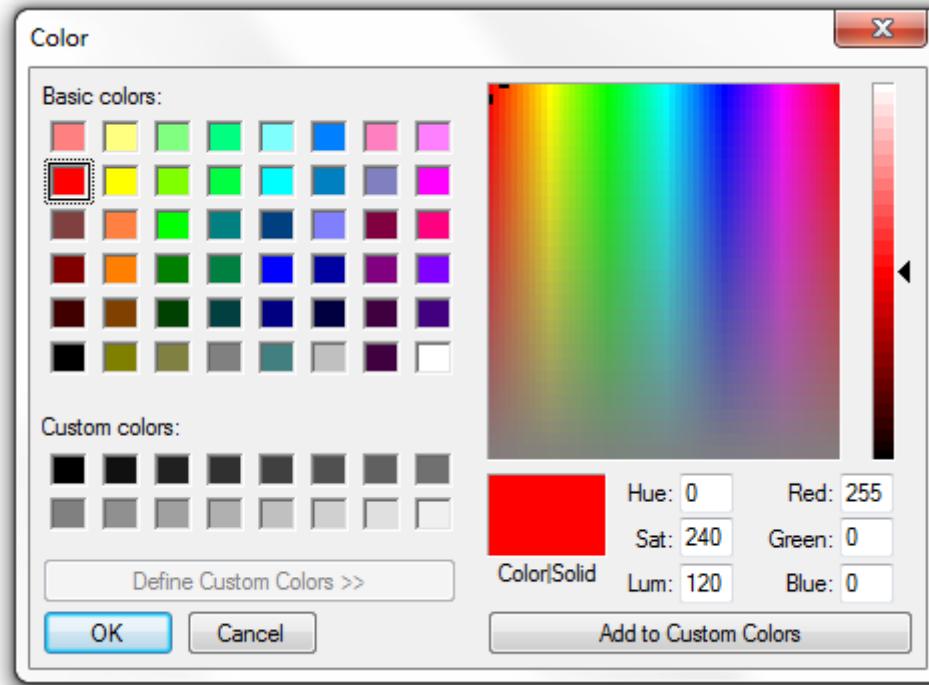
GUI

Setting colors on **Spacecraft**, **GroundStation**, **CelestialBody**, **LibrationPoint** and **Barycenter** resources' **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields via GMAT's GUI mode is very easy. Since the procedure for setting colors on these five resources is the same, hence only one GUI example is given below using the **Spacecraft** resource:

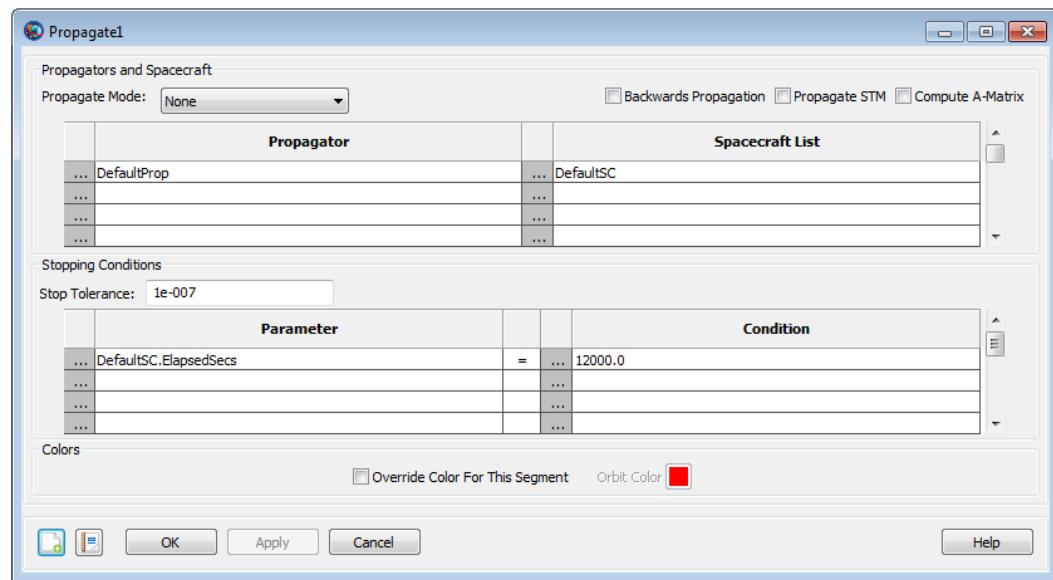
After opening the **Spacecraft** resource, click on Visualization tab.



In the Visualization window, you will see Orbit Color and Target Color Select boxes. You can choose colors for **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields by clicking on the Orbit Color and Target Color select boxes respectively. For example, clicking either on the Orbit Color or Target Color select box opens the Color panel seen below. Using this Color panel, you can select basic colors, create custom colors of your choice and add custom colors to the list of available colors.

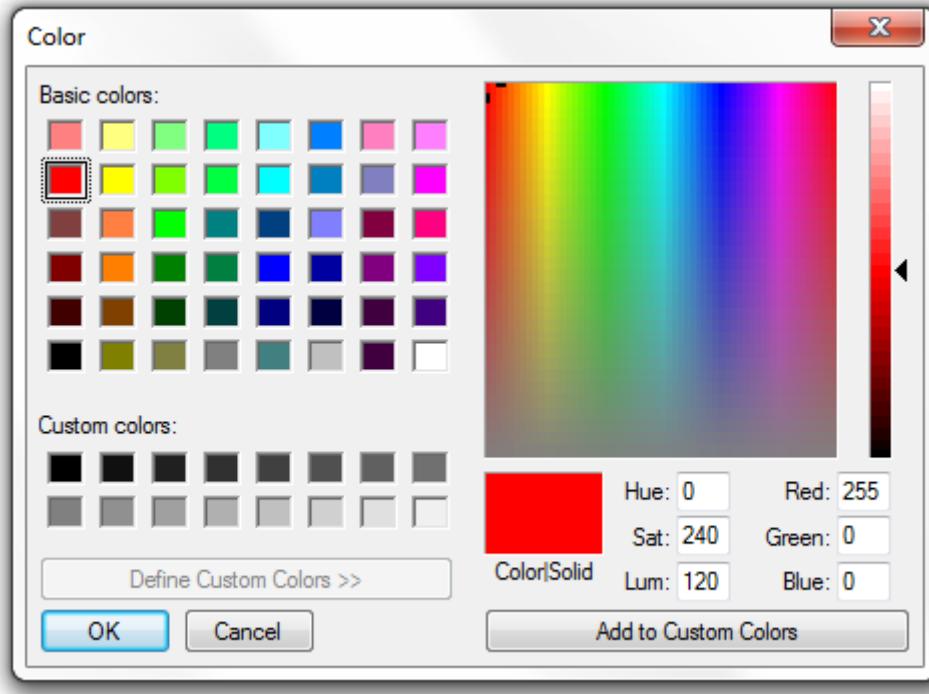


Selecting colors on **Propagate** command's **OrbitColor** option through the GUI mode is also very easy. Open any **Propagate** command. Below is screenshot of GMAT's default **Propagate** command:



In GMAT, the default orbit color on any **Propagate** command is the color that is set on **Spacecraft** resource's **OrbitColor** field (i.e. `Spacecraft.OrbitColor`). Whenever you do not set a unique color on the **Propagate** command's **OrbitColor** option, hence the color on the **Propagate** command will always be the color that is set on **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** field.

To set your own unique colors to the **Propagate** command, click and check the **Override Color For This Segment** box. This makes the Orbit Color select box active. Clicking on the Orbit Color select box opens the Color panel shown below:



Using this Color panel, you can select basic colors, create custom colors of your choice and add custom colors to the list of available colors and set them on the **Propagate** command's **OrbitColor** option.

Remarks

Configuring Orbit and Target Colors on Spacecraft Resource

You can set unique colors of your choice on orbital trajectories of a **Spacecraft** by assigning colors to **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** field. As long as you do not reset or reassign orbit color on the **Propagate** command, then all spacecraft trajectory colors that GMAT draws will be the same color that you first set on **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** field. The default color on **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** field is set to red. With this default setting of red color to **OrbitColor** field, all **Spacecraft** trajectories will be drawn in red color as long as you do not reset orbit color on any of the **Propagate** commands. Now for example, if you want all **Spacecraft** orbital trajectories to be drawn in yellow color alone, the script snippet below demonstrates two acceptable methods of setting yellow color to **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** field:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = Yellow      % ColorName method
% or
aSat.OrbitColor = [255 255 0] % RGB triplet value method
```

Similarly, setting colors of your choice on spacecraft's perturbing trajectories that may be drawn during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization can be done by assigning unique colors to **Spacecraft** object's **TargetColor** field. Setting colors on the **TargetColor** field is only useful when you want to assign colors on perturbed trajectories generated during iterative processes. Both **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields of **Spacecraft** object can also be used and modified in the Mission Sequence as well. The example script snippet below shows two acceptable methods of setting blue violet color to **Spacecraft** resource's **TargetColor** field:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.TargetColor = BlueViolet    % ColorName method
% or
aSat.TargetColor = [138 43 226] % RGB triplet value method
```

The list of available colors that you can set on **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields are tabulated in the table in [Description](#) section. You can assign colors either via the **ColorName** or **RGB triplet value** input method. Also see the [Examples](#) section below for complete sample scripts that show how to use **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields.

Setting Colors on Ground Station Resource

GMAT allows you to set unique colors of your choice on **GroundStation** object's **OrbitColor** or **TargetColor** fields. The list of available colors that you can set are tabulated in the table in [Description](#) section. You can assign colors either via the **ColorName** or **RGB triplet value** method. The custom ground station facility that you create shows up on the ground track plot of a spacecraft that is drawn on a 2D texture map of a central body. The colors that are assigned on **GroundStation** object's **TargetColor** field are only used whenever **GroundStation** object is drawn during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. The script snippet below shows how to set colors on **GroundStation**'s **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields using either the **ColorName** or **RGB** method:

```
Create GroundStation aGroundStation
aGroundStation.OrbitColor = Aqua      % ColorName method
% or
aGroundStation.OrbitColor = [0 255 255] % RGB method
```

```
Create GroundStation aGroundStation
```

```
aGroundStation.TargetColor = Black      % ColorName method  
% or  
aGroundStation.TargetColor = [0 0 0]    % RGB method
```

See the [Examples](#) section below for complete sample script that shows how to use **GroundStation** object's **OrbitColor** field.

Configuring Orbit and Target Colors on Celestial Body Resource

GMAT allows you to set available colors to orbits of built-in or custom-defined celestial bodies. GMAT contains built-in models for the Sun, the 8 planets, Earth's moon, and Pluto. You can create a custom **CelestialBody** resource to model a planet, asteroid, comet, or moon. The orbit colors on **CelestialBody** objects are set through the **OrbitColor** field. You can also set colors to a celestial body's perturbing trajectories that are generated during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. This is done by setting colors to **CelestialBody** object's **TargetColor** field. Setting colors on the **TargetColor** field is only useful when you want to assign colors on perturbed trajectories that are generated during iterative processes. The list of available colors that you can set on **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields are tabulated in the table shown in the [Description](#) section. To assign colors, you can either use the ColorName or RGB triplet value method. Both **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields of the **CelestialBody** object can also be used and modified in the Mission Sequence as well. The script snippet below shows how to set colors on **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields on a custom-built celestial body using either the ColorName or RGB method:

```
Create CelestialBody aPlanet  
aPlanet.OrbitColor = CornflowerBlue    % ColorName method  
% or  
aPlanet.OrbitColor = [100 149 237]    % RGB method
```



```
Create CelestialBody aPlanet  
aPlanet.TargetColor = DarkBlue       % ColorName method  
% or  
aPlanet.TargetColor = [0 0 139]      % RGB method
```

See the [Examples](#) section below for complete sample scripts that show how to use **CelestialBody** object's **OrbitColor** field

Configuring Orbit and Target Colors on Libration Point Resource

GMAT lets you set available colors on an orbit that is drawn by a libration point. In order to see orbital trajectory that a libration point draws in space, you must draw the Lagrange points in an inertial space. The orbit colors on **LibrationPoint** resources are set through the **OrbitColor** field. GMAT also allows you to set colors on a libration point's perturbing trajectories that are drawn during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. Setting colors on perturbing libration point trajectories is done via the **TargetColor** field. Setting colors on the **TargetColor** field is only useful whenever perturbed libration point trajectories are generated during iterative processes. The available colors that can be set on **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields are tabulated in the table shown in the [Description](#) section. You can either use the ColorName or RGB triplet value method to assign colors on **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields. These two fields of **LibrationPoint** resource can also be used and modified to set colors in the Mission Sequence as well. The script snippet below shows how to set colors on **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields using either the ColorName or RGB method:

```
Create LibrationPoint ESL1  
ESL1.OrbitColor = Magenta           % ColorName method  
% or
```

```
ESL1.OrbitColor = [255 0 255]      % RGB method

Create LibrationPoint ESL1
ESL1.TargetColor = Orchid          % ColorName method
% or
ESL1.TargetColor = [218 112 214]    % RGB method
```

See the [Examples](#) section below for complete sample script that shows how to use **LibrationPoint** object's **OrbitColor** field.

Configuring Orbit and Target Colors on Barycenter Resource

In GMAT, you can assign available colors on an orbit that is drawn by a barycenter point. Since a barycenter is a center of mass of a set of celestial bodies, hence in order to see its orbital trajectory, the barycenters must be plotted in an inertial space. You can set orbit colors on GMAT's both built-in **SolarSystemBarycenter** resource or custom barycenters that you create through the **Barycenter** object. The orbit colors on **Barycenter** resources are set through the **OrbitColor** field. GMAT also allows you to set colors on a barycenter's perturbing trajectories that are drawn during iterative processes such as differential correction or optimization. Setting colors on perturbing barycenter trajectories is done via the **TargetColor** field. Setting colors on the **TargetColor** field is only useful whenever you want to set different colors on the perturbing trajectories. The available colors that can be set on **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields are tabulated in the table shown in the [Description](#) section. You can either use the ColorName or RGB triplet value color input method to assign colors on **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields. These two fields of **Barycenter** resource can also be used and modified in the Mission Sequence as well. The script snippet below shows how to set colors on **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields using either the ColorName or RGB method:

```
Create Barycenter EarthMoonBarycenter
EarthMoonBarycenter.OrbitColor = Violet        % ColorName method
% or
EarthMoonBarycenter.OrbitColor = [238 130 238] % RGB method
```

```
Create Barycenter EarthMoonBarycenter
EarthMoonBarycenter.TargetColor = Silver       % ColorName method
% or
EarthMoonBarycenter.TargetColor = [192 192 192] % RGB method
```

See the [Examples](#) section below for complete sample script that shows how to use **Barycenter** object's **OrbitColor** field.

Configuring Orbit Colors on Propagate Command

In GMAT, you can set unique colors on different **Spacecraft** trajectory segments by setting orbital colors on **Propagate** commands. If you do not select unique colors on each **Propagate** command, then by default, the color on all **Propagate** commands is seeded from color that is set on **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** field. You can set orbit colors on each **Propagate** command through the **OrbitColor** option. The available colors that can be set on **Propagate** command's **OrbitColor** option are tabulated in the table shown in the [Description](#) section. You can either use the ColorName or RGB triplet value input method to assign colors on **OrbitColor** option. The script snippet below shows how to set colors on **OrbitColor** option using either the ColorName or RGB method:

```
% ColorName method:
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 500, OrbitColor = Gold}
% or RGB method:
```

```
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 500, OrbitColor = [255 215 0]}
```

See the [Examples](#) section below for complete sample scripts that show how to use **Propagate** command's **OrbitColor** option.

