

- 1) A chaser vehicle in a circular orbit of radius 8590 km lags 2 degrees behind a target vehicle which is in a coplanar circular orbit of radius 8600 km.
  - a) Compute the relative position and velocity of the chaser in the CW frame.
  - b) Determine the chaser's relative position and velocity components 30 minutes later.
  - c) Compute the total velocity increment required for a 30 minute, 2-impulse rendezvous maneuver starting from the initial state given in part (a).

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- 2) An astronaut taking a spacewalk outside the International Space Station which is in a circular orbit about the earth at an altitude of 420 km discards a spent battery by throwing it radially outward away from the ISS and the earth with a velocity of 10 meters/sec.
  - a) Draw the trajectory of the battery relative to the ISS over one complete orbit of the ISS.
  - b) Was it a good idea to discard the battery this way?

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I) Exact Solution

a) At  $t = 0$

$A$  = target vehicle

$$r_A = 8600 \text{ km}$$

$B$  = chaser vehicle

$$r_B = 8590 \text{ km}$$

$$\theta_{B0} - \theta_{A0} = -2^\circ$$

From class notes (p. 176)

$$\bar{r}_{rel} = [r_B \cos(\theta_B - \theta_A) - r_A] \hat{i} + r_B \sin(\theta_B - \theta_A) \hat{j} \quad (1)$$

$$\bar{r}_{rel0} = [8590 \cos(-2^\circ) - 8600] \hat{i} + 8590 \sin(-2^\circ) \hat{j}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{r}_{rel0} = -15.2328 \hat{i} - 299.787 \hat{j}} \quad (\text{km}) \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{v_A}{r_A} = \frac{\sqrt{\mu/r_A}}{r_A} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_A^3}} = n_A$$

$$\bar{r} = n_A \hat{k} \quad \text{where} \quad n_A = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_A^3}} \quad (3)$$

Using (1b), (2b) from p. 173 (class notes) with  
 (6a, b) p. 174 (class notes)

$$\bar{v}_A = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_A}} \hat{j} \quad (4)$$

$$\bar{v}_B = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_B}} \left[ -\sin(\theta_B - \theta_A) \hat{i} + \cos(\theta_B - \theta_A) \hat{j} \right] \quad (5)$$

Using (9.80) from class notes

$$\bar{V}_{\text{rel}} = \bar{V}_B - \bar{V}_A - \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_{\text{rel}} \quad (6)$$

Sub (1), (3), (4) & (5) into (6)

$$\bar{V}_{\text{rel}} = r_B (n_B - n_A) \left[ -\sin(\theta_B - \theta_A) \hat{i} + \cos(\theta_B - \theta_A) \hat{j} \right] \quad (7)$$

where  $n_B = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_B^3}}$

$$n_A = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_A^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.986 \times 10^5}{(8600)^3}} = 0.000791628 \text{ rad/sec} \quad (8)$$

$$n_B = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_B^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.986 \times 10^5}{(8590)^3}} = 0.00079301 \text{ rad/sec} \quad (9)$$

$$\bar{V}_{\text{rel}_0} = (8590)(0.00079301 - 0.000791628) \left[ -\sin(-2^\circ) \hat{i} + \cos(-2^\circ) \hat{j} \right]$$

$$\boxed{\bar{V}_{\text{rel}_0} = 0.00041453 \hat{i} + 0.0118706 \hat{j}} \quad (\text{km/sec}) \quad (10)$$

b) At  $t = 30 \text{ min} = 1800 \text{ sec}$

For circular orbits

$$\Delta\theta_A = n_A \Delta t = \theta_A - \theta_{A0} = n_A (t - o) \quad (11)$$

$$\Delta\theta_B = n_B \Delta t = \theta_B - \theta_{B0} = n_B (t - o) \quad (12)$$

Subtract (11) from (12)

$$\theta_B - \theta_A = (\theta_{B0} - \theta_{A0}) + (n_B - n_A) t \quad (13)$$

$$= -2^\circ + (0.00079301 - 0.000791628)(1800) \left(\frac{180^\circ}{\pi}\right)$$

$$= -1.85747^\circ$$

Using (1)

$$\bar{r}_{\text{rel}} = [8590 \cos(-1.85747^\circ) - 8600] \hat{i} + 8590 \sin(-1.85747^\circ) \hat{j}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{r}_{\text{rel}} = -14.5132 \hat{i} - 278.4186 \hat{j} \quad (\text{km}) \quad (14)}$$

