

Final Project

Translunar Free-Return Trajectory of Artemis 2

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Problem Statement

This project aims to model a Translunar Free-Return Trajectory and is based on the Artemis 2 mission that will launch by the end of 2024. A free-return trajectory utilizes the moon as a gravity assist to “swing” around back to Earth without requiring additional burn maneuvers. The simplified model of this trajectory is as follows:

1. The Orion spacecraft will launch from Pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center atop a Space Launch System (SLS) rocket.
2. Enter Earth Parking Orbit.
3. Perform a 3-hour systems checkout period in Parking Orbit
4. Fire Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage (ICPS), otherwise known as the Translunar Injection (TLI).
5. Enter Moon Sphere of Influence
6. Pass Perilune (Periapsis, aka closest approach to moon)
7. Exit Moon Sphere of Influence
8. Earth Arrival
9. Splashdown

Mission Constraints include:

- Minimization of fuel consumption.
- Achieve Perilune altitude no closer than 100km.
- Accomplish entire mission in 14 days or less.

Simplifying Assumptions

1. Earth and moon are of finite size.
2. Spacecraft is of infinitesimal size.
3. Earth and moon have coplanar orbits.
 - a. Spacecraft and moon have coplanar orbits.
4. Moon’s orbit is nearly circular about the Earth.
5. Parking Orbit is nearly circular about the Earth.
6. Ignore effects of atmospheric drag on launch to Parking Orbit.
7. Ignore effects of drag due to solar radiation pressure.

Note: All following calculations were done in MATLAB (See Appendix)

Earth Parking Orbit

According to online sources, an optimal earth parking orbit altitude for Translunar missions are in Low Earth Orbit (LEO), which range from 160km to 2000km. An analysis of the total ΔV for a Hohmann transfer from Earth radius to different parking orbit analysis shows that LEOs save more velocity impulse, as shown in Figure 1.

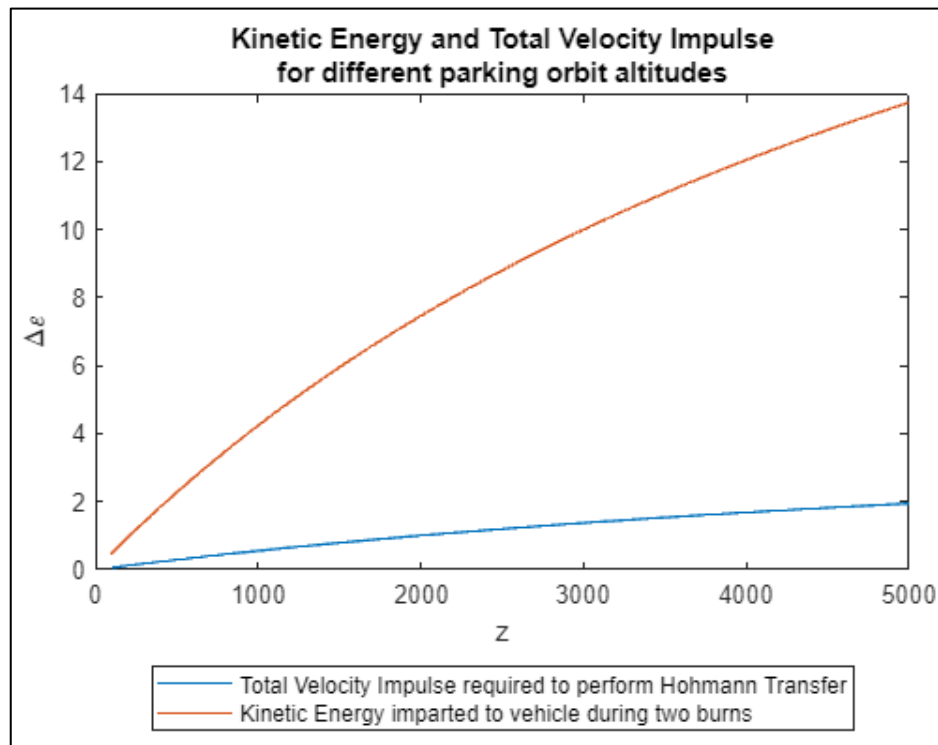


Figure 1: Kinetic Energy and Total Velocity Impulse for various parking orbit altitudes

To narrow down an optimal parking orbit, the Apollo 11 mission was used as reference. The Apollo 11 mission acquired an Earth parking orbit of about 185.9 kilometers. Since Apollo 11 was a successful mission, a parking orbit altitude of 190 kilometers was chosen. Given the altitude, we now have the outer radius, or the apogee radius, of the Hohmann Transfer ellipse. It was calculated that a ΔV of 0.0578 km/s was needed to exit Earth's radius and a ΔV of 0.0573776 km/s to circularize spacecraft Orion into the 190-kilometer earth parking orbit. It is assumed that the transfer starts at 0 degrees with respect to the earth-moon line and enters parking orbit at 180 degrees with respect to the earth-moon line. The Hohmann transfer takes 0.7198 hours to complete.

Systems Checkout

The 3-hour systems checkout will occur immediately when Orion achieves earth parking orbit. Calculating that the orbit period of Orion for the 190-kilometer parking orbit is less than 3 hours, it is required that Orion orbits the earth for two and a half times so that the systems checkout can be performed within 3 hours with extra time in case of delays. The total time is then 3 hours + 0.67873 hours, or 3.67873 hours in parking orbit.