Examples

Set non-default sky blue color to **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** field through both **ColorName** and RGB triplet value methods. Both methods draw spacecraft orbital trajectory in sky blue color. Note: Since orbit color was not re-set in the **Propagate** command, hence entire spacecraft orbital trajectory is drawn in sky blue color:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = SkyBlue % ColorName method
Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
GMAT anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}

% or

Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = [135 206 235] % RGB triplet value method
Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
GMAT anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

Set unique colors on **Spacecraft** object's **OrbitColor** field multiple times through combination of both **ColorName** and RGB method. Notice that **Spacecraft.OrbitColor** is used and modified in the Mission Sequence as well:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = Yellow % ColorName method
Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
GMAT anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000}
aSat.OrbitColor = Green % ColorName method
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000}
aSat.OrbitColor = [255 165 0 ] % RGB value for Orange
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 2000}
```

Set non-default yellow color on **Spacecraft** object's **TargetColor** field. Setting color on the **TargetColor** field is only useful when perturbed trajectories are generated during iterative processes

such as differential correction. Note yellow color was set via the `ColorName` method. It could've been also set through the RGB triplet value method as well.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = Red      % Default OrbitColor
aSat.TargetColor = Yellow  % ColorName method

Create Propagator aProp

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI

Create DifferentialCorrector aDC

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}
anOrbitView.SolverIterations = All
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 2

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis}

Target aDC;
Vary aDC(TOI.Element1 = 0.24, {Perturbation = 0.001, Lower = 0.0, ...
    Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.5})
Maneuver TOI(aSat);
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Apoapsis}
Achieve aDC(aSat.Earth.RMAG = 20000)
EndTarget

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 0.25}
```

Set non-default colors on multiple **GroundStation** objects through the **OrbitColor** field. The colors are assigned through combination of both `ColorName` and RGB input methods:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aProp

Create GroundStation aGroundStation aGroundStation2 aGroundStation3

aGroundStation.StateType = Spherical
aGroundStation.Latitude = 45
aGroundStation.OrbitColor = Black

aGroundStation2.StateType = Spherical
aGroundStation2.Longitude = 20
aGroundStation2.OrbitColor = [165 42 42]  % RGB value for Brown

aGroundStation3.StateType = Spherical
aGroundStation3.Latitude = 30
aGroundStation3.Longitude = 45
aGroundStation3.OrbitColor = [255 127 80]  % RGB value for Coral

Create GroundTrackPlot aGroundTrackPlot
aGroundTrackPlot.Add = {aSat, aGroundStation, aGroundStation2, ...
    aGroundStation3 }
```

```
BeginMissionSequence  
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 0.25 }
```

Set non-default colors on built-in celestial body orbits. In this example, **CelestialBody** object's **OrbitColor** field is assigned colors through mixture of both ColorName and RGB triplet value methods. By default, GMAT sets **Spacecraft** orbit color to red:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat  
aSat.CoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec  
aSat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian  
aSat.SMA = 150000000  
  
Mercury.OrbitColor = Orange  
Venus.OrbitColor = [255 255 0] % RGB value for Yellow  
Earth.OrbitColor = Cyan  
Mars.OrbitColor = [0 128 0] % RGB value for Green  
  
Create CoordinateSystem SunMJ2000Ec  
SunMJ2000Ec.Origin = Sun  
SunMJ2000Ec.Axes = MJ2000Ec  
  
Create ForceModel aFM  
aFM.CentralBody = Sun  
aFM.PointMasses = {Sun}  
  
Create Propagator aProp  
aProp.FM = aFM  
  
Create OrbitView anOrbitView  
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth, Venus, Mars, Mercury}  
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec  
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Sun  
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = [0 0 150000000]  
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Sun  
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 6  
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec  
  
BeginMissionSequence  
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 150}
```

Set unique non-default orbit colors on built-in **CelestialBody** object's **OrbitColor** field multiple times through combination of both ColorName and RGB triplet value methods. Notice that **CelestialBody.OrbitColor** is used and modified in the Mission Sequence as well:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat  
aSat.CoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec  
aSat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian  
aSat.SMA = 150000000  
  
Mars.OrbitColor = Orange  
  
Create CoordinateSystem SunMJ2000Ec  
SunMJ2000Ec.Origin = Sun  
SunMJ2000Ec.Axes = MJ2000Ec  
  
Create ForceModel aFM  
aFM.CentralBody = Sun
```

```
aFM.PointMasses = {Sun}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM
aProp.MaxStep = 20000

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Mars}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Sun
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = [0 0 150000000]
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Sun
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 6
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 150}
Mars.OrbitColor = [255 255 0] % RGB value for Yellow
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 150}
Mars.OrbitColor = Cyan
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 150}
Mars.OrbitColor = [0 128 0] % RGB value for Green
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 150}
```

Set unique non-default orbit colors on Earth-Sun L1 libration point orbit. ESL1 libration point is plotted in an inertial space in order to see its orbit around sun. The orbit colors on **LibrationPoint** object's **OrbitColor** field are set multiple times through combination of both ColorName and RGB triplet value input methods. Notice that in this example, **LibrationPoint.OrbitColor** is also set in the Mission Sequence as well. By default, GMAT sets **Spacecraft** orbit color to red:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.CoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec
aSat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
aSat.SMA = 150000000

Create LibrationPoint ESL1
ESL1.OrbitColor = Orange
ESL1.Primary = Sun
ESL1.Secondary = Earth
ESL1.Point = L1

Create CoordinateSystem SunMJ2000Ec
SunMJ2000Ec.Origin = Sun
SunMJ2000Ec.Axes = MJ2000Ec

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Sun
aFM.PointMasses = {Sun}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, ESL1}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Sun
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = [0 0 150000000]
```

```

anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Sun
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 3
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 75}
ESL1.OrbitColor = [255 255 0] % RGB value for Yellow
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 75}
ESL1.OrbitColor = Cyan
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 75}
ESL1.OrbitColor = [0 128 0] % RGB value for Green
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 75}

```

Set unique non-default orbit colors on Earth-Moon barycenter. The Earth Moon barycenter had to be plotted in an inertial space in order to see its orbit around the sun. The orbit colors on **Barycenter** object's **OrbitColor** field are set multiple times through combination of both ColorName and RGB triplet value input methods. Notice that in this example, **Barycenter.OrbitColor** is also set in the Mission Sequence as well. By default, GMAT sets **Spacecraft** orbit color to red:

```

Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.CoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec
aSat.DisplayStateType = Keplerian
aSat.SMA = 150000000

Create Barycenter EarthMoonBarycenter
EarthMoonBarycenter.OrbitColor = Cyan
EarthMoonBarycenter.BodyNames = {Earth, Luna}

Create CoordinateSystem SunMJ2000Ec
SunMJ2000Ec.Origin = Sun
SunMJ2000Ec.Axes = MJ2000Ec

Create ForceModel aFM
aFM.CentralBody = Sun
aFM.PointMasses = {Sun}

Create Propagator aProp
aProp.FM = aFM

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, EarthMoonBarycenter}
anOrbitView.CoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec
anOrbitView.ViewPointReference = Sun
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = [0 0 150000000]
anOrbitView.ViewDirection = Sun
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 4
anOrbitView.ViewUpCoordinateSystem = SunMJ2000Ec

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 75}
EarthMoonBarycenter.OrbitColor = [255 255 0] % RGB value for Yellow
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 75}
EarthMoonBarycenter.OrbitColor = Orange
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 75}
EarthMoonBarycenter.OrbitColor = [250 128 114] % RGB value for Salmon

```

```
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedDays = 75}
```

Set unique colors on spacecraft's various trajectory segments through **Propagate** command's **OrbitColor** option. The colors are set through combination of both ColorName and RGB input methods. Notice that although by default, red color is set on **aSat.OrbitColor** field, however since orbit color has been reset on all **Propagate** commands, hence red color is never drawn:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = Red
aSat.X = 10000

Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
GMAT anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000, OrbitColor = Yellow}
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000, OrbitColor = Cyan}
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000, OrbitColor = [154 205 50]}
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000, OrbitColor = [255 0 255]}
```

Set colors on spacecraft's various trajectory segments through **Propagate** command's **OrbitColor** option. This time, colors are only set through ColorName input method. Default color set on **aSat.OrbitColor** field is red. Notice that the orbit color has been reset on only the first three **Propagate** commands. However since **OrbitColor** option has not been used on the last **Propagate** command, therefore the trajectory drawn by the last **Propagate** command is in red color which is the color assigned on **aSat.OrbitColor** field:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = Red
aSat.X = 10000

Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
GMAT anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000, OrbitColor = Orange}
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000, OrbitColor = Blue}
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000, OrbitColor = Yellow}
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 1000}
```

Set colors on **Propagate** commands when used with **Target** resource and during differential correction iterative process. This time, since colors have been set on all **Propagate** commands, hence default color of red which is set on **aSat.OrbitColor** field is never plotted. Also notice that although **aSat.TargetColor** is set to Yellow, but since **anOrbitView.SolverIterations** is set to None, hence perturbed trajectories that are drawn during iterative process are not plotted and only final solution is plotted

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = Red
aSat.TargetColor = Yellow
```

```
Create Propagator aProp

Create ImpulsiveBurn TOI

Create DifferentialCorrector aDC

Create OrbitView anOrbitView
anOrbitView.Add = {aSat, Earth}
anOrbitView.SolverIterations = None %Set to 'All' to see perturbations
anOrbitView.ViewScaleFactor = 2

BeginMissionSequence

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis, OrbitColor = Salmon}

Target aDC;
Vary aDC(TOI.Element1 = 0.24, {Perturbation = 0.001, Lower = 0.0, ...
Upper = 3.14159, MaxStep = 0.5})
Maneuver TOI(aSat);
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Apoapsis, OrbitColor = Blue}
Achieve aDC(aSat.Earth.RMAG = 20000)
EndTarget

Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.Earth.Periapsis, OrbitColor = Orange}
```


Command-Line Usage

Starting the GMAT application from the command line

Synopsis

GMAT [option...] [script_file]

Description

The GMAT command starts the GMAT graphical interface. If run with no arguments, GMAT starts with the default mission loaded. If *script_file* is specified, and is a valid path to a GMAT script, GMAT loads the script and remains open, but does not run it.

Options

-h, --help

Start GMAT and display command-line usage information in the message window.

-m, --minimize

Start GMAT with a minimized interface.

-r, --run

Automatically run the specified script after loading.

-v, --version

Start GMAT and display version information in the message window.

-x, --exit

Exit GMAT after running the specified script. This option has no effect if specified alone.

Examples

Start GMAT and run the script **MyScript.script**:

GMAT MyScript.script

Run a script with the interface minimized, and exit afterwards:

GMAT --minimize --exit MyScript.script

Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts in the graphical user interface

Description

The GMAT graphical user interface (GUI) offers many keyboard shortcuts for easy access to common commands. See the tables below for details.

General shortcuts

These keyboard shortcuts are available any time when using GMAT.

Key	Meaning
Ctrl+Shift+<number>	Open recent script <number> (1–5).
Ctrl+N	Create a new mission.
Ctrl+Shift+N	Create a new empty script.
Ctrl+O	Open the Open dialog box.
Ctrl+S	Save the current mission.
F1	Open the Help documentation.
Ctrl+F1	Open the Welcome Page .
F5	Run the current mission.
F9	Animate the current graphics window.
F12	Open the Save As dialog box.

Tree view shortcuts

These keyboard shortcuts are available when navigating the Resources, Mission, and Output trees.

Key	Meaning
Enter	Open.
Space	Open.
Delete	Delete.
Ctrl+Shift+C	Clone (only available for resources).
F2	Rename.
Ctrl+Page Up	View the next tab.
Ctrl+Page Down	View the previous tab.

Dialog box shortcuts

These keyboard shortcuts are available when interacting with dialog boxes, such as the property windows for the **Spacecraft** resource or the **Propagate** command.

Key	Meaning
Tab	Move to the next item.

Key	Meaning
Shift+Tab	Move to the previous item.
Ctrl+C	Copy.
Ctrl+V	Paste.
Ctrl+W	Close.
F1	Open feature-specific help.
F7	Show script.

Script editor shortcuts

These keyboard shortcuts are available when using the script editor.

Tab	Insert a tab character.
Shift+Tab	Remove a tab character on the current line.
Ctrl+Tab	Move to the next editor button.
Ctrl+Shift+Tab	Move to the previous editor button.
Ctrl+A	Select all.
Ctrl+C	Copy.
Ctrl+F	Open the Find and Replace dialog box.
Ctrl+G	Open the Go To dialog box.
Ctrl+H	Open the Find and Replace dialog box.
Ctrl+I	Indent more.
Ctrl+Shift+I	Indent less.
Ctrl+R	Comment the current line.
Ctrl+Shift+S	Save,Sync.
Ctrl+T	Uncomment the current line.
Ctrl+V	Paste.
Ctrl+W	Close.
Ctrl+X	Cut.
Ctrl+Y	Redo.
Ctrl+Z	Undo.
F3	Find next (after using Find and Replace)..
Ctrl+Shift+F5	Save,Sync,Run.
Ctrl+Shift+F12	Save As.

Additionally, the following mouse controls are available:

- Hold down **Ctrl** while rotating the wheel button to increase or decrease the font size.

MATLAB Interface

Interface to MATLAB system

Description

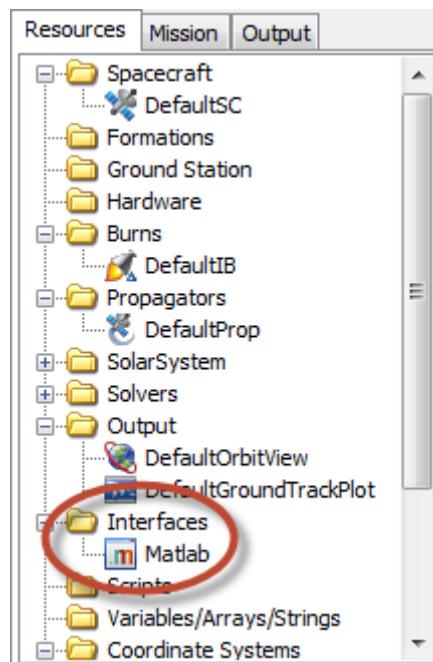
The MATLAB interface provides a link to the Mathworks MATLAB environment, allowing GMAT to run MATLAB functions as if they were native functions in the GMAT script language.

The interface cannot be controlled directly through the script language, though it can be in the GMAT GUI. Instead, GMAT starts the interface automatically when it calls a MATLAB function.

There are two GMAT components that provide user access to the interface. For details on declaring a MATLAB function, see the [MatlabFunction](#) reference. For details on calling a function and passing data, see the [CallMatlabFunction](#) reference.

See Also: [CallMatlabFunction](#), [MatlabFunction](#)

GUI



The MATLAB interface provides an icon in the **Interfaces** folder in the Resources tree that can be used to control the interface. Right-clicking the icon shows two options: **Open** and **Close**.

The **Open** menu item causes GMAT to open a connection to the MATLAB Engine, which in turns displays a MATLAB command window in the background. This connection is then used for all communication between GMAT and MATLAB until the connection is closed. Only one connection can be open at a time.

The **Close** menu item causes GMAT to close any open connection to the MATLAB Engine. If no connection is open, it has no effect.

Remarks

Interface Setup

The following conditions must be true for GMAT to successfully initiate communication with MATLAB. All conditions must be true for the same instance of MATLAB.

- Install a compatible, licensed version of MATLAB on the same machine on which GMAT is running. GMAT is tested with the latest version of MATLAB at the time of release, though versions R2006b and newer have been known to work.
- The architecture (32-bit or 64-bit) of GMAT and the installed version of MATLAB must match. For example, the 32-bit version of GMAT is compatible only with the 32-bit version of MATLAB.
- On Windows:
 1. Add the following path (where **MATLAB** is the path to the installed version of MATLAB) to your **Path** environment variable (either your user variable, or the system variable). If you continue to have trouble, try putting this path at the very beginning of your system path.
MATLAB\bin\win32 (or **win64** for use with 64-bit versions of GMAT)

2. Register MATLAB for use as a COM server by running:

```
matlab -regserver
```

This is done automatically by the MATLAB installer. To do it manually, open an elevated command window and run the command above. Make sure the proper instance of MATLAB is being run by this command.

- On Mac OS X:
 - The **MATLABFORGMAT** environment variable must exist and contain the full path to the MATLAB application bundle (e.g. /Applications/MATLAB_R2010a/MATLAB_R2010a.app).

Note that 64-bit GMAT must be used to interface with MATLAB after version R2010a.



Note

Common troubleshooting tips on Windows:

- If you are using the officially-released 32-bit version of GMAT, make sure you have the 32-bit version of MATLAB installed.
- If the path above exists in your system **Path** variable, try place it at the front.
- Make sure the same instance of MATLAB is referenced both in the **Path** variable and when running **matlab -regserver**.

MATLAB Engine Connection



Warning

Caution: GMAT does not close the MATLAB Command Window it creates after a run has completed. This allows manual inspection of the MATLAB workspace, but it can lead to confusing behavior if MATLAB functions or paths are changed and rerun in the same window.

We recommend closing the MATLAB Command Window by right-clicking Matlab in the Resources tree and clicking Close between each run if you are actively editing the script.

When GMAT runs a mission that contains a MATLAB function call, it opens a connection to the MATLAB engine before it makes the function call. It then reuses this connection for the rest of the GMAT session.

The MATLAB Engine can be controlled manually through the **Open** and **Close** options available by right-clicking the **Matlab** item in the Resources tree.

Examples

See the [MatlabFunction](#) reference for common examples.

Python Interface

Interface to the Python programming language

Description

The Python interface provides a link to the Python programming language, allowing GMAT to run Python functions as if they were native functions in the GMAT script language.

The interface cannot be controlled directly through the script language. Instead, GMAT starts the Python interface automatically when it calls a Python function.

The Python interface is accessed using GMAT's CallPythonFunction command. For details on calling a function and passing data, see the [CallPythonFunction](#) reference.

See Also: [CallPythonFunction](#)

GUI

The Python interface in GMAT is launched and driven internally. Users do not have direct access to the interface from the GMAT graphical user interface.

Remarks

Interface Setup

The following conditions must be true for GMAT to successfully initiate communication with Python. All conditions must be true for the same instance of Python.

- A compatible version of Python must be installed on the same machine on which GMAT is running. GMAT is built and tested with Python 3.4.3. The interface is linked with the Python binary libraries, so the installed version of Python on the user's machine must match the architecture and release used to build GMAT.
- The architecture (32-bit or 64-bit) of GMAT and the installed version of Python must match. For example, the 32-bit version of GMAT is compatible only with the 32-bit version of Python.
- The Python system accesses Python modules on the user's machine. This functionality is configured, including path information used by Python, by installing Python as a resource for all users of the machine.
- On Windows:
 - The following path entries (where *Python* is the path to the installed version of Python) must be present in the **Path** environment variable.

Python

Python/Scripts

- The following path (where *Python* is the path to the installed version of Python) must be present in the **PYTHONPATH** environment variable.

Python/Lib/site-packages

- On Linux:

- The Python release used in the GMAT build must be the default Python package (that is, Python 3.4) accessed from the terminal.



Note

Common troubleshooting tips on Windows:

- If you are using the officially-released 32-bit version of GMAT, make sure you have the 32-bit version of Python installed.
- If the path above exists in your system **Path** variable, try placing it at the front of the path specification.

Python Engine Connection



Warning

GMAT does not close the Python interface after a run has completed. This feature prevents anomalous behavior that can occur when loading some Python modules repeatedly during a run, but it can lead to confusing behavior if Python files are changed and rerun in the same GMAT session.

We recommend restarting GMAT after editing Python functions in order to guarantee that your edits take effect when you rerun your script.

When GMAT runs a mission that contains a Python function call, it loads Python into memory as an embedded system in GMAT before it makes the function call. It then reuses this system for the rest of the GMAT session.

Examples

See the [CallPythonFunction](#) reference for common examples.

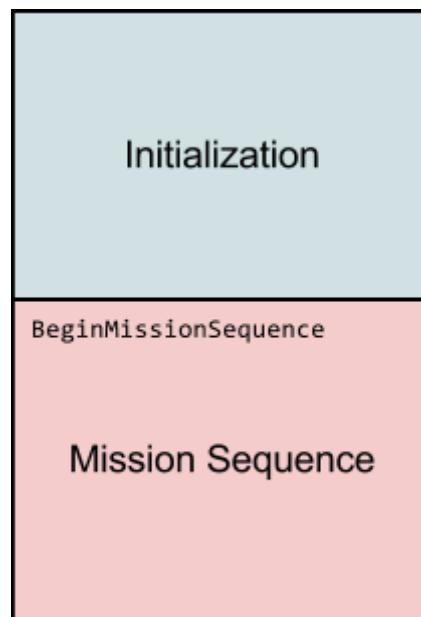
Script Language

The GMAT script language

Script Structure

A GMAT script is a text file consisting of valid script syntax elements, such as initialization statements, Mission Sequence commands, and comments. These syntax elements are described later in this specification.

At the highest level, a GMAT script is made up of two sections: Initialization and the Mission Sequence. These sections each contain statements, but they have different rules about which sorts of statements are valid. The **BeginMissionSequence** command defines the beginning of the Mission Sequence section.



Initialization

The first section in a script file, referred to as Initialization, is responsible for creating resources and setting their initial state. The Initialization section can contain the following types of statements:

- resource creation statements (the **Create** statement)
- initialization statements

Only literal assignments are allowed in this section; no execution of commands or evaluation of parameters is done. In the GUI, the Initialization section maps directly to the Resources tree. All resources created, and all fields set, in this section appear as resources in the GUI when the script is loaded.

Mission Sequence

The Mission Sequence section contains the Mission Sequence, or the list of GMAT commands that are executed sequentially when the mission is run. The Mission Sequence section can contain the following types of statements:

- command statements

The Mission Sequence begins at the first instance of the **BeginMissionSequence** command; therefore, this must be the first command statement in the script file. For backwards compatibility, if the **BeginMissionSequence** command is missing, the Mission Sequence begins with the first command encountered.

In the GUI, the Mission Sequence section maps directly to the Mission tree. Each statement in the script (with the exception of the **BeginScript/EndScript** compound command) is displayed as a single element in the tree.

Basic Syntax

Source Text

A GMAT script consists of a single file containing characters from the 7-bit US-ASCII character set. The script language is case-sensitive, so this line creates four different Variable resources:

Create Variable x X y Y

The script language is made up of lines. A line can be:

- empty
- a comment (see [Comments](#), below)
- a statement (see [Statements](#))

Statement lines can be split over multiple physical lines with the continuation marker (“...”).

Line Termination

Script lines are terminated by any of the following ASCII character sequences:

- line feed (hex: 0A)
- carriage return (hex: 0D)
- carriage return followed by line feed (hex: 0D0A)

White Space

White space can appear above or below any line, before or after any statement within a line, and many other places in a script. The following characters are recognized as white space:

- space (hex: 20)
- horizontal tab (hex: 09)

Horizontal tab characters are preserved in string literals, but are replaced by spaces in some other contexts (e.g. equations, comments).

Comments

Comments begin with the percent symbol (“%”, hex: 25) and extend to the end of the line. There is no multi-line or embedded comment in the script language.

File Paths

Several resource types have fields that accept file paths as input. The general syntax of such paths is common to the language, but some specific behavior is specified by each resource.

Forward slashes and backslashes can be used interchangeably within GMAT, and can be mixed in a single path. The following three paths are considered identical:

```
data\planetary_ephem\spk\de421.bsp  
data\planetary_ephem\spk\de421.bsp  
data\planetary_ephem/spk/de421.bsp
```

Absolute paths are passed to the underlying operating system as-is, aside from normalizing the slashes.

For input files, relative paths are first considered relative to the script file, then to a location defined by each resource type separately, and usually defined in the GMAT startup file. For details, see the reference documentation for each resource type.

For output files, relative paths are considered relative to the script file. If only a filename is specified, the file is placed into the output location defined in the GMAT startup file (usually GMAT's **output** folder).

File paths are written as string literals (see [Strings](#) under [Data Types](#)). Quotes are mandatory if the path contains spaces, but are optional otherwise.

Data Types

Literals

Integers

Integers are written as a sequence of literal digits, with no decimal. Preceding zeros and prepended signs (+ or -) are allowed. Scientific notation is not permitted.

Real Numbers

Real numbers can be written in any of the following formats:

- 12 (whole number)
- 12.5 (decimal)
- 1.25e1 or 1.25e-1 (scientific notation)

In all formats, the base can contain preceding or trailing zeros. In scientific notation, the exponent can be prepended by a sign (+ or -) and can contain preceding zeros, but cannot contain a decimal. The exponent delimiter is case-insensitive (e.g. "e" or "E").

Strings

String literals are delimited by single-quote characters ("'", hex: 27).

All language-supported characters are allowed in strings, with the exceptions below. There are no escape characters or character substitute sequences (such as "\n" for line feed).

In Initialization, the following characters are not allowed in string literals:

- some non-printable characters (NUL, SUB) (hex: 00, 1A)
- line termination characters (LF, CR) (hex: 0A, 0D)
- percent character ("%") (hex: 25)

In the Mission Sequence, the following characters are not allowed in string literals:

- some non-printable characters (NUL, SUB) (hex: 00, 1A)
- line termination characters (LF, CR) (hex: 0A, 0D)
- percent character (“%”) (hex: 25)

Quotes are generally optional, but are mandatory in Initialization if the string contains white-space, any script language symbols, or any GMAT-recognized elements (e.g. keywords, resource names). They are mandatory in the Mission Sequence in the same instances, and additionally if the string contains mathematical operators and certain non-printable characters. We recommend quoting all string literals.

Booleans

The following boolean values are supported:

- **true** (alias: **on**)
- **false** (alias: **off**)

Boolean literals are case-insensitive.

Enumerated Values

Many resource fields accept enumerated values. For example, **Spacecraft.DateFormat** accepts one of 10 values (**A1ModJulian**, **A1Gregorian**, etc.). Enumerated values are written as string literals. Quotes are always optional, as none contain spaces or special characters.

References

References to resources and resource parameters are indicated by the name of the resource or resource parameter. References are written as string literals. Quotes are always optional, as resource names and parameters cannot contain spaces or special characters.

Resources

Resource Types

Resources in GMAT are instances of a base resource type that are given user-defined names and store data independently of other resources of the same type. Resource types include **Spacecraft**, **GroundStation**, and **Variable**. They cannot be used directly; they must first be instantiated with the **Create** statement. For example:

Create Spacecraft aSat

In the example, **Spacecraft** is the resource type and **aSat** is the resource. This is similar to the concept of classes and objects in object-oriented programming, where GMAT’s resource types are analogous to classes and its resources are analogous to objects.

Naming Rules

Resources must be named according to these rules:

- Name must be made up of ASCII letters, numbers, or the underscore character (“_”). This corresponds to hex values 30–39, 41–5A, 5F, and 61–7A.
- Name must begin with a letter (A–Z or a–z, hex: 41–5A or 61–7A)
- Name cannot be a reserved keyword or command name

Shadowing

When the same name is used for multiple purposes in a script, the shadowing rules apply to determine how a reference to the name is interpreted.

Resource names must be unique within a script. If a script attempts to create multiple resources that have the same case-sensitive name, the first **Create** statement in the script with that name is executed and all subsequent ones are ignored. The conflict is noted in a warning message.



Caution

GMAT does not test to ensure that **Resource** names and function names are unique. Care should be taken to use unique names for user-defined GMAT, MATLAB, and Python functions to avoid name clashes.

Command names and keywords are reserved. They cannot be used as resource names. See the [Keywords](#) section for a list of keywords.

Built-in function names (like **sin** or **cos**) can be used as resource names with one exception: a reference to, for example, “**sin(1)**” on the right-hand side of an equal sign will be interpreted as a call to the **sin** built-in function, not element 1 of an **Array** resource named **sin**. The same is true for the other built-in functions.

Resource type names (like “**Spacecraft**”) can be used as resource names. In such an instance, the conflict is resolved by the context. For example:

```
Create Spacecraft Spacecraft  
Create Spacecraft aSat
```

In the example, GMAT knows by context that in the second **Create** statement, the argument “**Spacecraft**” refers to the resource type, not the resource instance created in the first statement.

Compound Types

Array of Literals

Arrays of literals are accepted as input by some resources. Arrays of booleans, integers, and real numbers are surrounded by square brackets (“[” and “]”, hex: 5B and 5D). Arrays of strings are surrounded by curly brackets (“{” and “}”, hex: 7B and 7D). In all cases, the values are separated by whitespace or commas. Only one-dimensional arrays of literals are supported. See the following examples.

```
anOrbitView.DrawObject = [true true]           % boolean array  
aSat.OrbitColor = [255 0 0]                   % integer array  
anOrbitView.ViewPointVector = [3e4, 1.2, -14]  % real array  
aSpacecraft.OrbitSpiceKernelName = ...  
    {'file1.bsp', 'file2.bsp'}                 % string array
```

Arrays of References

Some resources accept arrays of references to other resources or resource fields. These reference arrays are surrounded by curly brackets (“{” and “}”, hex: 7B and 7D) and the values are separated by whitespace or commas. Only one-dimensional arrays of references are supported. The values can optionally be surrounded by single quotes. See the following example.

```
aForceModel.PointMasses = {'Luna', Mars} % array of resource references  
aReport.Add = {Sat1.X, 'Sat1.Y', Sat1.Z} % array of parameter references
```

Conversion

In contexts that accept a real number, integer literals (those with no fractional value) are automatically converted to the equivalent floating-point value upon execution.

There is no built-in conversion between string values and numeric values, though such a conversion may be implemented by individual commands.

Keywords

The script language recognized these reserved keywords:

- **Create**
- **GMAT**
- **function**

In addition, all command names are reserved, including commands created by active plugins.

Expressions

The only types of expressions common to multiple commands are logical expressions, which are used by the **If/Else** and **While** commands. They are documented here instead of in both command references.

Relational Operators

The following relational operators are supported in logical expressions:

<	less than
<=	less than or equal to
>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to
==	equal to
~=	not equal to

The relational operators are scalar operators; they do not operate on **Array** resources (only individual elements).

Each relational operator operates on the values of its arguments, not on their identity. Consider the example:

```
Create Variable x y  
x = 5  
y = 5  
  
BeginMissionSequence  
  
If x == y  
    % body  
EndIf
```

Logical Operators

The following logical operators are supported in logical expressions:

&	logical AND (short-circuit operator)
	logical OR

The logical AND operator exhibits short-circuit behavior. That is, if the left-hand side of the operator evaluates to false, the right-hand side is not evaluated, though it is still parsed for syntactic validity.

Logical Expressions

Logical expressions are composed of relational expressions combined with logical operators.

Relational expressions must contain one relational operator and two valid arguments. Literal boolean values are not supported, and numeric values are not interpreted as truth or falsehood. See the following examples:

```
1 == 5          % false
1 ~= 5         % true
true           % error
1              % error
A              % where "A" is an Array resource; error
1 == 5 <= 3    % error
```

Logical expressions must contain at least one relational expression. Multiple relational expressions are combined using logical operators. All relational expressions are evaluated first, from left to right, then the full logical expression is evaluated from left to right, though the short-circuit AND operator (“&”) may terminate the full evaluation. Parentheses are not allowed. See the following examples:

```
1 == 1          % true
2 ~= 4 | 3 == 3 % true
8 >= 3 & 3 < 4   % true
2 < 4 & 1 > 3 | 5 == 5 % true
2 < 4 & (1 > 3 | 5 == 5) % error
1 & 1            % error
true | false     % error
```

Statements

Statement Structure

Script statements consist of (in order):

1. Optional “GMAT ” prefix
2. Valid statement syntax (with optional line continuation)
3. Optional semicolon
4. Line termination sequence

Any statement in the script may be prefixed by the characters “GMAT “. This prefix is optional and has no effect, but is supported for backward compatibility.

A statement can be split over multiple physical lines by using the line continuation marker, three sequential period characters (“...”, hex: 2E2E2E), before each line break within the statement.

Any statement may be terminated with a semicolon character (“;”, hex: 3B). The semicolon is optional and has no effect, but is supported for backward compatibility. Multiple statements cannot be combined on a line.

White space may occur before or after a statement, or between any of the components listed above. It is also generally allowed anywhere inside of a statement, and any exceptions are noted in the documentation specific to that statement.

The Create Statement

The **Create** statement is a special statement that creates resources and assigns them names. It is only valid in the Initialization section of the script. It has the following components:

1. **Create** keyword
2. Resource type
3. Resource name(s)

The **Create** keyword indicates the start of the statement. It is followed by the resource type, which indicates the type of resource to create. This is followed by a resource name, a user-defined name that is then used to refer to that particular resource. This name must follow the resource naming rules, listed previously.

The only exception to this syntax is when creating an **Array** resource, in which case the dimension of the resource must also be specified

Multiple resource names are allowed, in which case multiple resources of the same type will be created. Multiple names are separated by white space or by commas (“,”, hex: 2C).

See the following examples:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat % creates a resource "aSat" of type Spacecraft
Create ForceModel aFM
Create Propagator aProp
Create Variable x y    % creates two Variable resources: "x" and "y"
Create String s1, s2   % creates two String resources: "s1" and "s2"
Create Array A[2,2]     % creates a 2x2 Array resource named "A"
```

Initialization Statements

Initialization statements are special statements that assign initial values to resource fields. They are only valid in the Initialization section of the script, and generally take the following form:

```
resource.field = value
```

Some fields, like those on ForceModel resources, have a multiple-dotted form:

```
ForceModel.GravityField.PrimaryBody.Degree = value
```

All initialization statements are composed of the following elements:

1. Resource name
2. Period character (“.”, hex: 2E)
3. Field name, potentially in multiple-dotted form
4. Equal character (“=”, hex: 3D)
5. Initial field value

The resource name must refer to a resource created previously in same script.

The field name must refer to a valid field that exists for the associated resource type. Parameters cannot be set with an initialization statement, though it is valid to set a dual-mode field (one that can also be a parameter). Fields and parameters are listed in the documentation for each resource type.

All values are taken literally; no evaluation is performed. Therefore, numeric and string values must be specified as literals, and resource names and parameters are stored as references. See the following example:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create XYPlot aPlot
Create Variable x y z

x = 7100          % valid
aSat.X = 7100      % valid
aSat.X = 7100 + 2  % error (mathematical expression)

aSat.X = x        % error (field accepts literal, and variable
                   % evaluation does not occur)
aPlot.XVariable = x % valid (field accepts reference to Variable x)
aPlot.YVariables = {y, z} % valid (field accepts array of references to
                         % Variables y and z)
```

For backwards compatibility, there is one exception to the literal-value rule: **Spacecraft** resources can be copied with an initialization statement like:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat1 aSat2
aSat2 = aSat1           % Valid only for Spacecraft resources
```

Fields that have no assigned value in the Initialization section of the script remain at their default values, as specified in the documentation for each resource type.

Command Statements

Command statements invoke GMAT commands. They must appear in the Mission Sequence section of the script. One special command, **BeginMissionSequence**, initiates the Mission Sequence.

Command statements are displayed by the GUI as individual line items in the Mission tree. The only exception is the **BeginScript/EndScript** compound command; this is displayed as a single **ScriptEvent** item by the GUI.

Command statements are composed of the following elements:

1. Command name (except assignment commands)
2. Optional label
3. Command arguments

The command name is the name of the command being invoked (e.g. **Propagate** or **BeginFiniteBurn**). The command name is mandatory with one exception: the assignment command is indicated by its structure (“*LHS* = *RHS*”) instead of its name.

A command label is an optional string literal that can be added immediately after the command name. This label is used by the GUI to “name” the statement in the Mission tree, and is intended for a short text description to aid the user. It must be single-quoted, whether or not it contains spaces. The command label may contain any ASCII character except certain non-printable char-

acters (NUL, SUB), line termination characters (LF, CR), the percent sign (“%”), and the single quote (“'”). If the command label is omitted, the Mission tree statement is given a default label made up of the command name and an ID number. For example, if the third **Propagate** command in the script is unlabeled, it will be given the default label “**Propagate3**”.

The command arguments control the behavior of the command. The syntax of the arguments is specified by each command individually, and is documented separately. Some commands, such as **Stop**, have no arguments.

See the following example:

```
Propagate 'Prop to periapsis' aProp(aSat) {aSat.Periapsis}
```

In the example, “**Propagate**” is the command name, “‘**Prop to periapsis**’” is the command label, and “**aProp(aSat) {aSat.Periapsis}**” is the argument string.

Compound Statements

Compound statements are command statements that control the execution of other command statements. Compound statements are composed of three elements:

1. Begin statement
2. Body
3. End statement

The begin statement carries the name of the command itself, while the end statement begins with the string “End”. For example, the **While** command is a compound command composed of two statements:

```
While ['Label'] arguments  
    [body]  
EndWhile
```

The **If/Else** compound command is composed of three statements:

```
If ['Label'] arguments  
    [body]  
Else  
    [body]  
EndIf
```

The body of a compound command may consist of independent command statements, possibly including other compound statements. Certain compound commands may limit the commands that can be present in the body, while other commands may only be contained within certain compound commands. These limitations are documented separately for each command.

Processing

GMAT processes a script in two phases: interpretation and execution. This section gives an overview of the processing sequence; low-level details are documented in Chapter 17 of the GMAT Architectural Specification.

Interpretation

GMAT interprets a script in two stages: a parsing stage and a validation stage. In the parsing stage, GMAT reads and interprets each line of the script sequentially. As it interprets a line, it

checks it for syntactic correctness and performs any initialization needed by the line. For example, if the line being interpreted is a **Create** statement, the related resource is created. If GMAT encounters an initialization line, it assigns the appropriate value to the indicated resource field. And if it encounters a command statement, it creates the command structure and interprets its arguments. All language, resource initialization, and command syntax errors are caught during this parsing stage.