Using (7)

$$\bar{V}_{\text{rel}} = (8590)(0.00079301 - 0.000791628) \left[ -\sin(-1.85747^\circ) \hat{i} + \cos(-1.85747^\circ) \hat{j} \right]$$

$$\boxed{\bar{V}_{\text{rel}} = 0.00038498 \hat{i} + 0.0118716 \hat{j} \quad (\text{km/sec}) \quad (15)}$$

1) Linear Theory

a) At  $t=0$

A = target vehicle

$$r_A = 8600 \text{ km}$$

B = chaser vehicle

$$r_B = 8590 \text{ km}$$

$$\theta_{B0} - \theta_{A0} = -2^\circ$$

To the degree of accuracy of the linear theory

$$\Delta x_0 = r_B - r_A = 8590 - 8600 = \underline{-10 \text{ km}} \quad (11)$$

$$\Delta y_0 = r_A (\theta_{B0} - \theta_{A0}) = 8600 (-2^\circ) \left( \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \right) = \underline{-300.20 \text{ km}} \quad (12)$$

Since both orbits are circular, the radial component of the velocities are zero.

$$\boxed{\Delta u_0 = 0} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{Using (9.105a)} \quad \ddot{\Delta x} - 3n^2 \Delta x - 2n \dot{\Delta y} = 0$$

since the radial component of the velocity remains zero,  $\ddot{\Delta x} = 0$ . Thus

$$\dot{\Delta y} = -\frac{3}{2} n \Delta x \quad (14)$$

$$\Delta v_0 = -\frac{3}{2} n \Delta x_0 \quad (15)$$

$$n = n_A = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{v_A^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.986 \times 10^5}{(8600)^3}} = 0.000791628 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\Delta v_o = -\frac{3}{2} (0.000791628)(-10)$$

$$\boxed{\Delta v_o = 0.011874 \text{ km/sec}} \quad (16)$$

b) At  $t = 30 \text{ min} = 1800 \text{ sec}$

$$\cos nt = \cos ((0.000791628)(1800)) = 0.145349$$

$$\sin nt = \sin ((0.000791628)(1800)) = 0.98938$$

Using (9.115a)

$$\Delta x = (4 - 3 \cos nt) \Delta x_o + \frac{1}{n} \sin nt \Delta u_o + \frac{2}{n} (1 - \cos nt) \Delta v_o$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x &= (4 - 3(0.145349))(-10) + \frac{0.98938}{0.000791628}(0) \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{0.000791628} (1 - 0.145349)(0.011874) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta x = -10 \text{ km}}$$

Using (9.115b)

$$\Delta y = 6(\sin nt - nt) \Delta x_o + \Delta y_o + \frac{2}{n} (\cos nt - 1) \Delta u_o + \frac{1}{n} (4 \sin nt - 3nt) \Delta v_o$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dy &= 6(0.98938 - (0.000791628)(1800))(-10) + (-300.20) \\
 &\quad + \frac{z}{0.000791628} (0.145349 - 1)(0) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{0.000791628} (4(0.98938) - 3(0.000791628)(1800))(0.011874)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$dy = -278.82 \text{ km}$$

Using (9.116 a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 du &= 3n \sin t dx_0 + \cos nt du_0 + z \sin nt dv_0 \\
 &= 3(0.000791628)(0.98938)(-10) + (0.145349)(0) \\
 &\quad + z(0.98938)(0.011874)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$du = 0$$

Using (9.116 b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 dv &= 6n(\cos nt - 1)dx_0 - z \sin nt du_0 + (4 \cos nt - 3)dv_0 \\
 &= 6(0.000791628)(0.145349) - z(0.98938)(0) \\
 &\quad + (4(0.145349) - 3)(0.011874)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$dv = 0.011874 \text{ km/sec}$$

The table below compares the exact and linear theory solutions for the relative position and relative velocity of the chaser at  $t=0$  and  $t=30\text{ min}$ .