Translunar Injection and Trajectory towards Moon Sphere of Influence

The TLI ΔV required to reach the desired patch point is 3.1674 km/s. This is performed at an angle of 0 degrees w.r.t. the earth-moon line at a flight path angle of 0 degrees (tangent to the parking orbit radius). This trajectory takes about 60.67249 hours to complete, with Orion entering the Moon's Sphere of Influence at an angle of 69 degrees w.r.t. the earth-moon line. An example of this trajectory is shown below.

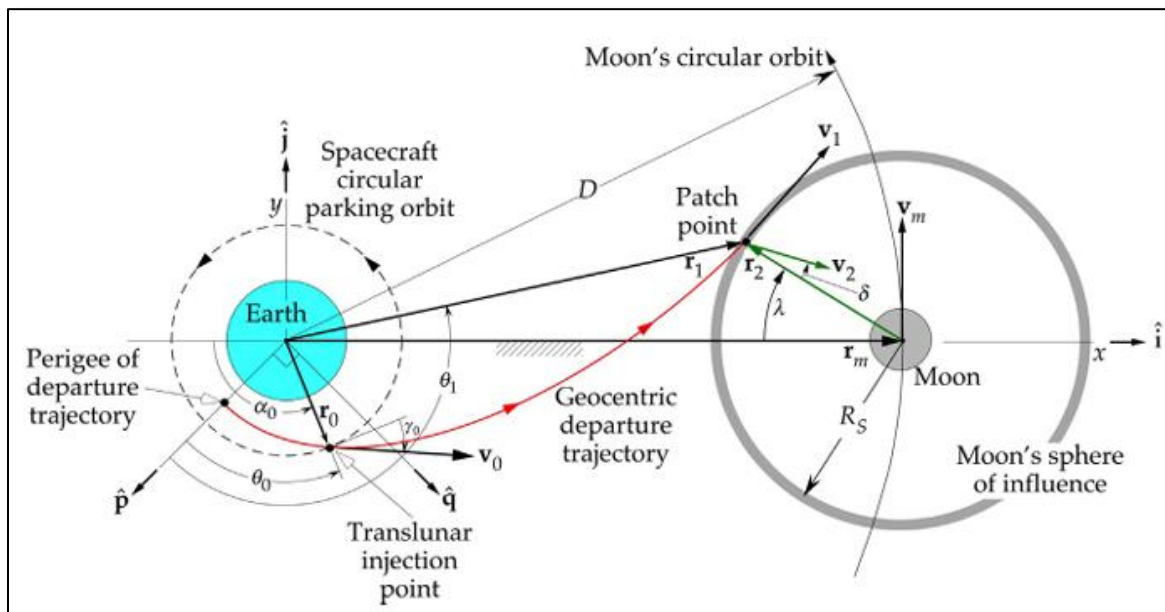


Figure 2: "Coplanar translunar trajectory from earth orbit to crossing of the moon's sphere of influence. The earth-centered xy axes do not rotate. Not to scale." – from Figure 9.2 from referenced book

Orion is launched such that the radius of the earth parking orbit is the perigee radius of the transfer trajectory from Translunar Injection to the Patch point on the Moon's sphere of influence.

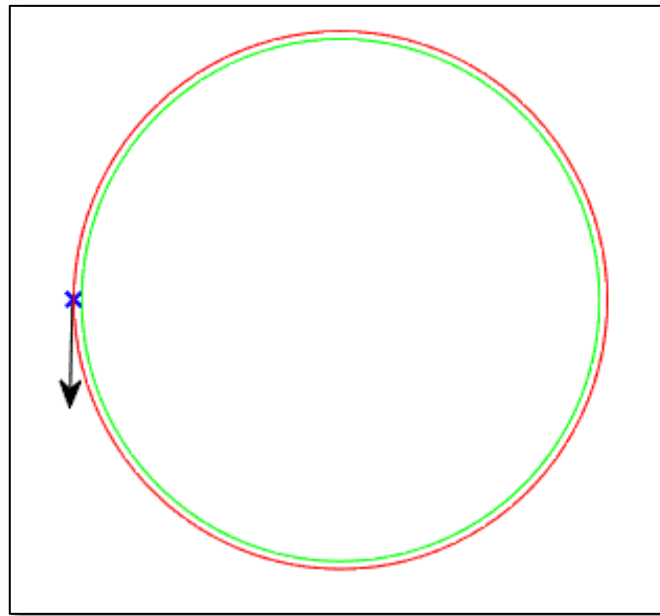


Figure 3: Earth radius (green), Earth parking orbit (red), TLI point (blue x), and direction of TLI (black arrow)