In the validation stage, GMAT checks that all references between resources are valid. For example, if the script indicates that a **Spacecraft** resource should be defined in relation to a specific **CoordinateSystem** resource, the reference is validated during this stage. The validation checks that all referenced resources exist and are of the correct type.

The two-stage interpretation method affects the order of statements in the script. For example, **Create** statements must appear in the script above any initialization statements that reference the resource being created. But because validation is performed separately, the **Create** statement for a **CoordinateSystem** resource can appear in the script below an initialization line that references this resource. See the following examples:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat

% This is valid; the aSat resource has been created by the line above.
aSat.DateFormat = TAIGregorian

% This is invalid; the aReport resource has not yet been created.
aReport.Filename = 'report.txt'
Create ReportFile aReport
```

```
Create XYPlot aPlot

% This is valid; the reference to aSat is validated
% after all resources are created.
aPlot.XVariable = aSat.A1ModJulian

Create Spacecraft aSat
```

Once both stages have completed, the script has been loaded into GMAT. In the GUI, if any, the Resources tree is populated with the resources created in the Initialization section of the script, and the Mission tree is populated with the command statements in the Mission Sequence.

The interpretation phase is also sometimes called the “build” phase or the “load” phase.

Execution

When a mission is run, GMAT first builds interconnections between resources, then performs command execution. In this phase, all commands in the Mission Sequence are executed sequentially, in the order of definition in the script. When a command statement is executed, its arguments are fully processed by the command, and any remaining errors are reported. Examples of execution-phase errors include mismatched data types, out-of-bounds array references, and divide-by-zero errors.

Processing Errors

If GMAT encounters an error during the interpretation stage (parsing or validation), the mission is not loaded. Instead, GMAT reverts to a minimum mission consisting of:

- SolarSystem

- Default **CoordinateSystem** resources: **EarthMJ2000Eq**, **EarthMJ2000Ec**, **EarthFixed**, **EarthICRF**

If an error is encountered during the execution stage (linking or command execution), execution of the mission stops at the point of the error.

Startup File

The `gmat_startup_file.txt` configuration file

Description

The GMAT startup file (`gmat_startup_file.txt`) contains basic configuration settings for the GMAT application. This includes the locations of data files and plugins, search paths for user-defined functions, and various options that control execution.

The startup file must be located in the same location as the GMAT executable, and must be named `gmat_startup_file.txt`. GMAT loads the startup file once during program initialization.

File Format

Basic Syntax

The startup file is a text file containing characters from the 7-bit US-ASCII character set. The startup file is case-sensitive.

Lines are terminated by any of the following ASCII character sequences:

- line feed (hex: 0A)
- carriage return (hex: 0D)
- carriage return followed by line feed (hex: 0D0A)

White space can appear above or below any line and before or after any key or value. The following characters are recognized as white space:

- space (hex: 20)
- horizontal tab (hex: 09)

Comments begin with the number sign (“#”) and must appear on their own line. Inline comments are not allowed.

Setting Properties

Properties are specified via key-value pairs, with the following syntax:

PROPERTY = VALUE

Properties are one word, with no spaces. Values extend from the first non-whitespace character after the equal sign to the end of the line. At least one whitespace character is required on both sides of the equal sign.

Properties are named according to the following conventions:

- Properties that accept directory paths end with “`_PATH`”.
- Properties that accept file paths end with “`_FILE`”.

The behavior of duplicate property entries is dependent on the individual property. In general:

- Multiple `PLUGIN` entries cause GMAT to load each named plugin.

- Multiple identical `*_FUNCTION_PATH` entries add each path to the search path, starting with the first.
- Multiple identical `*_FILE` entries are ignored; the last value is used.

Accessing Property Values

The value of any property ending in “_PATH” (including custom ones) can be referenced by other values. To reference a value, include the property name as part of the value. Repeated slash characters are collapsed. For example:

```
ROOT_PATH = ../  
OUTPUT_PATH = ROOT_PATH/output/
```

sets `OUTPUT_PATH` to a value of “`../output/`”.

File Paths

Forward slashes and backslashes can be used interchangeably, and can be mixed in a single path. The following three paths are considered identical:

```
data/planetary_ephem/spk/de421.bsp  
data\planetary_ephem\spk\de421.bsp  
data\planetary_ephem/spk\de421.bsp
```

Absolute paths are passed to the underlying operating system as-is, aside from normalizing the slashes.

Relative paths are relative to the location of the GMAT executable.

Properties

The available properties are shown here, with default values where appropriate.

System

ROOT_PATH=../

Path to GMAT root directory.

Plugins

PLUGIN

Path to plugin library, without extension. Multiple **PLUGIN** properties are allowed, one per plugin.

User Functions

GMAT_FUNCTION_PATH

Search path for GMAT function files (`.gmf` files). May occur multiple times to add multiple paths.

MATLAB_FUNCTION_PATH

Search path for MATLAB function files (`.m` files). May occur multiple times to add multiple paths.

PYTHON_MODULE_PATH

Search path for Python modules. May occur multiple times to add multiple paths.

Output

LOG_FILE=OUTPUT_PATH/GmatLog.txt

Path of application log file

MEASUREMENT_PATH=OUTPUT_PATH/

Path of simulated measurement data files. Only used with the `libGmatEstimation` plugin.

OUTPUT_PATH=../output/

Output directory path for `ReportFile` resources.

SCREENSHOT_FILE=OUTPUT_PATH/OUTPUT_PATH

Output path and base filename for screenshots. The base filename is appended with “`_###.png`”, where “`###`” is a number sequence starting from `001`. If the base filename is missing, it defaults to “`SCREEN_SHOT`”.

VEHICLE_EPHEM_PATH=OUTPUT_PATH/

Default output directory path for `EphemerisFile` resources.

Data Files

CELESTIALBODY_POT_PATH=DATA_PATH/gravity/celestialbody/

Search path for gravity potential files for `CELESTIALBODY`. `CELESTIALBODY` is the name of any celestial body defined in a given GMAT mission. This property has no default for user-defined celestial bodies.

ATMOSPHERE_PATH

Path to directory containing atmosphere model data.

BODY_3D_MODEL_PATH

Path to directory containing CelestialBody 3D model files.

CSSI_FLUX_FILE

Path to default CSSI solar flux file.

DATA_PATH=ROOT_PATH/data/

Path to directory containing data files.

DE405_FILE=DE_PATH/leDE1941.405

Path to DE405 DE-file ephemeris file.

DE421_FILE

Path to DE421 DE-file ephemeris file.

DE424_FILE

Path to DE424 DE-file ephemeris file.

EGM96_FILE=EARTH_POT_PATH/EGM96.cof

Path to EGM-96 Earth gravity potential file.

EOP_FILE

Path to IERS “EOP 08 C04 (IAU1980)” Earth orientation parameters file.

ICRF_FILE

Path to data required for computing rotation matrix from FK5 to ICRF (`ICRF_Table.txt`).

JGM2_FILE=EARTH_POT_PATH/JGM2.cof

Path to JGM-2 Earth gravity potential file.

JGM3_FILE=EARTH_POT_PATH/JGM3.cof

Path to JGM-3 Earth gravity potential file.

LEAP_SECS_FILE=TIME_PATH/tai-utc.dat

Path to cumulative leap seconds file from <http://maia.usno.navy.mil>.

LP165P_FILE=LUNA_POT_PATH/LP165P.cof

Path to LP165P Moon gravity potential file.

LSK_FILE

Path to SPICE leap second kernel.

MARS50C_FILE=MARS_POT_PATH/Mars50c.cof

Path to Mars50c Mars gravity potential file.

MGNP180U_FILE=VENUS_POT_PATH/MGNP180U.cof

Path to MGNP180U Venus gravity potential file.

NUTATION_COEFF_FILE=PLANETARY_COEFF_PATH/NUTATION.DAT

Path to nutation series data for FK5 reduction (NUTATION.DAT).

PLANETARY_COEFF_PATH=DATA_PATH/planetary_coeff/

Path to directory containing planetary coefficient files.

PLANETARY_EPHEM_DE_PATH

Path to directory containing DE ephemeris files.

PLANETARY_EPHEM_SPK_PATH

Path to directory containing SPICE planetary ephemeris files.

PLANETARY_PCK_FILE

Path to SPICE planetary constants kernel for default celestial bodies.

PLANETARY_SPK_FILE

Path to SPICE ephemeris kernel for default celestial bodies.

SCHATTEN_FILE

Path to default Schatten solar flux predict file.

SPACECRAFT_MODEL_FILE

Default spacecraft 3D model file.

SPAD_PATH

Path to directory containing SPAD data files.

SPAD_SRPMODEL_FILE

Path to default SPAD SRP model.

TIME_PATH=DATA_PATH/time/

Path to directory containing leap-second files.

VEHICLE_EPHEM_CCSDS_PATH

Path to directory containing spacecraft CCSDS-OEM ephemeris files.

VEHICLE_EPHEM_SPK_PATH

Path to directory containing spacecraft SPK ephemeris files.

VEHICLE_MODEL_PATH

Path to directory containing 3D spacecraft models.

Application Files

CELESTIALBODY_TEXTURE_FILE=TEXTURE_PATH/DefaultTextureFile.jpg

Path to texture file for CELESTIALBODY. CELESTIALBODY is the name of any of the built-in celestial bodies in GMAT. DefaultTextureFile is the default texture file defined for that celestial body.

BORDER_FILE

Path to constellation border catalog.

CONSTELLATION_FILE=STAR_PATH/inp_Constellation.txt

Path to constellation catalog.

GUI_CONFIG_PATH=DATA_PATH/gui_config/

Path to directory containing GUI configuration files.

HELP_FILE

Path to help file.

ICON_PATH=DATA_PATH/graphics/icons/

Path to directory containing application icons.

MAIN_ICON_FILE

Path to GUI icon.

PERSONALIZATION_FILE=DATA_PATH/gui_config/MyGmat.ini

Path to GUI configuration and history file.

SPACECRAFT_MODEL_FILE=MODEL_PATH/aura.3ds

Path to default Spacecraft 3D model file.

SPLASH_FILE=SPLASH_PATH/GMATSplashScreen.tif

Path to GUI splash image.

SPLASH_PATH=DATA_PATH/graphics/splash/

Path to directory containing splash file.

STAR_FILE=STAR_PATH/inp_StarCatalog.txt

Path to star catalog.

STAR_PATH=DATA_PATH/graphics/stars/

Path to directory containing star and constellation catalogs.

TEXTURE_PATH=DATA_PATH/graphics/textures/

Path to directory containing celestial body texture files.

Program Settings

MATLAB_APP_PATH

[OS X only] Path to MATLAB app (.app).

MATLAB_MODE=SHARED

MATLAB interface connection mode. The available options are:

NO_MATLAB

Disables the MATLAB interface.

SHARED

Each GMAT instance shares a single MATLAB connection. Default.

SINGLE

Each GMAT instance uses its own MATLAB connection.

WRITE_GMAT_KEYWORD=ON

Write “GMAT “ prefix before assignment lines when saving a GMAT script file. Accepted values are ON and OFF.

Debug Settings

DEBUG_FILE_PATH=OFF

Debug file path handling. Accepted values are ON and OFF.

DEBUG_MATLAB=OFF

Debug MATLAB Interface connection. Accepted values are ON and OFF.

DEBUG_PARAMETERS=OFF

Write table of available parameters to log file on startup. Accepted values are ON and OFF.

HIDE_SAVEMISSION=TRUE

Hide the SaveMission command from the GUI. Accepted values are TRUE and FALSE.

PLOT_MODE

XYPlot window placement mode. The only accepted value is TILE, which will cause GMAT to ignore plot window placement fields and tile the windows.

RUN_MODE

GMAT execution mode. The available options are:

EXIT_AFTER_RUN

When GMAT is called with the -r or --run command-line argument, automatically exit after the run is finished.

TESTING

Shows testing options in the GUI.

TESTING_NO_PLOTS

Same as **TESTING**, but also disables all graphical output in the GUI.

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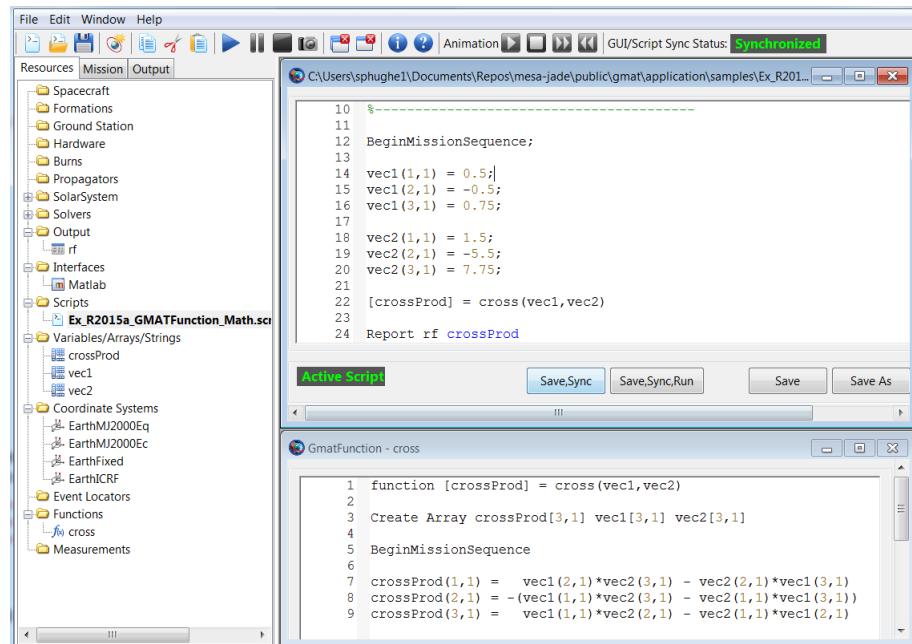
The General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT) version R2015a was released Nov 2015. This is the first public release since July 2014, and is the 9th release for the project.

Below is a summary of key changes in this release. Please see the full [R2015a Release Notes](#) on JIRA for a complete list.

New Features

GMAT Functions

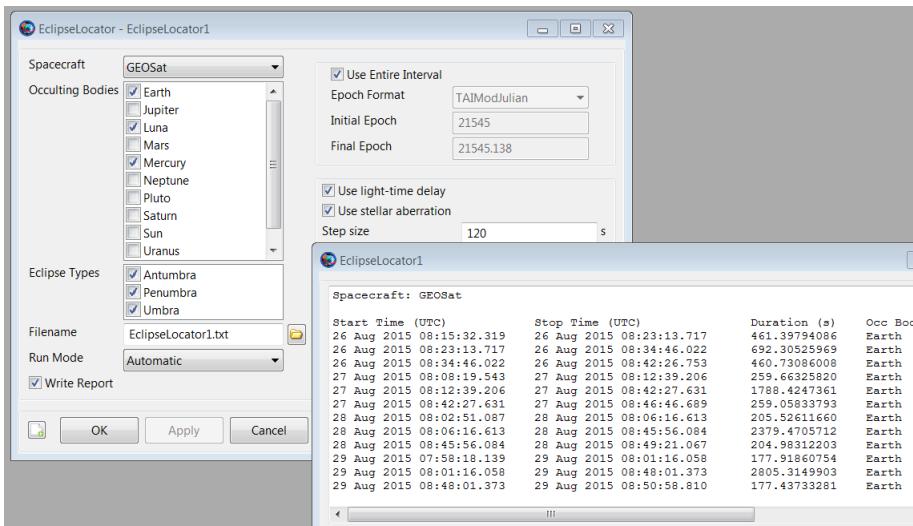
You can now write functions (sub-routines) in the GMAT script language. This powerful feature greatly expands the practical capability of the system and makes maintaining complex configurations simpler. This feature also enables sharing GMAT script utilities among projects. If you need a new math computation, want to isolate a complex section of code, or re-use code, GMAT functions are a great solution.



See the [Using GMAT Functions](#) tutorial for more information.

Eclipse Location

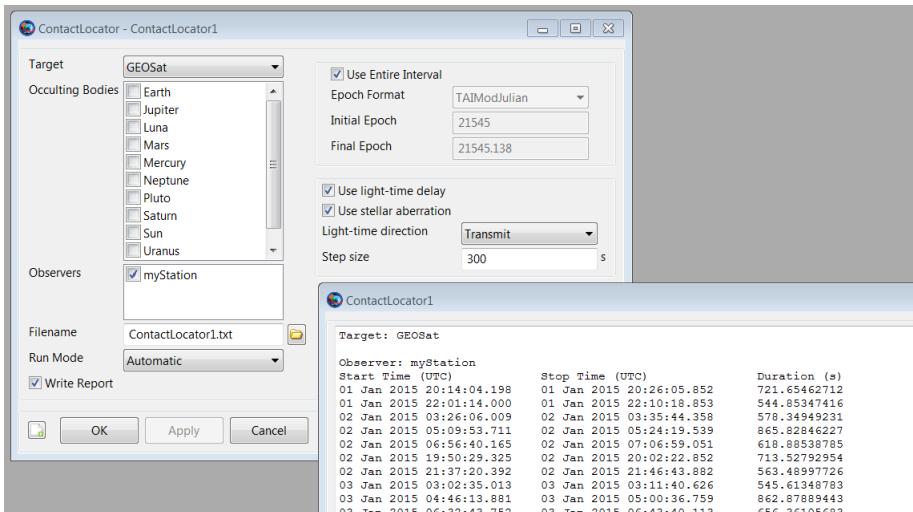
GMAT now supports eclipse location. Under the hood GMAT calls NAIF SPICE routines. Thanks to the NAIF for making this great functionality available.



See the [Eclipse Locator](#) reference for more information.

Station Contact Location

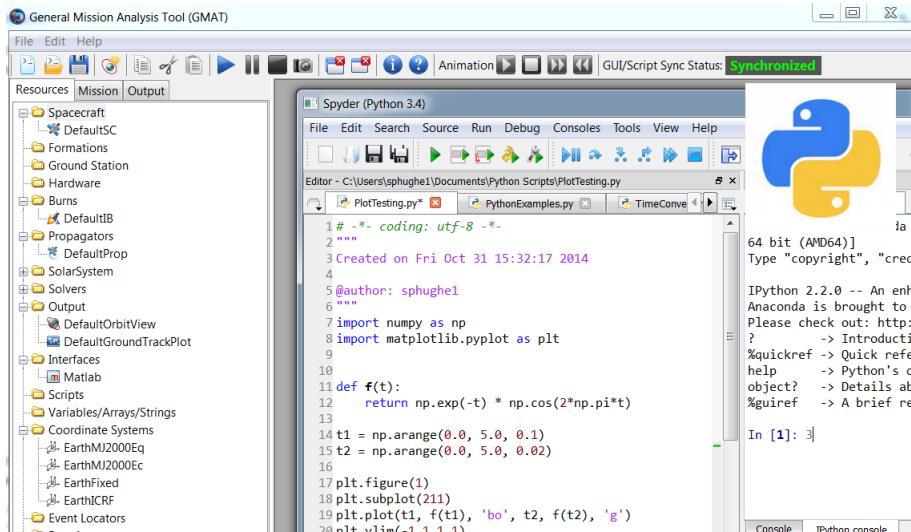
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See the [Contact Locator](#) reference for more information.

Python Interface

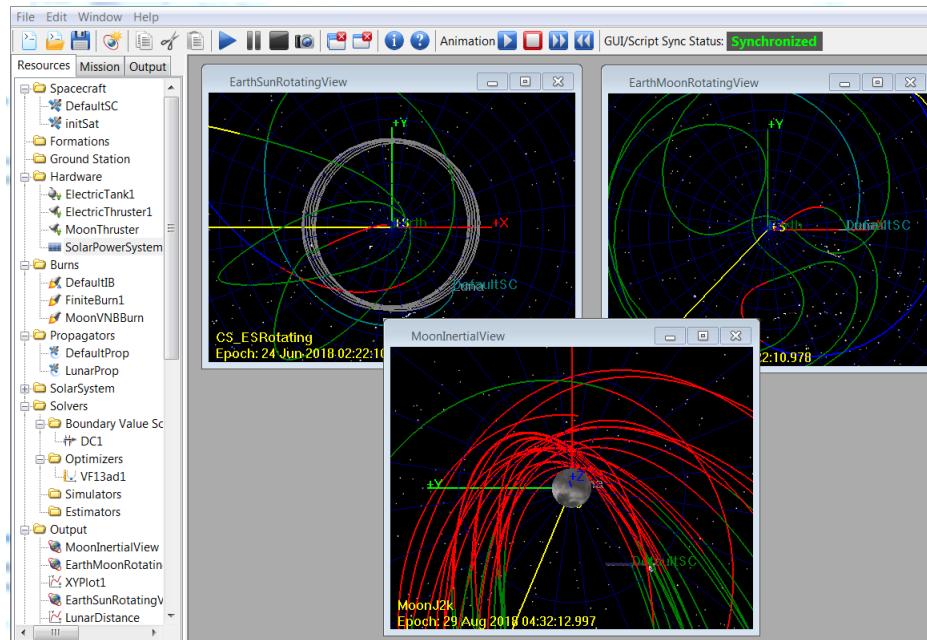
GMAT now supports an interface with Python. The power of the Python ecosystem can now be used with GMAT.



See the [Python](#) reference for more information.

Electric Propulsion

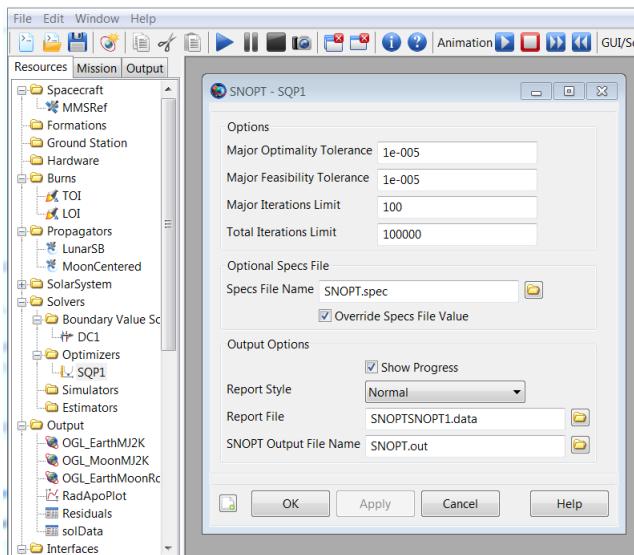
GMAT now supports modelling of electric propulsion systems. Below is an example showing GMAT modelling a cube-sat with electric propulsion in a lunar weak-stability orbit. You can model electric tanks, thrusters, and power systems (both Solar and nuclear).



See the [Electric Propulsion](#) tutorial for more information.

SNOPT Optimizer

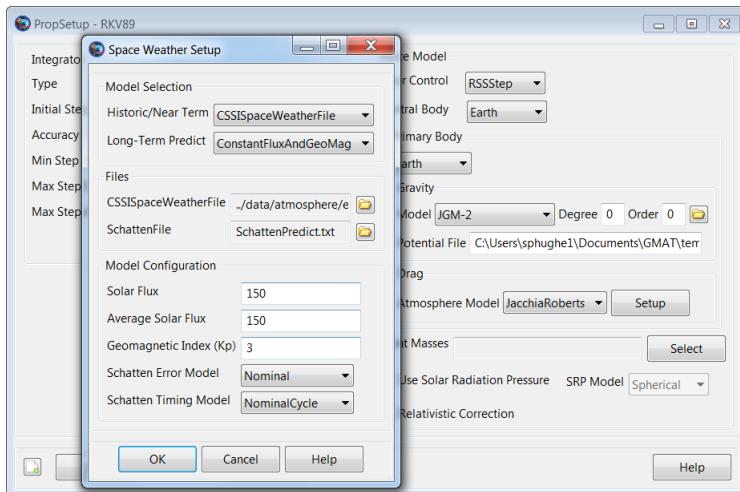
GMAT now interfaces to Stanford Business Software, Inc. SNOPT Optimizer



See the [SNOPT](#) reference for more information.

Space Weather Modelling

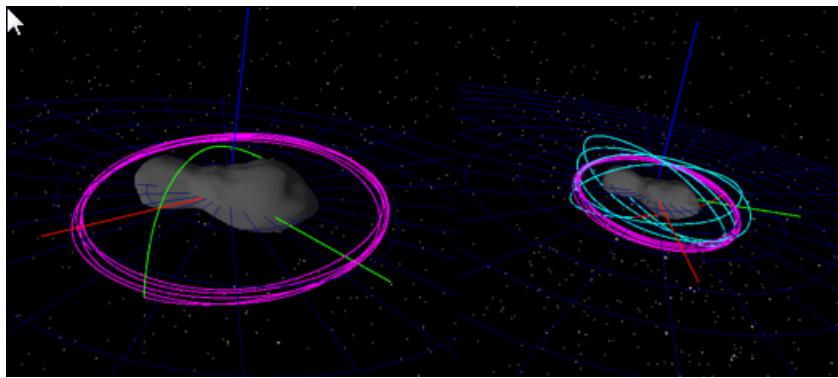
You can now provide flux files for drag modelling including Schatten historical files and Center for Space Standards and Innovation (CSSI) Space Weather Files. This greatly improves long term orbital predictions and reconstructions in the Earth's atmosphere.



See the [Propagator](#) reference for more information.

Celestial Body 3-D Graphics Models

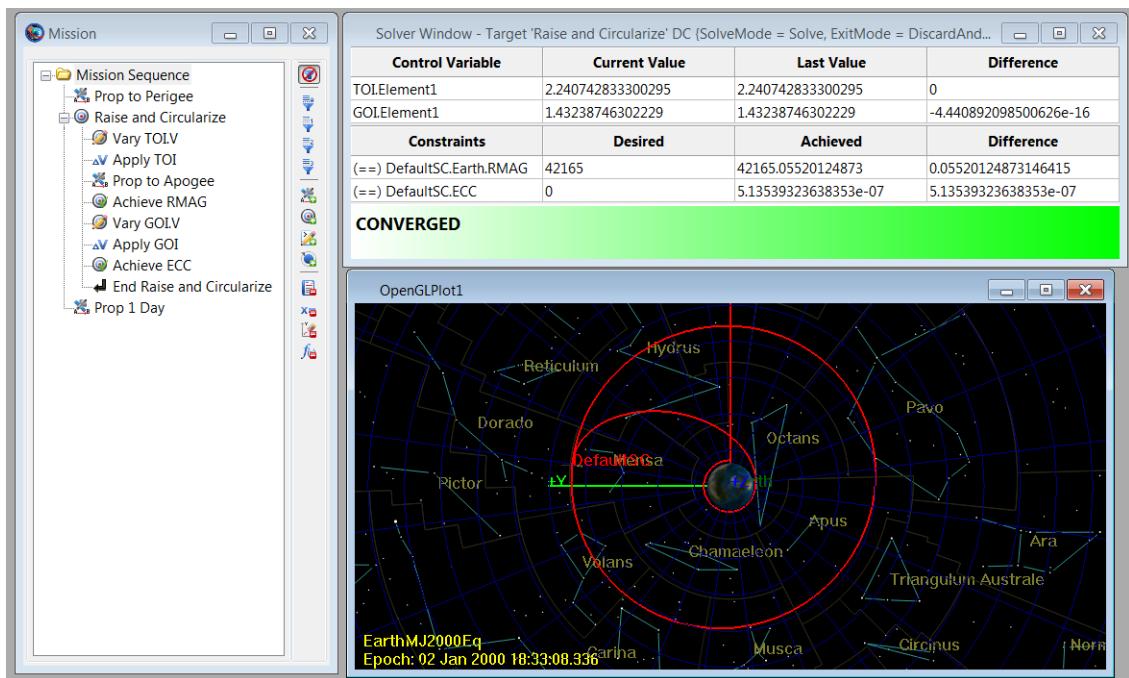
You can now use a 3D model for celestial bodies in 3-D graphics.



See the [Celestial Body](#) reference for more information.

Solver Status Window

GMAT now displays a window showing solver variables and constraint values during execution. This helps track the progress of targeters and optimizers and is an important aid in troubleshooting convergence issues.



Improvements

Documentation

We've written over 70 pages of new, high-quality user documentation! We've also written two conference papers documenting our verification and validation process and results, and the flight qualification program and results for the Advanced Composition Explorer (ACE). Conference papers are located in the "docs" folder of the distribution.

Verification and Validation of the General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT)

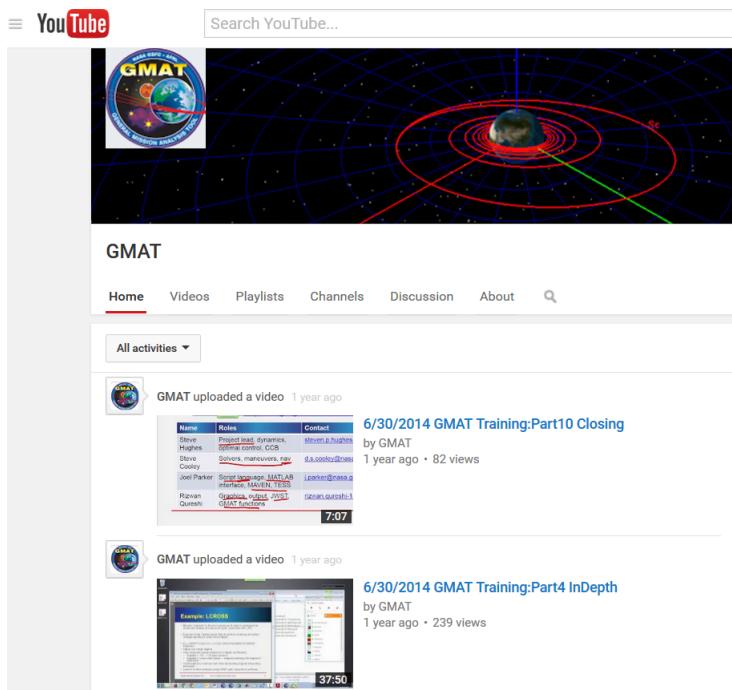
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This paper describes the processes and results of Verification and Validation (V&V) efforts for the General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT). We describe the test program and environments, the tools used for independent test data, and comparison results. The V&V effort produced approximately 13,000 test scripts that are run as part of the nightly build-test process. In addition, we created approximately 3000 automated GUI tests that are run every two weeks. Presenting all test results are beyond the scope of a single paper. Here we present high-level test results in most areas, and detailed test results for key areas. The final product of the V&V effort presented in this paper was GMAT version R2013a, the first Gold release of the software with completely updated documentation and greatly improved quality. Release R2013a was the staging release for flight qualification performed at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) ultimately resulting in GMAT version R2013b.

Training Videos

We've posted training videos on [YouTube](#). You can now take GMAT training even if you are unable to attend the live classes!



Other Improvements

- You can now optionally apply an **ImpulsiveBurn** in the backwards direction which is convenient when targeting backwards in time.
- GMAT is distributed with beta plugin Polyhedral gravity model.
- The system now looks in the working directory for scripts run from the command line
- You can now reference supporting files relative to the script file location for ease in sharing complex configurations.
- You can now define a minimum elevation angle for a groundstation used in event location and estimation.
- The appearance of constellations in 3-D graphics has been improved.
- The 3-D model scaling sensitivity in the GUI has been improved.
- The behavior of the GUI when using large fonts has been improved.

Compatibility Changes

- The **ChemicalTank** Resource has been renamed to **ChemicalTank** to distinguish between chemical and electric systems.
- The **ChemicalThruster** Resource has been renamed to **ChemicalThruster** to distinguish between chemical and electric systems.
- The sensitivity of **Spacecraft** Resource settings such as **ModelOffsetX**, **ModelRotationY**, and **ModelScale** has changed in 3-D graphics.
- When applying an **ImpulsiveBurn** during backwards targeting, GMAT now attempts to compute maneuver values that are consistent with a forward targeting approach. The maneuver values reference the pre-maneuver velocity components instead of the post-maneuver components.

Development and Tools

Developer Documentation

We've added extensive documentation describing how to add new Resources and Commands to GMAT. Resources and Commands are key to GMAT development and application. This documentation is essential reading for making fundamental extensions to GMAT. See the [wiki](#) documentation for details.

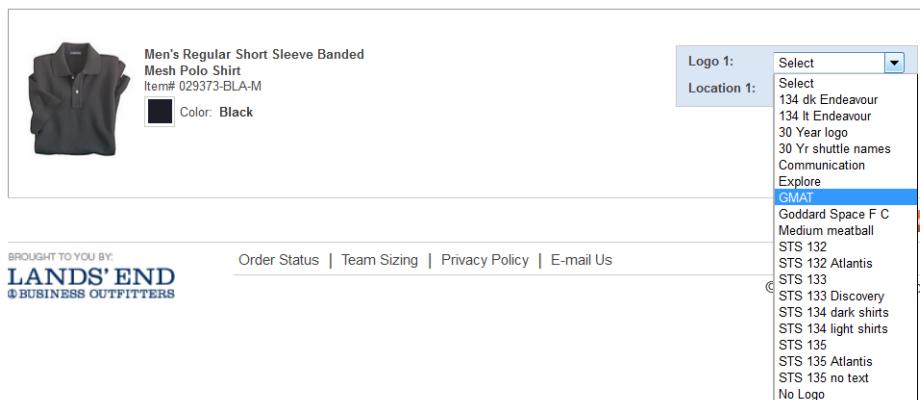
Developer Tools and Dependencies

We developed a new CMake-based build system that is used on all platforms. The CMake configuration is maintained by the GMAT team and distributed with the source code. Thanks to CMake, it is much easier to compile GMAT. See the [wiki documentation for details](#).

We updated SPICE to version N0065 and updated WxWidgets to version 3.0.2.

GMAT Stuff

You can now purchase clothing and other items with the GMAT logo via ©Land's End, Inc at the [GSFC Store](#). Once, you've chosen an item, make sure to select the GMAT logo!



Known & Fixed Issues

Over 215 bugs were closed in this release. See the "[Critical Issues Fixed in R2015a](#)" report for a list of critical bugs and resolutions in R2015a. See the "[Minor Issues Fixed for R2015a](#)" report for minor issues addressed in R2015a.

Known Issues

All known issues that affect this version of GMAT can be seen in the "[Known Issues in R2015a](#)" report in JIRA.

There are several known issues in this release that we consider to be significant:

ID	Description
GMT-5253	GMAT stuck in script state after bad script load.
GMT-5269	Atmosphere model affects propagation at GEO.
GMT-2561	UTC Epoch Entry and Reporting During Leap Second is incorrect.
GMT-3043	Inconsistent validation when creating variables that shadow built-in math functions
GMT-3289	First step algorithm fails for backwards propagation using SPK propagator
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GMAT R2014a Release Notes

The General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT) version R2014a was released May 2014. This is the first public release since April 2013, and is the 8th release for the project.

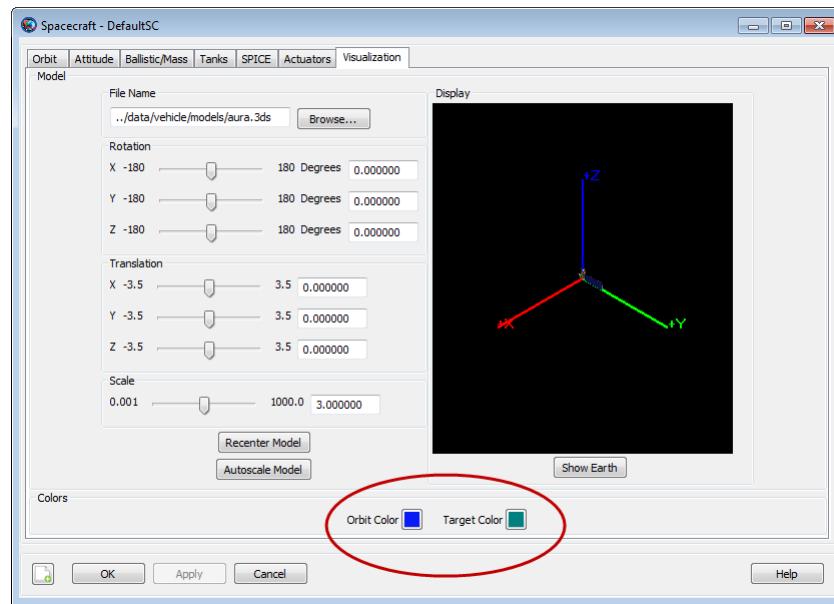
Below is a summary of key changes in this release. Please see the full [R2014a Release Notes](#) on JIRA for a complete list.

New Features

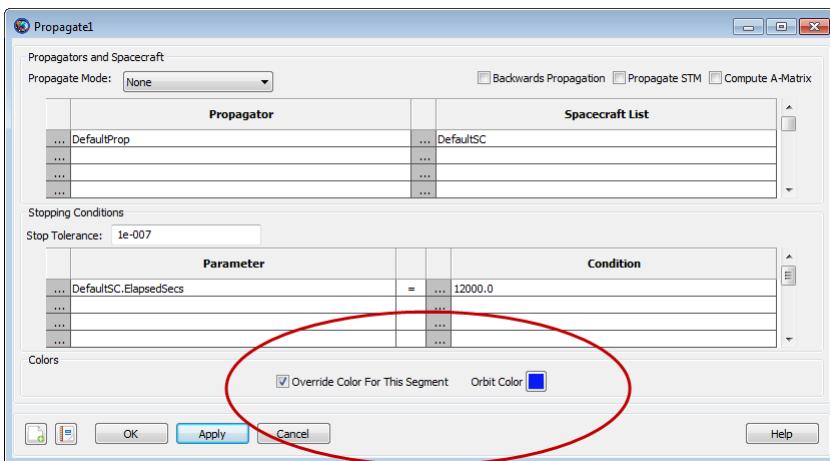
Trajectory Colors and Labels

In GMAT R2014a, you can now specify colors for each segment of your trajectory independently, so you can clearly see where a segment begins and ends. This can help define portions of a trajectory, such as before or after maneuvers. All color handling has also been moved from the graphics resources (**OrbitView** and **GroundTrackPlot**) to the resources and commands controlling the trajectory (e.g. **Spacecraft**, **Planet**, **Propagate**).

On Spacecraft, the color specification has moved to the Visualization tab. See the circled area in the screenshot below. Colors for celestial bodies (**Planet**, **Moon**, **Asteroid**, etc.) are specified similarly.



The trajectory color associated with a particular trajectory segment can be changed by changing the color for that particular **Propagate** command. It will override the color for the Spacecraft being propagated for that segment only, and it will return to the default color afterwards.



Additionally, colors can now be specified either by name ('Blue') or by RGB value ([0 0 255]).

This release also adds participant labels in the graphics as well. As long as **OrbitView.ShowLabels** is enabled, each celestial body or **Spacecraft** in the plot will show its name next to it.

See the following example:

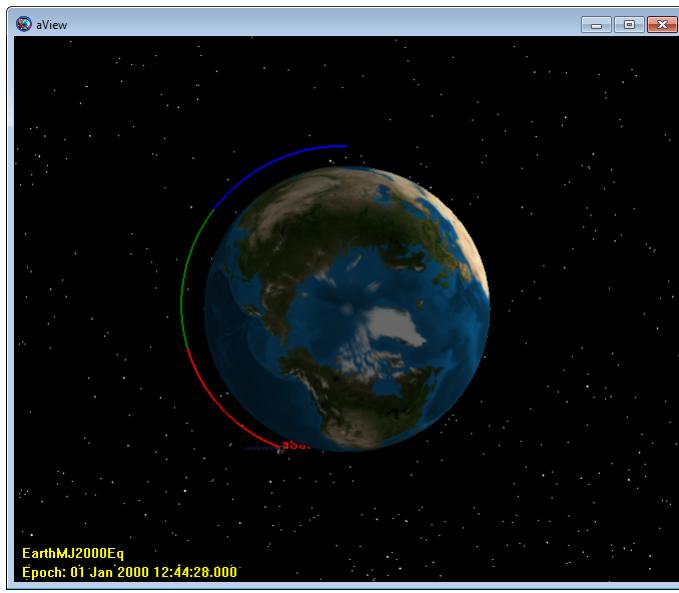
```
Create Spacecraft aSat
aSat.OrbitColor = 'Blue'