	<u><math>t=0</math></u>		<u><math>t=30\text{ min}</math></u>	
	Exact	Linear Theory	Exact	Linear Theory
$x$	-15.2328 km	-10 km	-14.5132 km	-10
$y$	-299.787 km	-300.20 km	-278.4186 km	-278.82 km
$\dot{x}$	0.00041453 $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$	0	0.00038498 $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$	0
$\dot{y}$	0.0118706 $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$	0.011874 $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$	0.0118716 $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$	0.011874 $\frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$

$$c) \quad \vec{r}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} dX_0 \\ dY_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -300.20 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (km)}$$

$$\bar{\Phi}_{vn} = \begin{bmatrix} 4-3\cos nt & 0 \\ 6(\sin nt - nt) & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4-3(0.145349) & 0 \\ 6(0.98938 - (0.000771628)(1800)) & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3.5713 & 0 \\ -2.6261 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\bar{\Phi}}_{vv} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n} \sin nt & \frac{2}{n}(1 - \cos nt) \\ \frac{2}{n}(\cos nt - 1) & \frac{1}{n}(4 \sin nt - 3nt) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.98938 \\ 0.000791628 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{[Note: } n=1800 \text{]} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{0.000791628} (0.145349 - 1) & \frac{1}{0.000791628} [4(0.98938) - 3(0.000791628)(1800)] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1248.0782 & 2161.6694 \\ -2161.6694 & -407.6872 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\bar{\Phi}}_v^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0000979078 & -0.000519134 \\ 0.000519134 & 0.000299731 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\bar{V}}_v^{req} = -\bar{\bar{\Phi}}_v^{-1} \bar{\bar{\Phi}}_{vv} \bar{\bar{v}}_v$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0000979078 & -0.000519134 \\ 0.000519134 & 0.000299731 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3.5713 & 0 \\ -2.6261 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -300,20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -0.145708 \\ 0.100648 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{km/sec})$$

$$\bar{dV}_o = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.011874 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (km/sec)}$$

$$\Delta \bar{V}_o = \bar{dV}_o^{\text{req}} - \bar{dV}_o = \begin{bmatrix} -0.145708 \\ 0.100648 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.011874 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -0.145708 \\ 0.088774 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (km/sec)}$$

$$|\Delta \bar{V}_o| = \sqrt{(-0.145708)^2 + (0.088774)^2}$$

$$|\Delta \bar{V}_o| = 0.170621 \text{ km/sec}$$

$$\dot{\bar{\Phi}}_{vr} = \begin{bmatrix} 3n \sin nt & 0 \\ 6n(\cos nt - 1) & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3(0.000791628)(0.98938) & 0 \\ 6(0.000791628)(0.145349 - 1) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.00235462 & 0 \\ -0.00407820 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ddot{\bar{\Phi}}_{vv} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos nt & 2\sin nt \\ -2\sin nt & 4\cos nt - 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.145349 & 2(0.98938) \\ -2(0.98938) & 4(0.145349) - 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\bar{\Phi}}_{vv} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.142887 & 1.979478 \\ -1.979478 & -2.428453 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta \bar{V} = \bar{\bar{\Phi}}_{vr} \Delta \bar{r}_o + \bar{\bar{\Phi}}_{vv} \Delta \bar{V}_o^{req}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.00235462 & 0 \\ -0.00407820 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ -300.20 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.142887 & 1.979478 \\ -1.979478 & -2.428453 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.145708 \\ 0.100648 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.154865 \\ 0.084788 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (km/sec)}$$