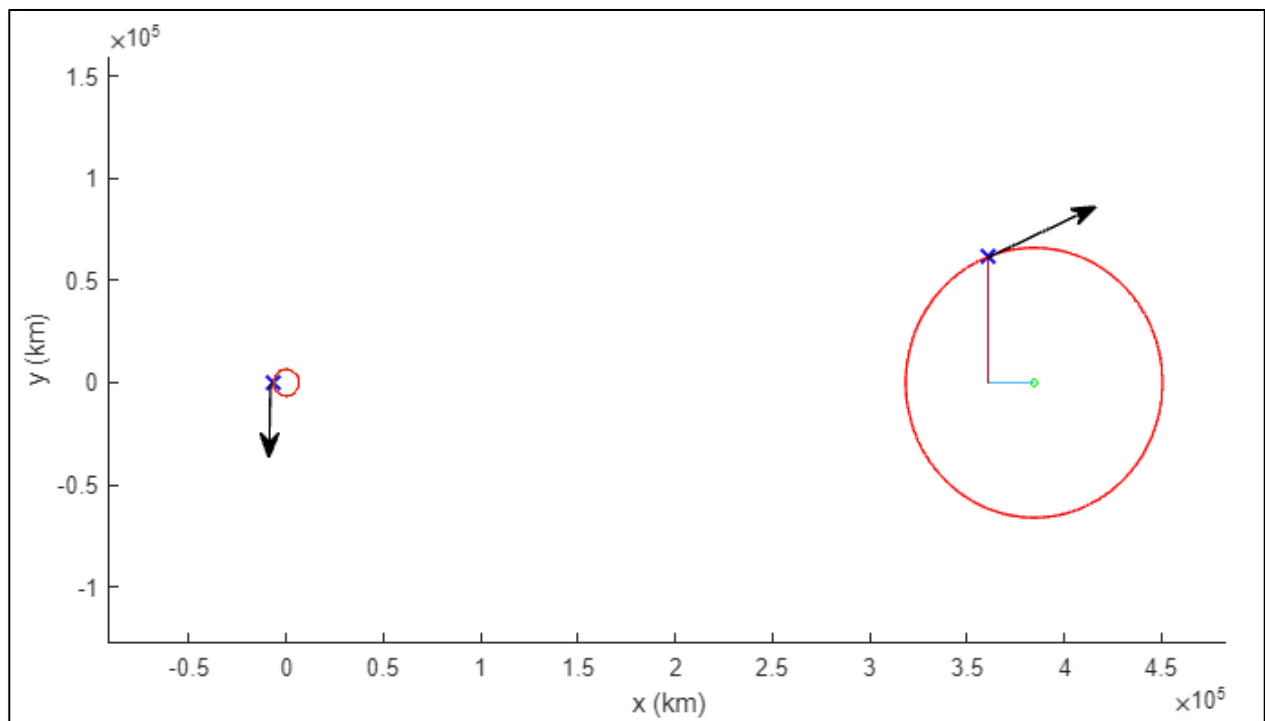


Figure 4: Parking orbit (left, red) to Moon Sphere of Influence (right, red). The Patch points (blue x's) and approximated velocity vectors and directions (black arrows) are shown.

Lunar Fly-by, Moon Centered Frame

The tangential velocity of the moon can be found given the distance of the moon from the earth. This is needed to find the relative velocity of Orion when it enters the Moon's Sphere of Influence. Using relations for the Patched Conics Method, a Perilune altitude of 19643.3533 kilometers is achieved, which is far greater than the 100-kilometer lower bound. The time elapsed from the patch point when Orion just enters the Moon's Sphere of Influence to Perilune is 11.30369 hours.

Lunar Exit, Earth Arrival

Assuming that the free-return trajectory yields a mirror trajectory of TLI to Perilune, the time elapsed from Perilune to Earth arrival is equivalent. Thus, the total time from TLI to Perilune to Earth arrival is $2 \times (60.67249 + 11.30369) = 143.95111$ hours.

Earth Splashdown

Assuming an atmospheric drag model with varying density, we can approximate the trajectory of the Orion capsule's descent into Earth's atmosphere. Using a heat shield diameter of 5.03 meters, a re-entry mass of 9,300 kilograms, a drag coefficient of 1.5, an initial altitude of 190 kilometers, and an initial velocity of 7.7903 km/s (parking orbit velocity), the trajectory of the capsule can be modelled. From this data, the time elapsed from earth entry to earth splashdown is 0.115585 hours.

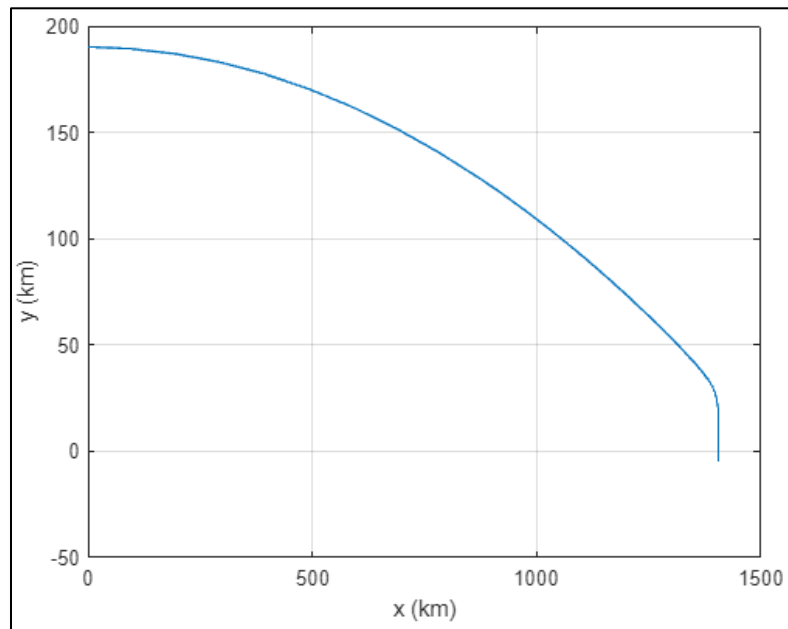


Figure 5: Trajectory of Orion Capsule descending into Earth's atmosphere

Mission Elapsed Time (MET)

