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a) Opposition happens, so the object must be superior

Synodic period  $S = 1.4$  years

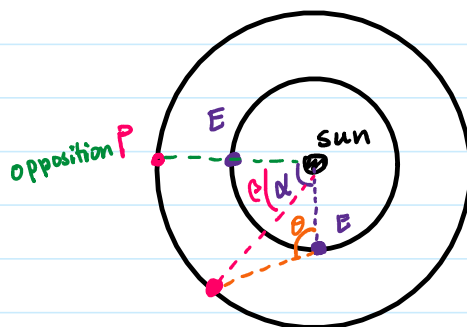
equation:  $S = 1 + \frac{S}{P} \Rightarrow 1.4 = 1 + \frac{1.4}{P}$   
 $P = 1.4 / 0.40 = 3.5$  years

b) By Kepler's Law:  $P^2 = a^3$

$$a^3 = 3.5^2 \Rightarrow a = \sqrt[3]{3.5^2} = 2.305218146 \dots \text{ A.U.}$$

The semi-major axis is about 2.3 A.U.

c)



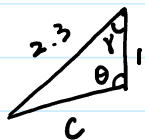
3 months means  $\frac{3}{12} = 0.25$  year

$$\alpha = \frac{0.25}{1} \times 360 = 90^\circ$$

$$\beta = \frac{0.25}{3.5} \times 360 = 25.71428571 \dots^\circ$$

$$\alpha - \beta = 64.28571429 \dots^\circ$$

solve the triangle by the Sun, the object and the Earth:



$$\gamma = \alpha - \beta$$

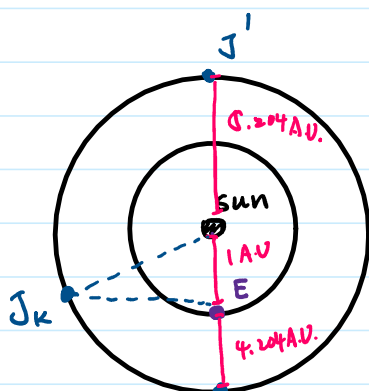
by cosine law:  $c^2 = 2.305218146^2 + 1^2 - 2 \times 2.305218146 \times 1 \times \cos(64.28571429^\circ)$   
 $= 4.313637364 \dots \text{ A.U.}$

$$c = \sqrt{4.313637364} = 2.076929793 \dots \text{ A.U.}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{4.313637364 + 1 - 2.305218146^2}{2 \times 1 \times 2.076929793} = -9.46918497 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(-9.46918497 \times 10^{-5}) = 90.00542544^\circ \quad \text{So the elongation is } 9.0 \times 10' \text{ degree}$$

2.



The orbit radius:

$$r_J = 5.204 \text{ A.U.}$$

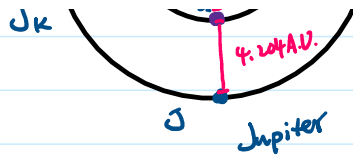
$$r_E = 1 \text{ A.U.}$$

For any arbitrary position of Jupiter

$J_k$ . We have:

$$SJ_k + SE \geq EJ_k$$

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by the triangle.  $SEJ_k$

$$\text{Therefore: } \left. \begin{array}{l} EJ_k \geq SJ_k - SE = 5.204 - 1 = 4.204 \text{ A.U.} \\ EJ_k \leq SJ_k + SE = 5.204 + 1 = 6.204 \text{ A.U.} \end{array} \right\}$$

The angular size of Jupiter is approximately,  $\frac{\text{diameter of J}}{EJ_k}$

Therefore, the maximum angular size of Jupiter happens at J

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2 \times 7.1492 \times 10^4 \text{ km}}{4.204 \text{ A.U.}} \times \frac{1 \text{ A.U.}}{149597871 \text{ km}} &\approx 2.273522843 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad} \times \frac{180 \text{ deg}}{\pi \text{ rad}} \\ &\approx 0.0130263264 \text{ deg} \times \frac{3600 \text{ arcsec}}{1 \text{ deg}} \\ &\approx 46.89477487 \text{ arcsec} \end{aligned}$$

The minimum angular size is at J'

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2 \times 7.1492 \times 10^4 \text{ km}}{6.204 \text{ A.U.}} \times \frac{1 \text{ A.U.}}{149597871 \text{ km}} &\approx 1.54060123 \times 10^{-4} \text{ rad} \times \frac{180 \text{ deg}}{\pi \text{ rad}} \\ &\approx 0.088269948 \text{ deg} \times \frac{3600 \text{ arcsec}}{1 \text{ deg}} \\ &\approx 31.77718128 \text{ arcsec} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the maximum angular size is  $46.89''$  and the minimum angular size is  $31.78''$

3. Doppler shift formula:  $\frac{V_{\text{radial}}}{c} = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_{\text{rest}}}$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{radial}} &= \frac{656.1 - 656.3}{656.3} \times 2.99792458 \times 10^8 = -91258.3599 \text{ m/s} \\ &= -91.3583599 \text{ km/s} \end{aligned}$$

The star is moving towards the observer at  $91.36 \text{ km/s}$