Create Propagator aProp

Create OrbitView aView
aView.Add = {aSat, Earth}
aView.XYPlane = off
aView.Axes = off
aView.EnableConstellations = off
aView.ShowLabels = on

BeginMissionSequence
% plots in blue
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 900}
aSat.OrbitColor = 'Green'
% plots in green
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 900}
% plots in red
Propagate aProp(aSat) {aSat.ElapsedSecs = 900, OrbitColor = Red}
```

This example results in the following image:



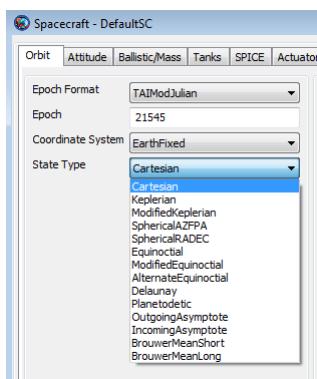
See the [Color](#) reference, as well as the individual [Spacecraft](#), [CelestialBody](#), [Propagate](#), and [OrbitView](#) references, for more information.

New Orbit State Representations

GMAT now supports six new common orbit state representations, developed with support by the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI). The new representations are:

- Long- and short-period Brouwer-Lyddane mean elements ([BrouwerMeanLong](#) and [BrouwerMeanShort](#))
- Incoming and outgoing hyperbolic asymptote elements ([IncomingAsymptote](#) and [OutgoingAsymptote](#))
- Modified equinoctial elements ([ModifiedEquinoctial](#))
- Alternate equinoctial elements ([AlternateEquinoctial](#))
- Delaunay elements ([Delaunay](#))
- Planetodetic elements, when using a body-fixed coordinate system ([Planetodetic](#))

The new representations are available as options in the [Spacecraft "State Type"](#) list, and as options to the [Spacecraft.DisplayStateType](#) field.



See the [Spacecraft Orbit State](#) reference for more information.

New Attitude Models

GMAT now supports three new kinematic attitude models, developed with support by the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI). The new representations are:

- Precessing spinner
- Nadir pointing
- CCSDS Attitude Ephemeris Message (AEM)

The new representations are available as options in the **Spacecraft "Attitude"** list, and as options to the **Spacecraft.DisplayStateType** field.

See the [Spacecraft Attitude](#) reference for more information.

Dynamics and Model Improvements

GMAT now supports several new dynamics models and a new numerical integrator.

- Prince Dormand 853 integrator. See the [Propagator](#) reference for more information.
- Mars-GRAM density model. See the [Propagator](#) reference for more information.
- High-fidelity, attitude dependent SRP dynamics model. See the [Propagator](#) reference, and the [Spacecraft Ballistic and Mass Properties](#) reference for more information.

Targeting and Optimization Improvements

- There are new boundary value solver options on **DifferentialCorrector(Broyden, and ModifiedBroyden)**. Brodysen's method and modified Broyden's method usually take more iterations but fewer function evaluations than **NewtonRaphson** and so are often faster. See the [Differential Corrector](#) reference for more information.
- There are new parameters that check for convergence of solvers. See the [Calculation Parameters](#) reference for more information.

Below is a script example that illustrates the new algorithm and parameter options.

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create Propagator aPropagator

Create ImpulsiveBurn aBurn
Create DifferentialCorrector aDC
% This algorithm is often faster, as is ModifiedBroyden
aDC.Algorithm = Broyden

Create OrbitView EarthView
EarthView.Add = {Earth,aSat}
EarthView.ViewScaleFactor = 5

Create ReportFile aReport

BeginMissionSequence

% Report targeter status here
Report aReport aDC.SolverStatus aDC.SolverState
Target aDC
```

```

Vary aDC(aBurn.Element1 = 1.0, {Upper = 3, MaxStep = 0.4})
Maneuver aBurn(aSat)
Propagate aPropagator(aSat,{aSat.Apoapsis})
Achieve aDC(aSat.RMAG = 42164)
EndTarget
% Report targeter status here
Report aReport aDC.SolverStatus aDC.SolverState

```

Improvements

Dependencies in Assignment Command

You can now define settable parameters by using a dependency on the LHS of an assignment command:

```

Create Spacecraft aSat

BeginMissionSequence

aSat.EarthFixed.X = 7000
aSat.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ = 1

```

Other Improvements

- You can now set true retrograde orbits when using the Keplerian representation.
- You can now use the quaternion Rvector parameter on the right hand side of an assignment command.
- You can now use a **Spacecraft** body fixed coordinate system as the coordinate system for an **OrbitView**.
- The number of **Spacecraft** that can be displayed in **OrbitView** is no longer limited to 30.
- The documentation for **OrbitView** has been significantly expanded. See the [Orbit View](#) reference for details.
- You can now save an XY plot graphics window to an image file.
- The supported set of keyboard shortcuts has been greatly expanded. See the [Keyboard Shortcuts](#) reference for more information.
- You can now use many more common ASCII characters in GMAT strings.
- You can now generate orbit state command summary reports using coordinate systems that have any point type as the origin of the selected coordinate system. Previously the origin had to be a **Celestial Body**.

Compatibility Changes

- Color settings for **Resources** displayed in graphics are now configured on the **Resource** and via the **Propagate** command. **OrbitColor** and **TargetColor** fields on graphics resources are no longer used.. See the [Spacecraft Visualization](#) reference, and [Propagate](#) command reference for details.
- AtmosDensity is now reported in units of kg/km³. See the [Calculation Parameter](#) reference for details.

Known & Fixed Issues

Over 123 bugs were closed in this release. See the "[Critical Issues Fixed in R2014a](#)" report for a list of critical bugs and resolutions in R2014a. See the "[Minor Issues Fixed for R2014a](#)" report for minor issues addressed in R2014a.

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GMAT R2013b Release Notes

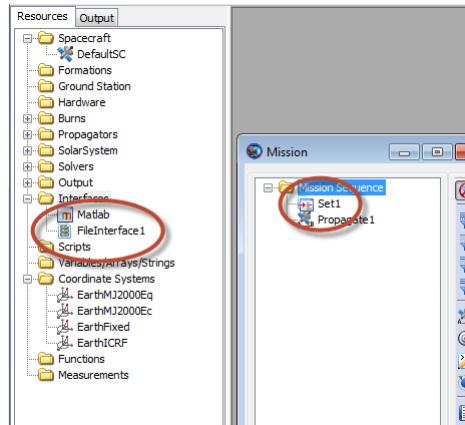
The General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT) version R2013b was released in August 2013. This is the first public release since April, and is the 7th release for the project. This is an internal-only release, intended to support the ACE mission.

Below is a summary of key changes in this release. Please see the full [R2013b Release Notes](#) on JIRA for a complete list.

New Features

Data File Interface

GMAT now can load **Spacecraft** state and physical properties data directly from a data file. A new resource, **FileInterface**, controls the interface to the data file, and the new **Set** command lets you apply the data as a part of the Mission Sequence.



See the following example:

```
Create Spacecraft aSat
Create FileInterface tvhf
tvhf.Filename = 'statevec.txt'
tvhf.Format = 'TVHF_ASCII'

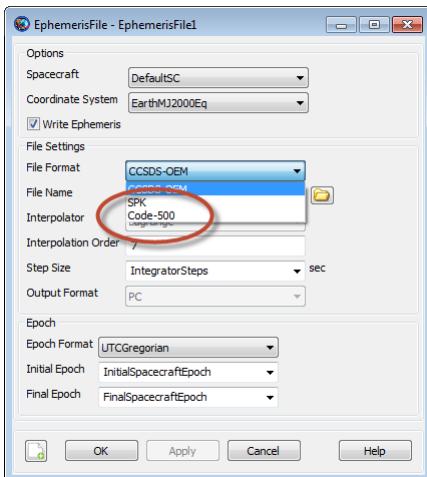
BeginMissionSequence

Set aSat tvhf
```

See the [FileInterface](#) and [Set](#) references for more information.

Code-500 Ephemeris Format

GMAT's **EphemerisFile** resource can now write a Code-500 format ephemeris file. The Code-500 format is a binary ephemeris format defined by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Flight Dynamics Facility.



```
Create Spacecraft sc
Create Propagator prop
Create EphemerisFile ephem
ephem.Spacecraft = sc
ephem.Filename = 'ephem.eph'
ephem.FileFormat = 'Code-500'
ephem.StepSize = 60
ephem.OutputFormat = 'PC'

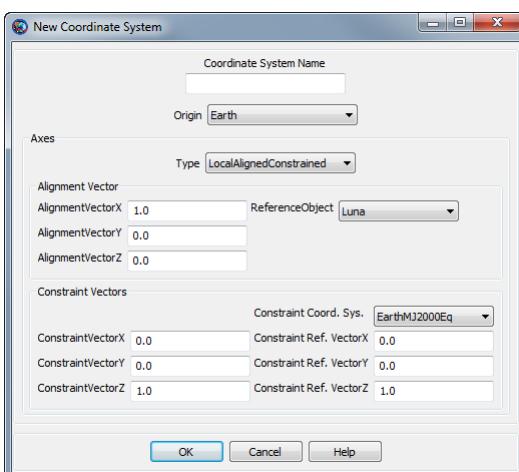
BeginMissionSequence

Propagate prop(sc) {sc.ElapsedDays = 1}
```

See the [EphemerisFile](#) reference for more information on this format.

New Local Aligned-Constrained Coordinate System

A local aligned-constrained coordinate system is one defined by an alignment vector (defined based on the position of a reference object with respect to the origin) and two constraint vectors. This is a highly flexible coordinate system that can be defined in many ways, depending on mission needs. To use it, select the **LocalAlignedConstrained** axes type when creating a new **CoordinateSystem**.



```
Create CoordinateSystem ACECoordSys
ACECoordSys.Origin = Earth
ACECoordSys.Axes = LocalAlignedConstrained
```

```

ACECoordSys.ReferenceObject = ACE
ACECoordSys.AlignmentVectorX = 0
ACECoordSys.AlignmentVectorY = 0
ACECoordSys.AlignmentVectorZ = 1
ACECoordSys.ConstraintVectorX = 1
ACECoordSys.ConstraintVectorY = 0
ACECoordSys.ConstraintVectorY = 0
ACECoordSys.ConstraintCoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Ec
ACECoordSys.ConstraintReferenceVectorX = 0
ACECoordSys.ConstraintReferenceVectorY = 0
ACECoordSys.ConstraintReferenceVectorZ = 1

```

See the [CoordinateSystem](#) reference for more information.

Improvements

Force Model Parameters

You can now access **ForceModel**-dependent parameters, such as **Spacecraft** acceleration and atmospheric density. The new parameters are:

- *Spacecraft.ForceModel.Acceleration*
- *Spacecraft.ForceModel.AccelerationX*
- *Spacecraft.ForceModel.AccelerationY*
- *Spacecraft.ForceModel.AccelerationZ*
- *Spacecraft.ForceModel.AtmosDensity*

Space Point Parameters

All Resources that have coordinates in space now have Cartesian position and velocity parameters, so you can access ephemeris information. This includes all built-in solar system bodies and other Resources such as **CelestialBody**, **Planet**, **Moon**, **Asteroid**, **Comet**, **Barycenter**, **LibrationPoint**, and **GroundStation**:

- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.X*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.Y*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.Z*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.VX*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.VY*
- *CelestialBody.CoordinateSystem.VZ*

Note that to use these parameters, you must first set the epoch of the Resource to the desired epoch at which you want the data. See the following example:

```

Create ReportFile rf

BeginMissionSequence

Luna.Epoch.A1ModJulian = 21545
Report rf Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.X Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.Y Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.Z ...
    Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.VX Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.VY Luna.EarthMJ2000Eq.VZ

```

Compatibility Changes

- *EphemerisFile.InitialEpoch* now cannot be later than *EphemerisFile.FinalEpoch*. See the [EphemerisFile](#) reference for details.

- When `EphemerisFile.FileFormat` is set to 'SPK', `EphemerisFile.CoordinateSystem` must have `MJ2000Eq` as the axis system. Other axis systems are no longer allowed with this ephemeris format. See the [EphemerisFile](#) reference for details.
- The deprecated fields `Thruster.Element{1-3}` have been removed. Use `Thruster.ThrustDirection{1-3}` instead. See the [Thruster](#) reference for details.
- Tab characters in strings are now treated literally, instead of being changed to spaces. See [GMT-3336](#) for details.

Known & Fixed Issues

Over 50 bugs were closed in this release. See the "[Critical Issues Fixed in R2013b](#)" report for a list of critical bugs and resolutions in R2013b. See the "[Minor Issues Fixed for R2013b](#)" report for minor issues addressed in R2013b.

Known Issues

All known issues that affect this version of GMAT can be seen in the "[Known Issues in R2013b](#)" report in JIRA.