Event	MET	Description
Launch	00:00:00	Launch of Orion Spacecraft
Parking Orbit Entrance/Systems-Checkout start	00:43:11	Orion enters circularized earth parking orbit of 190 km. Systems-checkout begins
Systems-Checkout end	03:43:11	Systems-checkout is completed
Translunar Injection	04:23:54	Translunar Injection of 3.1674 km/s at 0° is performed toward Lunar approach
Perilune Approach	76:22:26	Orion reaches Perilune altitude of 19643.3533 km
Earth Arrival	148:20:58	Orion arrives at earth parking orbit altitude of 190 km
Earth Splashdown	148:27:54	Orion splashes down in one of Earth's oceans

Total Mission Time = 6.1861 days > 14 days.

If Orion launches on Friday November 22nd, 2024, at 1:25:60pm, Orion will splashdown on Thursday, November 28th, 2024, at 5:53:40pm. That is *if* Orion launches on this day and that no extra delays due to weather occur.

e =

$$\frac{z}{z + 12756}$$

```
dVp = sqrt(mu/re)*(sqrt(1 + e) - 1);
dVa = sqrt(mu/ra)*(1 - sqrt(1 - e));
f1 = dVt == abs(dVp) + abs(dVa);
dVt = rhs(f1);
derdVt = diff(dVt, z)
```

derdVt =

$$\frac{5 \sqrt{3986} \left(\frac{\sigma_3 (\bar{\sigma}_2 - 1)}{2 \sigma_2} - \frac{(\sigma_2 - 1) \sigma_1}{2 \bar{\sigma}_2} \right) \sigma_4}{\sqrt{(\sigma_2 - 1) (\bar{\sigma}_2 - 1)}} - \frac{\frac{4450370593380899 \sigma_3 \sigma_5}{1125899906842624 \sigma_7} - \frac{4450370593380899 \sigma_1 \sigma_6}{1125899906842624 \bar{\sigma}_7}}{2 \sqrt{\sigma_5 \sigma_6}} - \frac{5 \sqrt{3986} |\sigma_2 - 1| (z + \bar{z} + 12756)}{2 |z + 6378|^2 \sqrt{(\bar{z} + 6378) (z + 6378)} \sigma_4}$$

where

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{1}{\bar{z} + 12756} - \frac{\bar{z}}{(\bar{z} + 12756)^2}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{z}{z + 12756}}$$

$$\sigma_3 = \frac{z}{(z + 12756)^2} - \frac{1}{z + 12756}$$

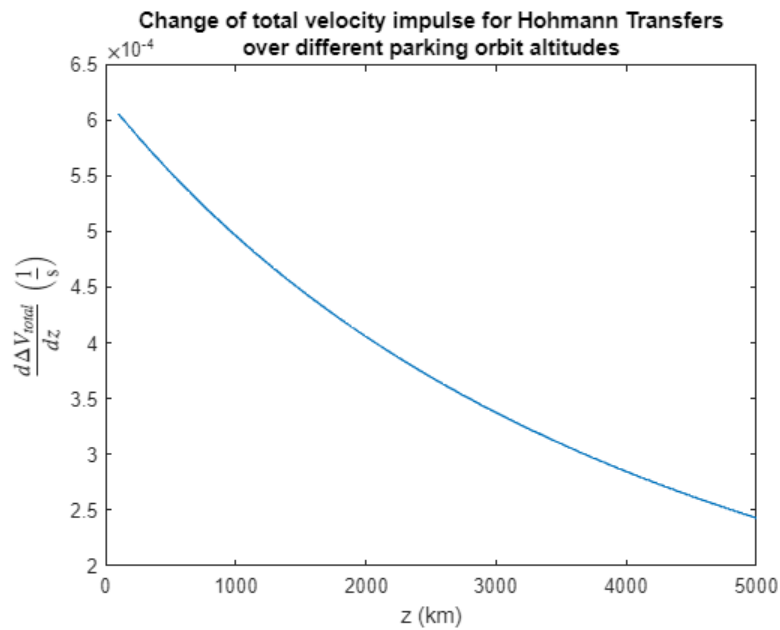
$$\sigma_4 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{|z + 6378|}}$$

$$\sigma_5 = \frac{4450370593380899 \bar{\sigma}_7}{562949953421312} - \frac{4450370593380899}{562949953421312}$$

$$\sigma_6 = \frac{4450370593380899 \sigma_7}{562949953421312} - \frac{4450370593380899}{562949953421312}$$

$$\sigma_7 = \sqrt{\frac{z}{z + 12756} + 1}$$

```
f2 = 0 == derdVt;
x = lhs(f2);
y = rhs(f2);
zs = 100:50:5000;
plot(zs, subs(y, z, zs))
title({'Change of total velocity impulse for Hohmann Transfers', 'over
different parking orbit altitudes'})
xlabel('z (km)')
ylabel('$\frac{d\Delta V_{total}}{dz} \ \ \left(\frac{1}{\rm{s}}\right)$',
Interpreter='latex')
```