$$\Delta \bar{V}_s = \bar{o} - \Delta \bar{V}$$

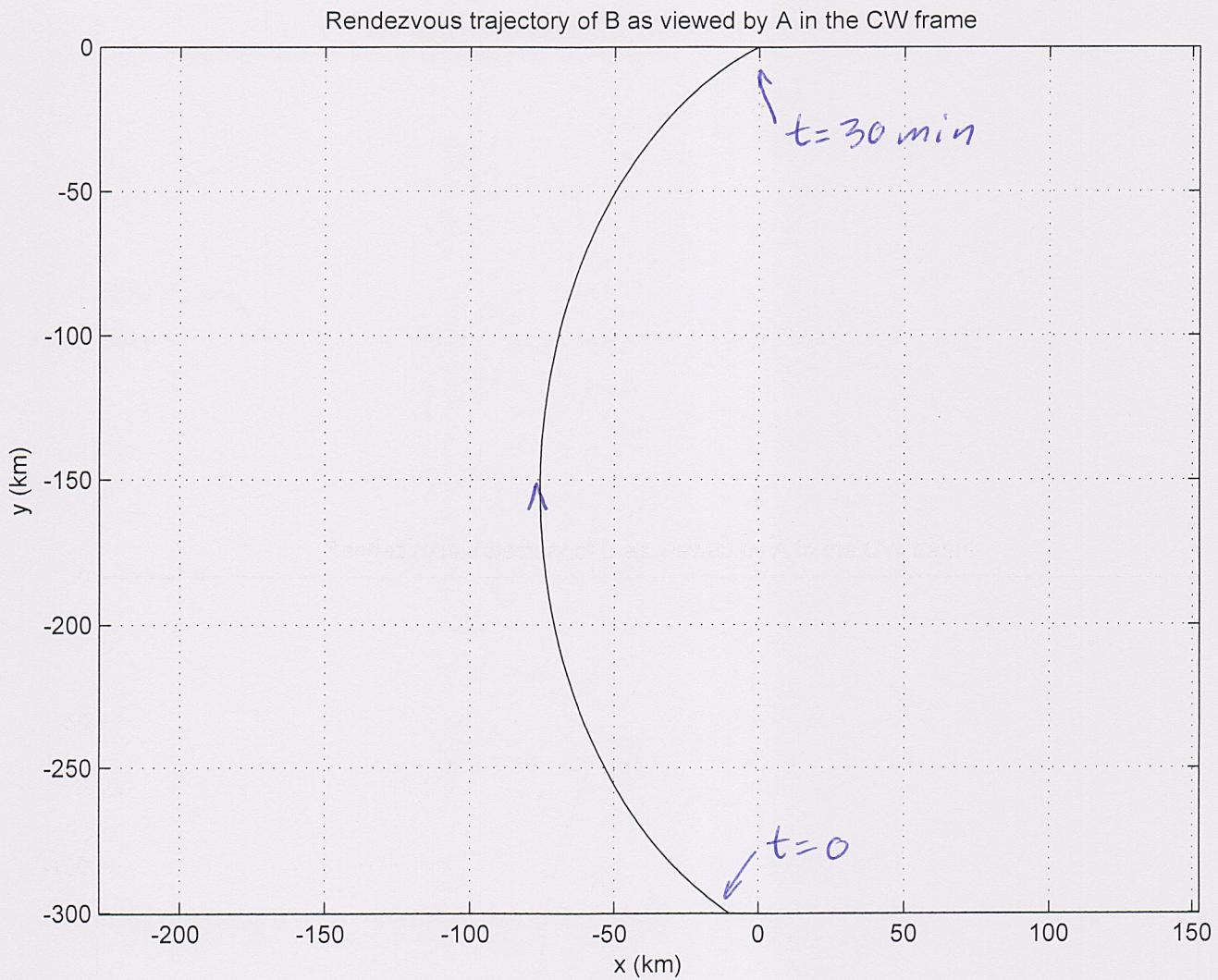
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -0.154865 \\ -0.084788 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\Delta \bar{V}_s| = \sqrt{(-0.154865)^2 + (-0.084788)^2}$$

$$|\Delta \bar{V}_s| = 0.176556 \text{ km/sec}$$

$$\Delta V_{\text{total}} = |\Delta \bar{V}_o| + |\Delta \bar{V}_f| = 0.170621 + 0.176556$$

$$\Delta V_{\text{total}} = 0.347177 \text{ km/sec}$$



2) a) Initial conditions

$$\dot{x}_0 = 0$$

$$\dot{y}_0 = 0$$

$$\dot{u}_0 = 10 \text{ m/sec} = 0.01 \text{ km/sec}$$

$$\dot{v}_0 = 0$$

Radius of ISS (and astronaut's) orbit

$$R = 6368 + 420 = 6788 \text{ km}$$

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.986 \times 10^5}{(6788)^3}} = 0.0011289 \text{ rad/sec}$$

Period of the orbit

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{n} = \frac{2\pi}{0.0011289} = 5565.76 \text{ sec} = 92.76 \text{ min}$$

The trajectory of the battery as viewed by the astronaut is obtained from (9.115 a, b) in the notes

$$\dot{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sin nt \dot{u}_0$$

$$\dot{y} = \frac{2}{n} (\cos nt - 1) \dot{u}_0$$

$$\text{At } t=T \quad \dot{x}=0$$

$$\dot{y}=0$$

The velocity of the battery as viewed by the astronaut is obtained from (9.116 a, b)