There are several known issues in this release that we consider to be significant:

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GMT-2561	UTC Epoch Entry and Reporting During Leap Second is incorrect.
GMT-3043	Inconsistent validation when creating variables that shadow built-in math functions
GMT-3108	OrbitView with STM and Propagate Synchronized does not show spacecraft in correct locations
GMT-3289	First step algorithm fails for backwards propagation using SPK propagator
GMT-4097	Ephemeris File is Not Chunking File At Some Discontinuity Types
GMT-3350	Single-quote requirements are not consistent across objects and modes
GMT-3556	Unable to associate tank with thruster in command mode
GMT-3629	GUI starts in bad state when started with --minimize
GMT-3669	Planets not drawn during optimization in OrbitView
GMT-3738	Cannot set standalone FuelTank, Thruster fields in CallMatlabFunction
GMT-3745	SPICE ephemeris stress tests are not writing out ephemeris for the entire mission sequence

GMAT R2013a Release Notes

The General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT) version R2013a was released in April, 2013. This is the first public release since May 23, 2012, and is the 6th public release for the project. R2013a is a major release transitioning GMAT from beta to production status. In this release:

- End-user documentation was rewritten and greatly expanded.
- 11,000 script-based regression tests run nightly.
- 5,000 GUI-based regression tests run weekly.
- Code and documentation was contributed by 11 developers from 3 organizations.

Licensing

GMAT is now licensed under [Apache License, Version 2.0](#). According to the [Open Source Proliferation Report](#), the Apache License 2.0 is one of the most widely-used open source licenses, thereby making GMAT compatible with more existing software and projects.

Major Improvements

Production Status

Release R2013a is a major release of GMAT that transitions from beta to production status. Most of our efforts have been devoted to improving the quality of the software and its documentation. This year we made a complete sweep through the system, starting by updating engineering specifications for all features, identifying test gaps, writing new tests, addressing known and newly found bugs, and completing user documentation.

Tutorials

The GMAT User Guide now contains 5 in-depth tutorials that show how to use GMAT for end-to-end analysis. The tutorials are designed to teach you how to use GMAT in the context of performing real-world analysis and are intended to take between 30 minutes and several hours to complete. Each tutorial has a difficulty level and an approximate duration listed with any prerequisites in its introduction, and is arranged in a general order of difficulty. The simplest tutorial shows you how to enter orbital initial conditions and propagate to orbit perigee, while more advanced tutorials show how to perform finite-maneuver targeting, Mars B-plane targeting, and lunar flyby optimization.

Reference Guide

We have written a complete reference manual for GMAT for R2013a. The reference manual contains detailed information on all GMAT components. Whether you need detailed information on syntax or application-specific examples, go here. For each GMAT resource (e.g. **Spacecraft**, **ChemicalThruster**, **XYPlot**) and command (e.g. **Optimize**, **Propagate**), the following information is documented:

- Brief description of the feature
- List of related or coupled features
- Complete syntactical specification of the interface
- Tables with detailed options, variable ranges and data types, defaults, and expected behavior
- Copy-and-paste-ready examples

The guide also contains general reference material about the system, such as:

- Script language syntax

- External interfaces
- Parameter listings
- Configuration files
- Command line interface

Testing

We have spent much of our time preparing for R2013a on testing. Our script and GUI-based regression test systems doubled in size in the last year. They now contain:

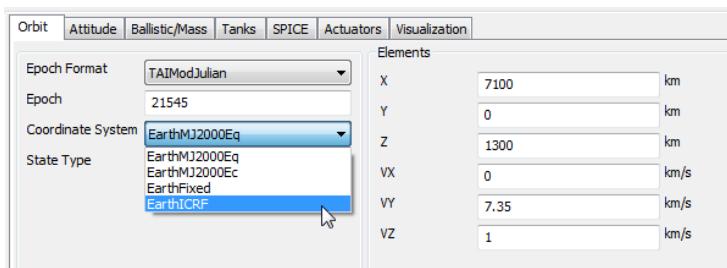
- Over 6,000 new system, validation, and end-to-end script-based tests
- 30 new end-to-end GUI tests
- 3,000 new GUI system tests

GUI test are performed using SmartBear's TestComplete software. Script tests are performed using a custom MATLAB-based automated test system. A complete execution of the regression test system now takes almost four days of computer time.

Minor Enhancements

While most of our effort has been focused on quality for this release, we have included some new features.

- ICRF is now supported for input and output of orbit state data:



- The Earth texture map is improved:



- CCSDS ephemeris files are now accessible in the output tab:

The screenshot shows the GMAT software interface with the 'Output' tab selected. On the left, a tree view of the output structure is shown, including 'Reports', 'Ephemeris Files' (which is expanded to show 'EphemerisFile1'), 'Orbit Views' (expanded to show 'DefaultOrbitView'), 'Ground Track Plots' (expanded to show 'DefaultGroundTrackPlot' and 'XY Plots'), and 'XY Plots'. On the right, a detailed view of the 'EphemerisFile1' file is displayed, showing its contents as a series of key-value pairs in a text editor-like window.

CCSDS_OEM_VERS	= 1.0
CREATION_DATE	= 2013-04-04T00:00:00
ORIGINATOR	= GMAT USER
META_START	
OBJECT_NAME	= DefaultSatellite
OBJECT_ID	= SatId
CENTER_NAME	= Earth
REF_FRAME	= EME2000

- Improved mouse controls for interactive 3-D graphics. See the [OrbitView](#) reference for details.
- Improved 3ds model support
- Improved error messages system-wide
- New **BodySpinSun** axis system for asteroid survey missions
- Improved system modularization by moving more features to plugins

Compatibility Changes

Our last release, R2012a, was beta software. R2013a is mature, production software. We made some changes that may cause backwards compatibility issues with scripts written in previous beta versions. Examples of changes in R2013a that affect backwards compatibility with previous beta versions include:

- Fixed many poorly-named fields and/or parameters (i.e. **OrbitView.CelestialPlane** → **OrbitView.EclipticPlane**)
- Corrected missed or invalid data validation checking
- Removed partially-implemented functionality from previous releases
- Removed improperly-exposed internal fields and functions
- Disabled configuration of some resources in the mission sequence

In all cases, we modified GMAT to work correctly as specified in the documentation, but did not always maintain backwards compatibility with previous versions. This was a one-time, “pull-of-the-Band-Aid” approach, and future releases will maintain backwards compatibility with R2013a or provide deprecation notifications of features that are no longer supported.

In addition, there were some features that did not meet quality expectations for this release and have been turned off in the release package. Most of these features can be turned on for analysis purposes, but they are not fully tested and should be used with caution.

- Orbit Designer (disabled)
- GMAT functions (**libGmatFunctions**)
- Save command (**libSaveCommand**)
- Bulirsh-Stoer integrator (**libExtraPropagators**)

To turn on these features, see the [Startup File](#) reference.

Known & Fixed Issues

Over 720 bugs and issues were closed in this release. See the "[Critical Issues Fixed for R2013a](#)" report for a list of critical bugs and resolutions for R2013a. See the "[Minor Issues Fixed for R2013a](#)" report for minor issues addressed in R2013a.

Known Issues

All known issues that affect this version of GMAT can be seen in the "[Known issues in R2013a](#)" report in JIRA.

There are several known issues in this release that we consider to be significant:

ID	Description
GMT-2561	UTC Epoch Entry and Reporting During Leap Second is incorrect.
GMT-3043	Inconsistent validation when creating variables that shadow built-in math functions

ID	Description
GMT-3108	OrbitView with STM and Propagate Synchronized does not show spacecraft in correct locations
GMT-3289	First step algorithm fails for backwards propagation using SPK propagator
GMT-3321	MATLAB uses stale version of function if command window isn't restarted between runs
GMT-3350	Single-quote requirements are not consistent across objects and modes
GMT-3556	Unable to associate tank with thruster in command mode
GMT-3629	GUI starts in bad state when started with --minimize
GMT-3669	Planets not drawn during optimization in OrbitView
GMT-3738	Cannot set standalone FuelTank, Thruster fields in CallMatlabFunction
GMT-3745	SPICE ephemeris stress tests are not writing out ephemeris for the entire mission sequence

GMAT R2012a Release Notes

The General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT) version R2012a was released May 23, 2012. This is the first public release in over a year, and is the 5th public release for the project. In this release:

- 52,000 lines of code were added
- Code and documentation was contributed by 9 developers from 2 organizations
- 6847 system tests were run every weeknight

This is a beta release. It has undergone extensive testing in many areas, but is not considered ready for production use.

New Features

Ground Track Plot

GMAT can now show the ground track of a spacecraft using the new **GroundTrackPlot** resource. This view shows the orbital path of one or more spacecraft projected onto a two-dimensional map of a celestial body, and can use any celestial body that you have configured. Here's an example of the plot created as part of the default mission:



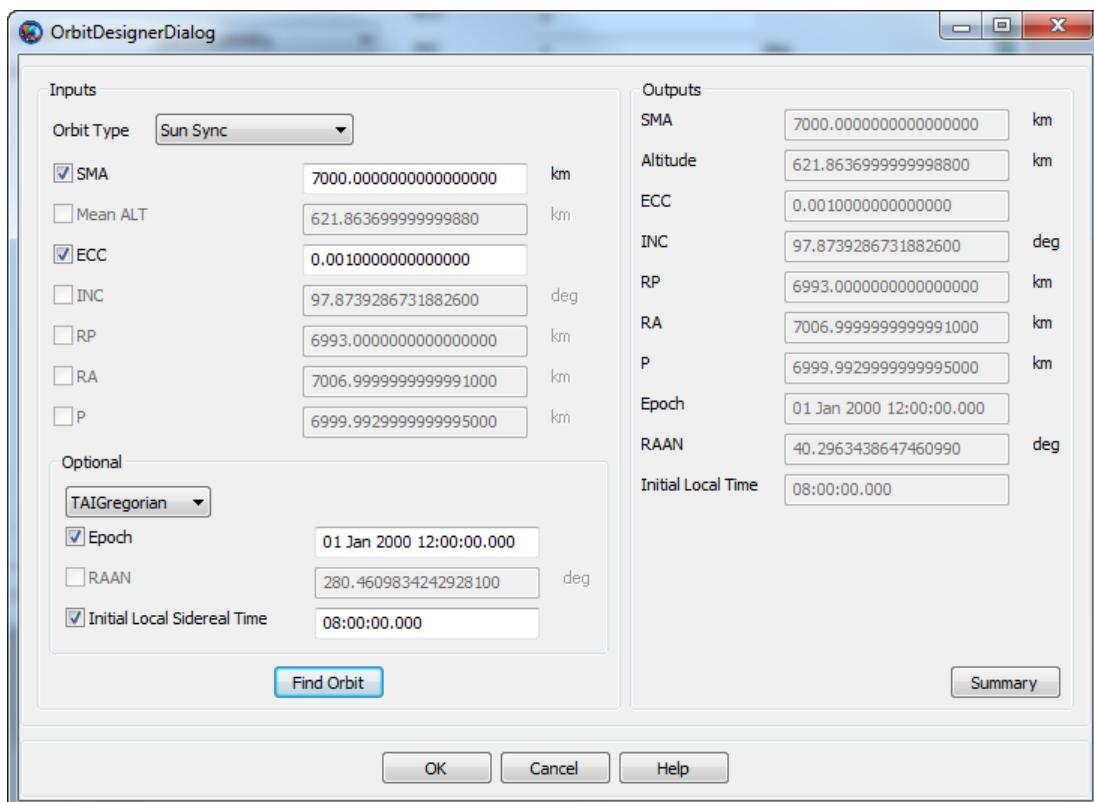
Orbit Designer

Sometimes you need to create a spacecraft in a particular orbit but don't exactly know the proper orbital element values. Before, you had to make a rough estimate, or go back to the math to figure it out. Now, GMAT R2012a comes with a new **Orbit Designer** that does this math for you.

The **Orbit Designer** helps you create one of six different Earth-centered orbit types, each with a flexible array of input options:

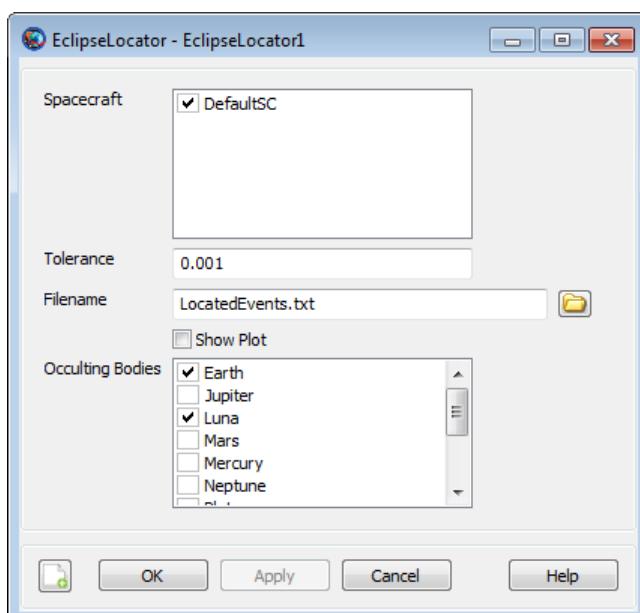
- sun-synchronous
- repeat sun-synchronous
- repeat ground track
- geostationary
- molniya
- frozen

Once you've created your desired orbit, it is automatically imported into the Spacecraft resource for later use. Here's an example of a sun-synchronous orbit using the Designer. To open the **Orbit Designer**, click the button on the **Spacecraft** properties window.



Eclipse Locator [alpha]

We've done significant work toward having a robust eclipse location tool in GMAT, but this work is not complete. This release comes with an alpha-stage plugin (disabled by default) called **libEventLocator**. When enabled, this plugin adds a new **EclipseLocator** resource that can be configured to calculate eclipse entry and exit times and durations with respect to any configured Spacecraft and celestial bodies. The eclipse data can be reported to a text file or plotted graphically. Some known limitations include an assumption of spherical celestial bodies and a lack of light-time correction. This feature has not been rigorously tested, and may be brittle. We've included it here as a preview of what's coming in future releases.



C Interface [alpha]

Likewise, we've included an experimental library and plugin that exposes a plain-C interface to GMAT's internal dynamics model functionality. This interface is intended to fill a very specific need: to expose force model derivates from GMAT to external software, especially MATLAB, for use with an external integrator (though GMAT can do the propagation also, if desired). The interface is documented by an [API reference](#) for now.

Improvements

Dynamics Models

We've made lots of improvements to GMAT's already capable force model suite. Here's some highlights:

- GMAT now models Earth ocean and pole tides. This is a script-only option that can be turned on alongside an Earth harmonic gravity model; turn it on with a line like this:

```
ForceModel.GravityField.Earth.EarthTideModel = 'SolidAndPole'
```

- You can now apply relativistic corrections using the checkbox on the properties for **Propagator**.

Solar System

GMAT can now use the DE421 and DE424 ephemerides for the solar system. These files are included in the installer, but are not activated by default. To use either of these ephemerides, double-click the **SolarSystem** folder and select it from the **Ephemeris Source** list. Or include the following script line:

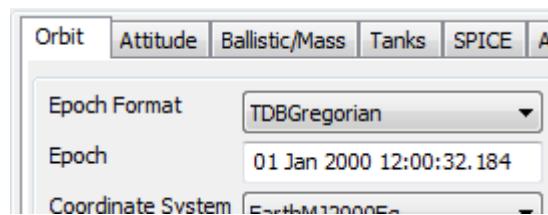
```
SolarSystem.EphemerisSource = 'DE421'
```

There's also a new **SolarSystem** resource called **SolarSystemBarycenter** that represents the barycenter as given by the chosen ephemeris source (DE405, DE421, SPICE, etc.). This resource can be used directly in reports or as the origin of a user-defined coordinate system.



TDB Input

You can now input the epoch of a **Spacecraft** orbit in the TDB time system (in both Modified Julian and Gregorian formats).



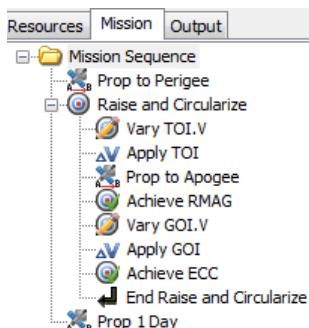
Mission Tree

We've made significant improvements to the mission tree to make it more user-friendly to heavy users. The biggest improvement is that you can now filter the mission sequence in different ways

to make complex missions easier to understand, for example by hiding non-physical events or collapsing the tree to only its top-level elements.



GMAT also now lets you name your mission sequence commands. Thus, instead of a sequence made up of commands like "Optimize1" and "Propagate3", you can label them "Optimize LOI" and "Prop to Periapsis". This example shows the `Ex_HohmannTransfer.script` sample with labeled commands.



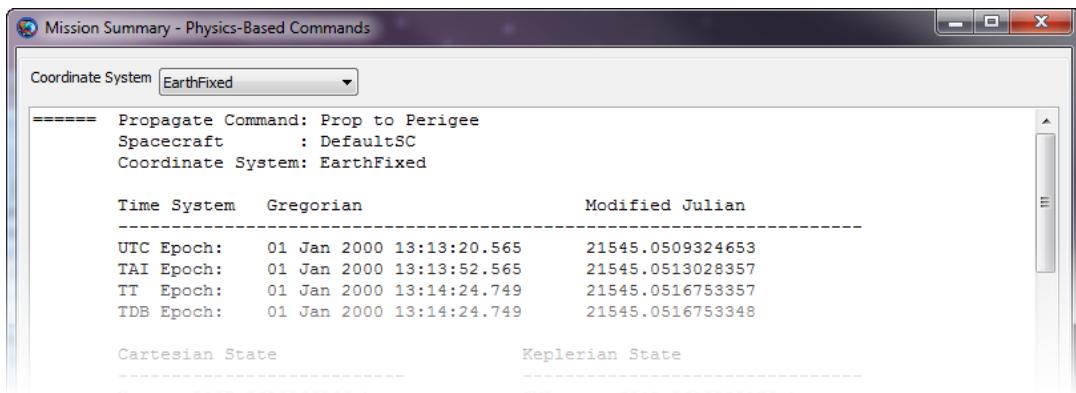
Finally, we added the ability to undock the mission tree so you can place it and the resources tree side by side and see both at the same time. To undock the tree, right-click the **Mission** tab and drag it from its docked position. To dock it again, just close the new **Mission** window.



Mission Summary

You can now change the coordinate system shown in the **Mission Summary** on the fly: just change the **Coordinate System** list at the top of the window and the numbers will update. This feature can use any coordinate system currently defined in GMAT, including user-defined ones.