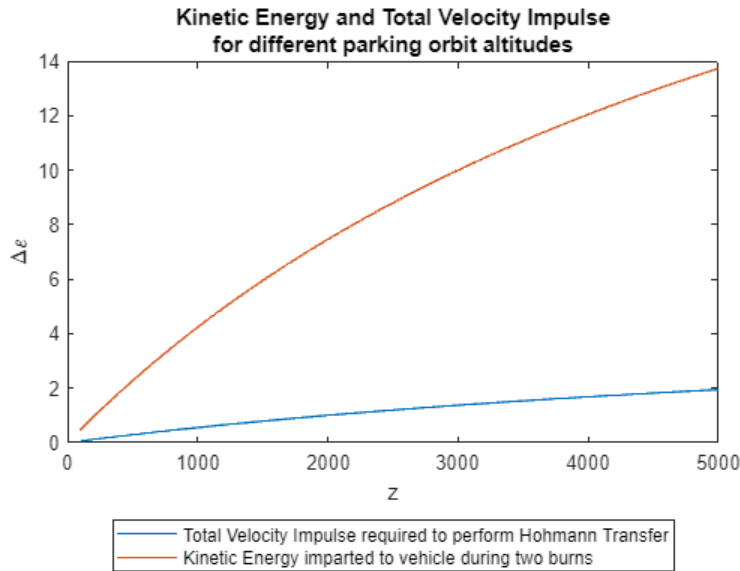


```
plot(zs, subs(dVt, z, zs))
xlabel('z')
ylabel('dVt')
hold on
syms dep
dep = (mu/2)*( (1/re) - (1/ra) )
```

dep =

$$\frac{99650}{3189} - \frac{199300}{z + 6378}$$

```
plot(zs, subs(dep, z, zs))
title({'Kinetic Energy and Total Velocity Impulse', 'for different parking orbit altitudes'})
xlabel('z')
ylabel('$\Delta \epsilon$', Interpreter='latex')
legend('Total Velocity Impulse required to perform Hohmann Transfer', 'Kinetic Energy imparted to vehicle during two burns', Location='southoutside')
hold off
```



Based on online sources, it is generally accepted that the optimal earth parking orbit is in LEO (Low Earth Orbit), which is between 160km - 2000km. Apollo 11 went into a nearly circular earth parking orbit of ~185.9 km. Since that mission was successful, a parking orbit altitude of **190km** will be used. It requires less total velocity impulse to obtain the orbit via Hohmann Transfer compared to higher LEOs, while still being high enough to avoid atmospheric drag.

Parking Orbit, 3 hour system check, and preparation for TLI

For $z = 190\text{km}$, we can get ΔV_p , ΔV_a , and ΔV_{total}

```
z_val = 190; % km
dVp_val = double(subs(dVp, z, z_val)); dVa_val = double(subs(dVa, z, z_val));
dVt_val = dVp_val + dVa_val;
disp([dVp_val, dVa_val, dVt_val])
```

```
0.057800238057830  0.057377600720562  0.115177838778392
```

```
po.r = re + z_val;
po.v = sqrt(mu/po.r);
a_transfer = (re + po.r)/2
```

```
a_transfer =
```

```
6473
```

Since $c \Delta V_p \approx \Delta V_a$, then at $z = 190\text{km}$, the velocity of our spacecraft is V_e . Since we need a 3-hour system checkout in the parking orbit, we need to make sure that the spacecraft orbits for more than 3 hours

```
sys_check = 3;    % hours
po.T = 2*pi*sqrt((po.r^3)/mu)/ (60*60) % hours
```

po = struct with fields:

```
    r: 6568
    v: 7.790262199699897
    T: 1.471493799982799
```

```
if (po.T > sys_check)
    disp('Proceed')
else
    disp('Spacecraft will orbit Earth more than once')
end
```

Spacecraft will orbit Earth more than once

```
sys_check/po.T
```

ans =

```
2.038744573735254
```

```
sys_check - (po.T * 2)
```

ans =

```
0.057012400034403
```

Assuming that the spacecraft launched at the left of the Earth (0° w.r.t. the earth-moon line) and the spacecraft reached parking orbit at the right of Earth (180° counterclockwise w.r.t. the earth-moon line), the spacecraft must stay in the parking orbit for at least 3 hours, orbiting 2 and a half times if we want to apply TLI at 0° w.r.t. the earth-moon line.

```
T.hohmann = pi*sqrt((a_transfer^3)/mu) / (60*60); % hours
T.sys = sys_check;
T.sys_to_tli = (po.T * 2.5) - sys_check
```

T = struct with fields:

```
    hohmann: 0.719841921782681
        sys: 3
    sys_to_tli: 0.678734499956997
```

Transfer from Earth to Moon, Earth Centered Frame

Find eccentricity of transfer ellipse toward Lunar radius

```
m.r = 1749; % km, radius of Moon
rp = po.r    % Perigee Radius of Transfer Ellipse
```