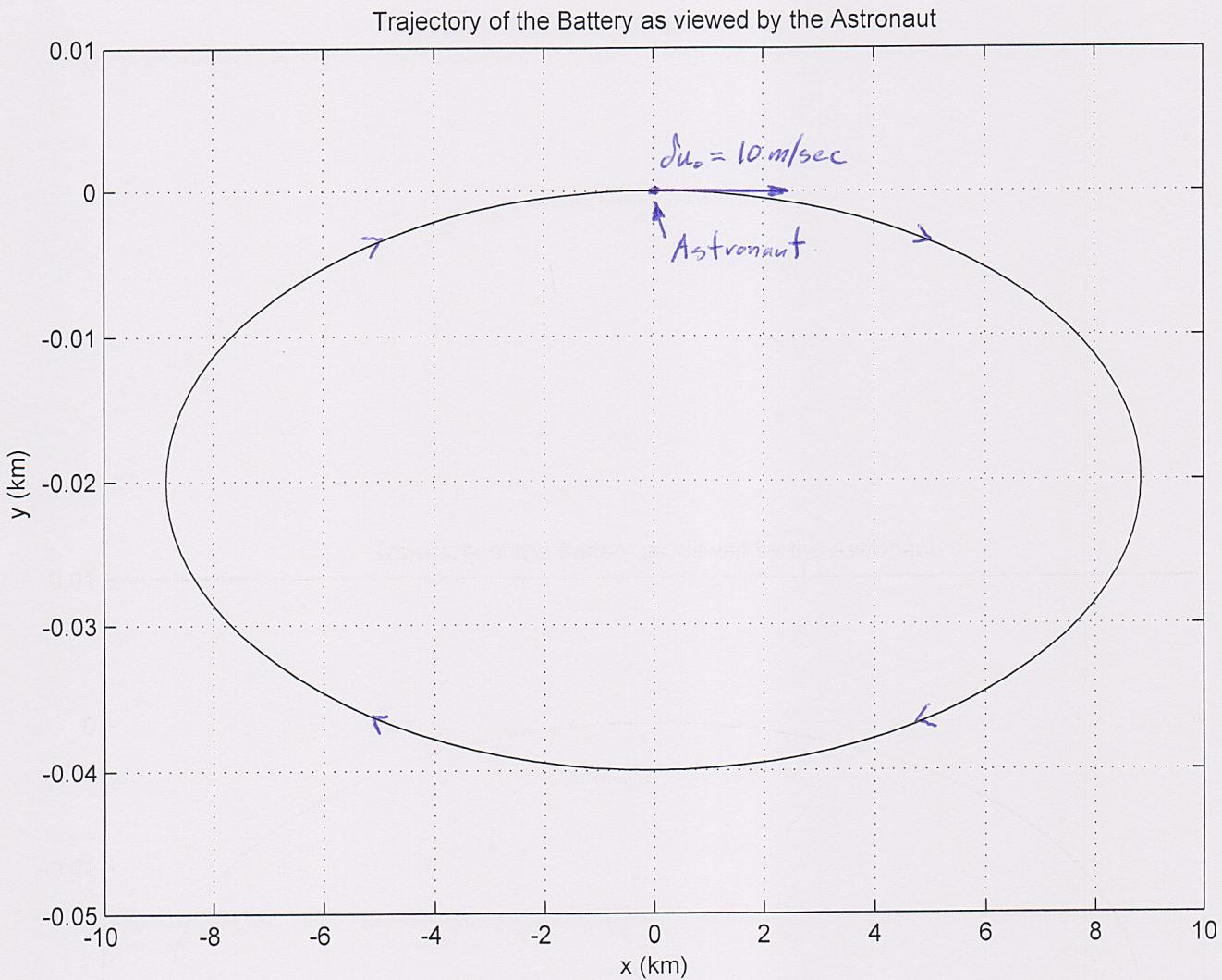
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$$\Delta u = \cos nt \Delta u_0$$

$$\Delta v = -2 \sin nt \Delta u_0$$

At  $t=T$   $\Delta u = \Delta u_0 = 10 \text{ m/sec}$   
 $\Delta v = 0$

The trajectory of the battery as viewed by the astronaut is shown below.



- b) At  $t=T=92.76 \text{ min}$ , the battery will strike the astronaut in the back with the same speed as he/she threw it.