There's also a new **Mission Summary - Physics-Based Commands** that shows only physical events (**Propagate** commands, burns, etc.), and further data was added to both **Mission Summary** types.



Window Persistency

The locations of output windows are now saved with the mission in the script file. This means that when running a mission, all the output windows that were open when the mission was last saved will reappear in their old positions.

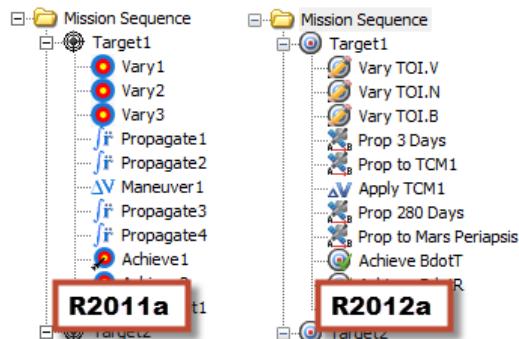
In addition, the locations of certain GMAT windows, like the mission tree, the script editor, and the application window itself are saved to the user preferences file (**MyGMAT.ini**).

Switch to Visual Studio on Windows

With this release, the official GMAT binaries for Windows are now compiled with Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 instead of GCC. The biggest benefit of this is in performance; we've seen up to a 50% performance improvement in certain cases in unofficial testing. It also leads to more a industry-standard development process on Windows, as the MinGW suite is no longer needed.

New Icons

The last release saw a major overhaul of GMAT's GUI icons. This time we've revised some and added more, especially in the mission tree.



Training Manual

The non-reference material in the GMAT User Guide has been overhauled, partially rewritten, and reformatted to form a new GMAT Training Manual. This includes the "Getting Started" material, some short how-to articles, and some longer tutorials. All of this information is included in the GMAT User Guide as well, in addition to reference material that is undergoing a similar rewrite later this year.

Infrastructure

The GMAT project has implemented several infrastructure improvements in the last year. The biggest of these was switching from our old Bugzilla system to [JIRA](#) for issue tracking.

This year also saw the creation of the [GMAT Blog](#) and the [GMAT Plugins and Extensions Blog](#) with a fair number of posts each, plus reorganizations for the [wiki](#) and the [forums](#). We reactivated our two mailing lists, [gmat-developers](#) and [gmat-users](#), but haven't seen much usage of each yet. And finally, we created a new mailing list, [gmat-buildtest](#), for automated daily build and test updates.

Compatibility Changes

Application Control Changes

The command-line arguments for the GMAT executable have changed. See the following table for replacements.

Old	New	Description
<code>-help</code>	<code>--help, -h</code>	Shows available options
<code>-date</code>	<code>--version, -v</code>	Shows GMAT build date
<code>-ms</code>	<code>--start-server</code>	Starts GMAT server on startup
<code>-br filename</code>	<code>--run, -r scriptname</code>	Builds and runs the script
<code>-minimize</code>	<code>--minimize, -m</code>	Minimizes GMAT window
<code>-exit</code>	<code>--exit, -x</code>	Exits GMAT after a script is run

Script Syntax Changes

Resource	Field	Replacement
ForceModel	Drag	<code>Drag</code> .AtmosphereModel
Propagator	MinimumTolerance (BulirschStoer)	(none)

Known & Fixed Issues

Many bugs were closed in this release, but a comprehensive list is difficult to create because of the move from Bugzilla to JIRA. See the "["Bugs closed in R2012a"](#) report in JIRA for a partial list.

All known issues that affect this version of GMAT can be seen in the "["Known issues in R2012a"](#) report in JIRA.

GMAT R2011a Release Notes

The General Mission Analysis Tool (GMAT) version R2011a was released April 29, 2011 on the following platforms:

Windows (XP, Vista, 7)	Beta
Mac OS X (10.6)	Alpha
Linux	Alpha

This is the first release since September 2008, and is the 4th public release for the project. In this release:

- 100,000 lines of code were added
- 798 bugs were opened and 733 were closed
- Code was contributed by 9 developers from 4 organizations
- 6216 system tests were written and run nightly

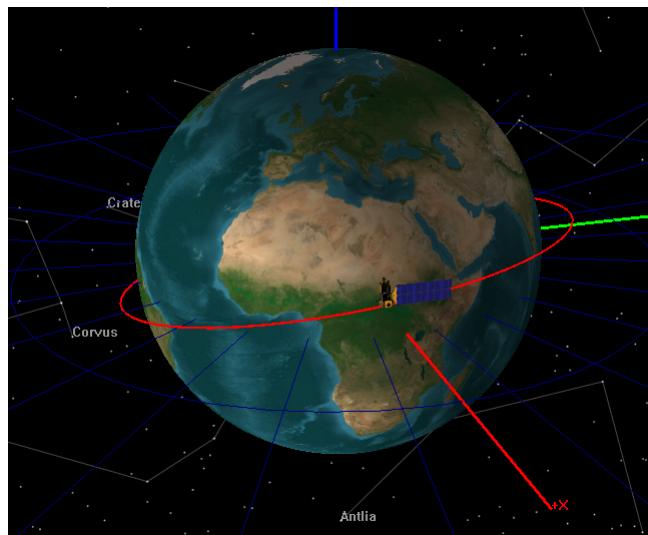
New Features

OrbitView

GMAT's old OpenGLPlot 3D graphics view was completely revamped and renamed OrbitView. The new OrbitView plot supports all of the features of OpenGLPlot, but adds several new ones:

- Perspective view instead of orthogonal
- Stars and constellations (with names)
- A new default Earth texture
- Accurate lighting
- Support for user-supplied spacecraft models in 3ds and POV formats.

All existing scripts will use the new OrbitView object automatically, with no script changes needed. Here's a sample of what can be done with the new graphics:

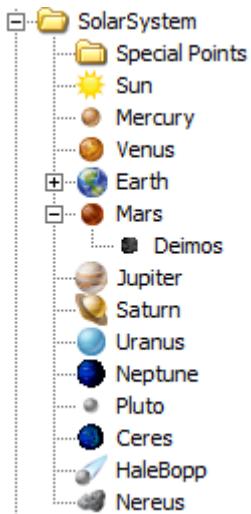


User-Defined Celestial Bodies

Users can now define their own celestial bodies (Planets, Moons, Asteroids, and Comets) through the GMAT interface, by right-clicking on the Sun resource (for Planets, Asteroids, and Comets)

or any other Solar System resource (for Moons). User-defined celestial bodies can be customized in many ways:

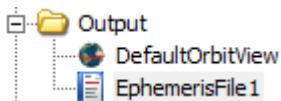
- Mu (for propagation), radius and flattening (for calculating altitude)
- User-supplied texture file, for use with OrbitView
- Ephemeris from two-body propagation of an initial Keplerian state or from a SPICE kernel
- Orientation and spin state



Ephemeris Output

GMAT can now output spacecraft ephemeris files in CCSDS-OEM and SPK formats by using the EphemerisFile resource. For each ephemeris, you can customize:

- Coordinate system
- Interpolation order
- Step size
- Epoch range



SPICE Integration for Spacecraft

Spacecraft in GMAT can now be propagated using data from a SPICE kernel rather than by numerical integration. This can be activated on the SPICE tab of the Spacecraft resource, or through the script. The following SPICE kernels are supported:

- SPK/BSP (orbit)
- CK (attitude)
- FK (frame)
- SCLK (spacecraft clock)

Plugins

New features can now be added to GMAT through plugins, rather than being compiled into the GMAT executable itself. The following plugins are included in this release, with their release status indicated:

libMatlabPlugin	Beta
libFminconOptimizer (Windows only)	Beta
libGmatEstimation	Alpha (preview)

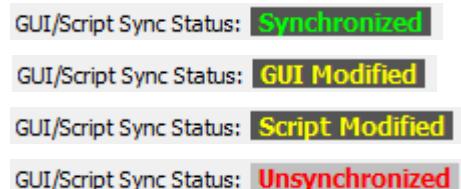
Plugins can be enabled or disabled through the startup file (**gmat_startup_file.txt**), located in the GMAT bin directory. All plugins are disabled by default.

GUI/Script Synchronization

For those that work with both the script and the graphical interface, GMAT now makes it explicitly clear if the two are synchronized, and which script is active (if you have several loaded). The possible states are:

- Synchronized (the interface and the script have the same data)
- GUI or Script Modified (one of them has been modified with respect to the other)
- Unsynchronized (different changes exist in each place)

The only state in which manual intervention is necessary is Unsynchronized, which must be merged manually (or one set of changes must be discarded). The following status indicators are available on Windows and Linux (on Mac, they appear as single characters on the GMAT toolbar).



Estimation [Alpha]

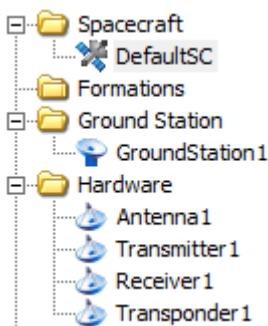
GMAT R2011a includes significant new state estimation capabilities in the libGmatEstimation plugin. The included features are:

- Measurement models
 - Geometric
 - TDRSS range
 - USN two-way range
- Estimators
 - Batch
 - Extended Kalman
- Resources
 - GroundStation
 - Antenna
 - Transmitter
 - Receiver
 - Transponder



Note

This functionality is alpha status, and is included with this release as a preview only. It has not been rigorously tested.



User Documentation

GMAT's user documentation has been completely revamped. In place of the old wiki, our formal documentation is now implemented in DocBook, with HTML, PDF, and Windows Help formats shipped with GMAT. Our documentation resources for this release are:

- Help (shipped with GMAT, accessed through the Help > Contents menu item)
- Online Help (updated frequently, <http://gmat.sourceforge.net/docs/>)
- Video Tutorials (<http://gmat.sourceforge.net/docs/videos.html>)
- Help Forum (<http://gmat.ed-pages.com/forum/>)
- Wiki (for informal and user-contributed documentation, samples, and tips: <http://gmat.ed-pages.com/wiki/tiki-index.php>)

Screenshot

GMAT can now export a screenshot of the OrbitView panel to the output folder in PNG format.

Improvements

Automatic MATLAB Detection

MATLAB connectivity is now automatically established through the libMatlabInterface plugin, if enabled in your gmat_startup_file.txt. We are no longer shipping separate executables with and without MATLAB integration. Most recent MATLAB versions are supported, though configuration is necessary.

Dynamics Model Numerics

All included dynamics models have been thoroughly tested against truth software (AGI STK, and A.I. Solutions FreeFlyer, primarily), and all known numeric issues have been corrected.

Script Editor [Windows]

GMAT's integrated script editor on Windows is much improved in this release, and now features:

- Syntax highlighting for GMAT keywords
- Line numbering
- Find & Replace
- Active script indicator and GUI synchronization buttons

```

9
10   Create Spacecraft DefaultSC;
11   GMAT DefaultSC.DateFormat = TAIModJulian;
12   GMAT DefaultSC.Epoch = 21545;
13   GMAT DefaultSC.CoordinateSystem = EarthMJ2000Eq;
14   GMAT DefaultSC.DisplayStateType = Cartesian;
15   GMAT DefaultSC.X = 7100;
16   GMAT DefaultSC.Y = 0;
17   GMAT DefaultSC.Z = 1300;
18   GMAT DefaultSC.VX = 0;
19   GMAT DefaultSC.VY = 7.349999999999996;
20   GMAT DefaultSC.VZ = 1;
21   GMAT DefaultSC.DryMass = 850;
22   GMAT DefaultSC.Cd = 2.2;
23   GMAT DefaultSC.Cr = 1.8;
24   GMAT DefaultSC.DragArea = 15;
25   GMAT DefaultSC.SRPArea = 1;

```

Regression Testing

The GMAT project developed a completely new testing system that allows us to do nightly, automated tests across the entire system, and on multiple platforms. The new system has the following features:

- Focused on GMAT script testing
- Written in MATLAB language
- Includes 6216 tests with coverage of most of GMAT's functional requirements
- Allows automatic regression testing on nightly builds
- Compatible with all supported platforms

The project is also regularly testing the GMAT graphical interface on Windows using the Smart-Bear TestComplete tool. This testing occurs approximately twice a week, and is focused on entering and running complete missions through the interface and checking that the results match those generated in script mode.

Visual Improvements

This release features numerous visual improvements, including:

- A new application icon and splash screen (shown below)
- Many new, professionally-created icons
- A welcome page for new users



Compatibility Changes

Platform Support

GMAT supports the following platforms:

- Windows XP
- Windows Vista
- Windows 7
- Mac OS X Snow Leopard (10.6)
- Linux (Intel 64-bit)

With the exception of the Linux version, GMAT is a 32-bit application, but will run on 64-bit platforms in 32-bit mode. The MATLAB interface was tested with 32-bit MATLAB 2010b on Windows, and is expected to support 32-bit MATLAB versions from R2006b through R2011a.

Mac: MATLAB 2010a was tested, but version coverage is expected to be identical to Windows.

Linux: MATLAB 2009b 64-bit was tested, and 64-bit MATLAB is required. Otherwise, version coverage is expected to be identical to Windows.

Script Syntax Changes

The `BeginMissionSequence` command will soon be required for all scripts. In this release a warning is generated if this statement is missing.

The following syntax elements are deprecated, and will be removed in a future release:

Resource	Field	Replacement
DifferentialCorrector	TargeterTextFile	ReportFile
DifferentialCorrector	UseCentralDifferences	DerivativeMethod = "CentralDifference"
EphemerisFile	FileName	Filename
FiniteBurn	Axes	
FiniteBurn	BurnScaleFactor	
FiniteBurn	CoordinateSystem	
FiniteBurn	Origin	
FiniteBurn	Tanks	
FiniteBurn	CoordinateSystem = "Inertial"	CoordinateSystem = "MJ2000Eq"
ImpulsiveBurn	VectorFormat	
ImpulsiveBurn	V	Element1
FiniteBurn	N	Element2
ImpulsiveBurn	B	Element3

Resource	Field	Replacement
FuelTank	PressureRegulated	PressureModel = PressureRegulated
OpenGLPlot		OrbitView
OrbitView	EarthSunLines	SunLine
OrbitView	ViewDirection = Vector ViewDirection = [0 0 1]	ViewDirection = [0 0 1]
OrbitView	ViewPointRef	ViewPointReference
OrbitView	ViewPointRef = Vector ViewPointRefVector = [0 0 1]	ViewPointReference = [0 0 1]
OrbitView	ViewPointVector Vector ViewPointVectorVector = [0 0 1]	ViewPointVector = [0 0 1]
SolarSystem	Ephemeris	EphemerisSource
Spacecraft	StateType	DisplayStateType
Thruster	X_Direction Y_Direction Z_Direction Element1 Element2 Element3	ThrustDirection1 ThrustDirection2 ThrustDirection3
XYPlot	Add	YVariable
XYPlot	Grid	ShowGrid
XYPlot	IndVar	XVariable

Command	Old Syntax	New Syntax
Propagate	Propagate DefaultProp(sc)	- Propagate BackProp DefaultProp(sc)

Fixed Issues

733 bugs were closed in this release, including 368 marked “major” or “critical”. See the [full report](#) for details.

Known Issues

There remain 268 open bugs in the project's [Bugzilla database](#), 42 of which are marked "major" or "critical". These are tabulated below.

Table 24. Multiple platforms

407	Multi-Matlab run bug
636	MATLAB Callbacks on Linux and Mac
648	DOCUMENT BEHAVIOR - Final orbital state does not match for the two report methods
776	Batch vs Individual Runs different
1604	Keplerian Conversion Errors for Hyperbolic Orbits
1668	Decimal marker not flexible enough for international builds
1684	MMS script in GMAT takes 300 times longer than similar run in FreeFlyer
1731	Major Performance issue in GMAT Functions
1734	Spacecraft allows conversion for singular conic section.
1992	Determinant of "large" disallowed due to poor algorithm performance
2058	Can't set SRP Flux and Nominal Sun via GUI
2088	EOP file reader uses Julian Day
2147	Empty parentheses "()" are not caught in math validation
2313	Finite Burn/Thruster Tests Have errors > 1000 km but may be due to script differences
2322	DOCUMENT: MATLAB interface requires manual configuration by user
2344	when a propagator object is deleted, its associated force model is not deleted
2349	Performance Issue in Force Modelling
2410	Ephemeris propagator has large numeric error
2416	STM Parameters are wrong when using Coordinate System other than EarthMJ2000Eq

Table 25. Windows

970	Matlab connection issue
1012	Quirky Numerical Issues 2 in Batch mode
1128	GMAT incompatible with MATLAB R14 and earlier
1417	Some lines prefixed by "function" are ingored
1436	Potential performance issue using many propagate commands
1528	GMAT Function scripts unusable depending on file ownership/permissions
1580	Spacecraft Attitude Coordinate System Conversion not implemented
1592	Atmosphere Model Setup File Features Not Implemented
2056	Reproducibility of script run not guaranteed
2065	Difficult to read low number in Spacecraft Attitude GUI
2066	SC Attitude GUI won't accept 0.0:90.0:0.0 as a 3-2-1 Euler Angle input
2067	Apply Button Sometimes Not Functional in SC Attitude GUI
2374	Crash when GMAT tries to write to a folder without write permissions
2381	TestComplete does not match user inputs to DefaultSC
2382	Point Mass Issue when using Script vs. User Input

Table 26. Mac OS X

1216	MATLAB->GMAT not working
2081	Texture Maps not showing on Mac for OrbitView
2092	GMAT crashes when MATLAB engine does not open
2291	LSK file text ctrl remains visible when source set to DE405 or 2Body
2311	Resource Tree - text messed up for objects in folders
2383	Crash running RoutineTests with plots ON

Table 27. Linux

1851	On Linux, STC Editor crashes GMAT on Close
1877	On Linux, Ctrl-C crashes GMAT if no MDIChildren are open

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