rp =

6568

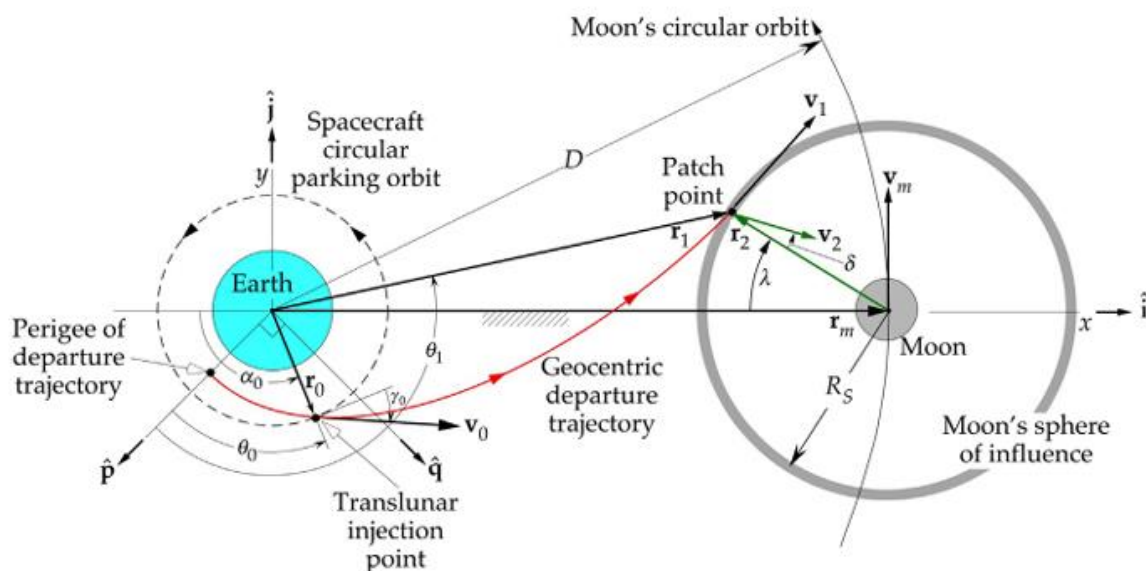
```
rem = 384400; % Apogee Radius of Transfer
Ellipse, which is approximately the % distance from the earth to
the moon
e_em = 1 - rp/rem;
a_em = rp / (1 - e_em); % Semi-major axis of earth-moon
transfer ellipse
m.soi = (0.073e24/5.97219e24)^(2/5)*(3.844e5) % Radius of Sphere of Influence
of Moon
```

m = struct with fields:

r: 1749

soi: 6.601750038582264e+04

Figure 9.2 from *Orbital Mechanics for Engineering Students, Fourth Edition* by Howard D. Curtis:



```

alpha = 0;      % Degrees
gamma = 0;      % Degrees
lam = 69;       % Degrees (guess value, preferable close to textbook examples
and Lecture Notes 17 example)
r0 = [-rp*cosd(alpha) -rp*sind(alpha) 0]      % Position Vector of
Translunar Injection

```

$r_0 = 1 \times 3$

-6568 0 0

```

r1 = [ rem - m.soi*cosd(lam) m.soi*sind(lam) 0]      % Position Vector of Patch
Point

```

$r_1 = 1 \times 3$

$10^5 \times$

3.607414437526267 0.616326461664755 0

```

x = [r0(1) r1(1)];
y = [r0(2) r1(2)];
fig1 = figure();
fig1.Position(3:4) = [1000, 500];
axis([(-1.0e4)*2 (5.0e5)*2 (-1.0e4) (5.0e5)]);
hold on
plot(x, y, Marker="x", MarkerSize=8, MarkerEdgeColor="b", LineWidth=1.5,
LineStyle="none")

```

```

te = 0: 180.0 / 50.0: 2.0 * 180.0;

```

```

% plot Earth and Moon

```

```

plot(re*sind(te), re*cosd(te), 'Color', 'g');
plot(m.r*sind(te) + rem, m.r*cosd(te), 'Color', 'g');

```

```

% plot circular earth orbit

```

```

plot(rp * sind(te), rp * cosd(te), 'Color', 'r');

```

```

% plot Moon SOI

```

```

plot((m.soi * sind(te)) + rem, (m.soi * cosd(te)), 'Color', 'r');

```

```

plot([rem r1(1)], [0 0])

```

```

plot([r1(1) r1(1)], [0 r1(2)])

```

```

annotation("arrow", [0.7384 0.8135], [0.644 0.715])

```

```

annotation("arrow", [0.2428 0.2416], [0.469 0.3675])

```

```

xlim([-91787 483976])

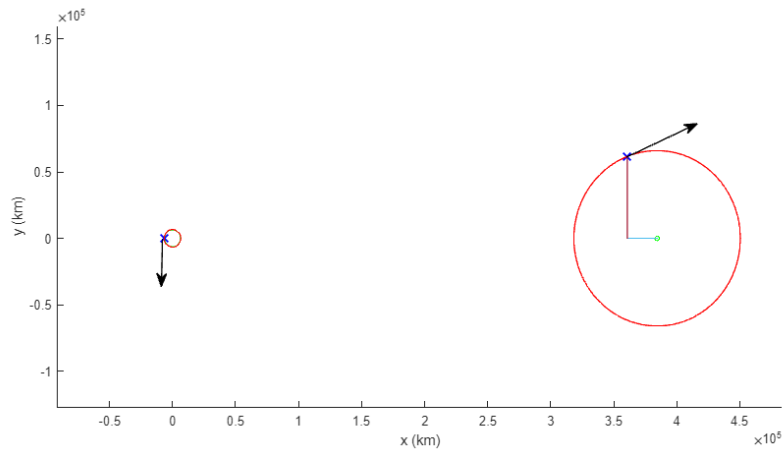
```

```

ylim([-127609 160273])

```

```
xlabel('x (km)')
ylabel('y (km)')
hold off
```



Unit vectors of position vectors r_0 and r_1

```
r0mag = norm(r0);
u0 = r0/r0mag;
r1mag = norm(r1);
u1 = r1/r1mag;
```

Sweep angle:

$$\cos(\Delta\theta) = \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{r_0} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{r_1}$$

```
sweep = acosd(dot(u0, u1)) % degrees
```

sweep =

```
1.703046324184772e+02
```

```
h1 = (sqrt(mu*r0mag))*(sqrt( (1 - cosd(sweep)) / ((r0mag/r1mag) +
sind(sweep)*tand(gamma) - cosd(sweep)) ));
```

Lagrange Coefficients:

```
f = 1 - (mu*r1mag/(h1^2))*(1 - cosd(sweep));
g = (r0mag*r1mag/h1)*(sind(sweep));
g_dot = 1 - (mu*r0mag/(h1^2))*(1 - cosd(sweep));
```


Velocity vectors

```
v0 = (1/g)*(r1 - f.*r0)
```

```
v0 = 1×3
```

```
0.00000000000000031 10.957628977787843 0
```

```
v0mag = norm(v0)
```

```
v0mag =
```

```
10.957628977787843
```

```
vr0 = dot(v0, u0);
```

```
v1 = (1/g)*(g_dot.*r1 - r0)
```

```
v1 = 1×3
```

```
0.932727152883535 -0.040148601701853 0
```

```
v1mag = norm(v1)
```

```
v1mag =
```

```
0.933590837543321
```

```
vr1 = dot(v1, u1);
```

```
dV0 = sqrt(po.v^2 + v0mag^2 - 2*po.v*v0mag*cosd(gamma)) % Delta V (TLI)
```

```
dV0 =
```

```
3.167366778087945
```

```
e1 = (1/mu)*((v0mag^2 - (mu/r0mag))*r0 - r0mag*vr0*v0); % Eccentricity vector  
of translunar trajectory
```

```
e1mag = norm(e1) % Eccentricity of  
translunar trajectory
```

```
e1mag =
```

```
0.978468008850911
```

Perifocal Unit Vectors

```
p1 = e1/e1mag;
```

```
w1 = cross(r1, v1)/h1;
q1 = cross(w1, p1);
a1 = (h1^2/mu)*(1/(1 - (e1mag)^2)) % Semimajor axis of transfer ellipse
```

```
a1 =
    3.050344928401090e+05
```

```
T1 = 2*pi*sqrt((a1^3)/mu) % Period of Translunar Trajectory in
Seconds
```

```
T1 =
    1.676620023006308e+06
```

```
theta0 = acosd(dot(p1, u0));
theta1 = theta0 + sweep;
```

Time of TLI and time of arrival at patch point:

```
Tterm = T1/(2*pi);
eterm = sqrt((1 - e1mag)/(1 + e1mag));
term0 = 2*atan(eterm*tand(theta0/2));
t0 = Tterm*( term0 - (e1mag*sin(term0)) );
term1 = 2*atan(eterm*tand(theta1/2));
t1 = Tterm*( term1 - (e1mag*sin(term1)) );
T.tli = t1 - t0
```

T = struct with fields:

```
hohmann: 0.719841921782681
sys: 3
sys_to_tli: 0.678734499956997
tli: 2.184209472894811e+05
```

Here, $\Delta t_1 = t_1 - t_0 = t_1$ because we applied TLI at $\alpha_o = 0^\circ$

Moon-Centered Frame

Now we can treat this problem like a Lunar Flyby.

```
m.mu = 4.90487e3; % Gravitational Parameter of Moon
```

The angular speed of the Moon w.r.t to the Earth can be estimated to be the tangential velocity for a rotating frame and assuming a circular orbit

```
m.V = [0 sqrt(mu/rem) 0]
```

```
m = struct with fields:
```

```
    r: 1749
```

```
   soi: 6.601750038582264e+04
```

```
   mu: 4.904870000000000e+03
```

```
    V: [0 1.018302846300942 0]
```

Velocity at arrival point relative to the Moon

```
r2 = [ -m.soi*cosd(lam) m.soi*sind(lam) 0]    % Position Vector of Lunar
Arrival relative to Moon
```

```
r2 = 1×3
```

```
104 ×
```

```
    -2.365855624737333    6.163264616647548    0
```

```
r2mag = norm(r2);
u2 = r2/r2mag; % Unit Vector of r2
v2 = v1 - m.V
```

```
v2 = 1×3
```

```
    0.932727152883535   -1.058451448002795    0
```

```
v2mag = norm(v2)
```

```
v2mag =
```

```
    1.410779716860658
```

```
vr2 = dot(v2, u2);
h2 = cross(r2, v2);
h2mag = norm(h2);
e2 = ((cross(v2, h2))/m.mu) - u2;
e2mag = norm(e2)    % eccentricity of hyperbola
```

```
e2mag =
```

```
    9.032513345826672
```

Perilune Radius and Altitude

```
m rp = ((h2mag^2)/m.mu)*(1/(1+ e2mag))
```

m = struct with fields:

```
    r: 1749
   soi: 6.601750038582264e+04
    mu: 4.904870000000000e+03
    V: [0 1.018302846300942 0]
   rp: 2.139235332970537e+04
```

```
m.z = m.rp - m.r;
disp("Perilune Altitude = " + m.z + " > 100km")
```

Perilune Altitude = 19643.3533 > 100km

Perifocal Unit Vector

```
p2 = (e2/e2mag);
```

True anomaly of patch point on lunar approach hyperbola, measured positive clockwise from perilune

```
theta2 = 360 - acosd(dot(p2, u2))
```

theta2 =

```
2.844304377804260e+02
```

Time relative to Perilune at patch point

```
one = (h2mag^3)/((m.mu^2)*(((e2mag^2) - 1)^(3/2)));
e2term = sqrt((e2mag - 1)/(e2mag + 1));
term2 = 2*atanh(e2term*tand(theta2/2));
t2 = one*( (e2mag*sinh(term2)) - 2*term2 )
```

t2 =

```
-4.069105014836327e+04
```

Since this is time *until* Perilune, the elapsed time from the Patch Point to Perilune is

```
T.perilune = 0 - t2
```

T = struct with fields:

```
    hohmann: 0.719841921782681
        sys: 3
    sys_to_tli: 0.678734499956997
        tli: 2.184209472894811e+05
    perilune: 4.069105014836327e+04
```

Lunar Exit and Earth return

```
T.tli = T.tli/(60*60);           % hours
T.perilune = T.perilune/(60*60); % hours
```

Assuming that the return trajectory is a mirror of the approach trajectory, then the time elapsed from TLI to Earth Orbit Return is

```
T.translunar = 2*(T.tli + T.perilune)
```

T = struct with fields:

```
    hohmann: 0.719841921782681
        sys: 3
    sys_to_tli: 0.678734499956997
        tli: 60.672485358189185
    perilune: 11.303069485656463
    translunar: 1.439511096876913e+02
```

Earth Splashdown

Assume that the spacecraft has

```
global beta rho0 H ge
A = 19.87e-6;
ms = 9300;
Cd = 1.5
```

Cd =

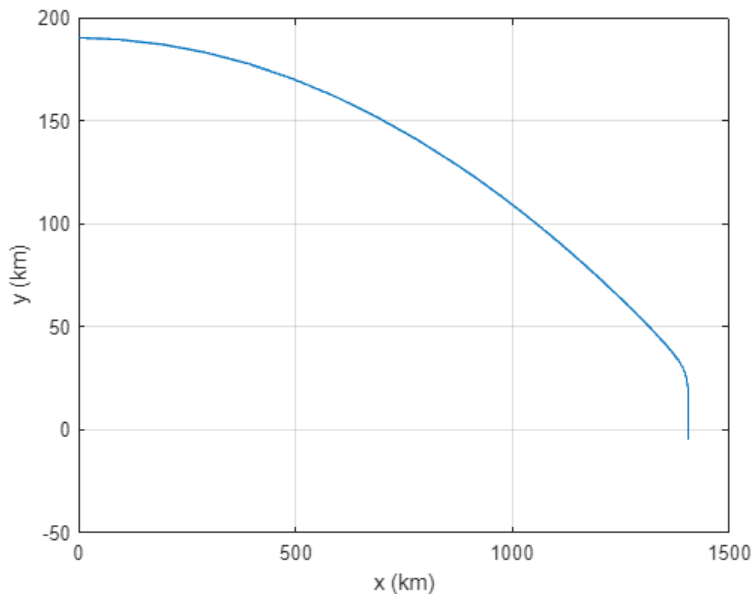
```
1.500000000000000
```

```

rho0 = 1.28e9;
H = 9;
y0 = 190;
gamma = 0;
v0 = po.v; % assume parking orbit velocity as initial velocity
ge = 9.81e-3;
beta = (Cd*A)/(2*ms);
tspan = [0 500];
yi = [v0*cosd(gamma) v0*sind(gamma) 0 y0];
[ts, y] = ode45(@yprime, tspan, yi);

fig2 = figure();
plot(y(:, 3), y(:, 4))
xlabel('x (km)')
ylabel('y (km)')
grid

```



```
T.splashdown = ts(148) / (60*60)
```

T = struct with fields:

```

    hohmann: 0.719841921782681
        sys: 3
    sys_to_tli: 0.678734499956997
        tli: 60.672485358189185
    perilune: 11.303069485656463

```

```
translunar: 1.439511096876913e+02
```

```
splashdown: 0.115585012672365
```

Mission Parameters

```
T.total = T.hohmann + T.sys + T.sys_to_tli + T.translunar + T.splashdown;
total = T.total / 24;
T.begin = caldays(0) + hours(0.0);
T.launch = time(T.begin);
T.parking = time(T.begin + hours(T.hohmann));
T.system_check_end = T.parking + hours(T.sys);
T.TranslunarInjection = T.system_check_end + hours(T.sys_to_tli);
T.Perilune = T.TranslunarInjection + hours(T.tli) + hours(T.perilune);
T.EarthArrival = T.TranslunarInjection + hours(T.translunar);
T.Splashdown = T.EarthArrival + hours(T.splashdown);
fields = {'hohmann', 'sys', 'sys_to_tli', 'tli', 'perilune', 'translunar',
'splashdown', 'total'};
T = rmfield(T, fields);
T
```

T = struct with fields:

```
begin: 0d
launch: 00:00:00
parking: 00:43:11
system_check_end: 03:43:11
TranslunarInjection: 04:23:54
Perilune: 76:22:26
EarthArrival: 148:20:58
Splashdown: 148:27:54
```

```
disp("Total Mission time = " + total + " days")
```

Total Mission time = 6.1861 days

```
disp("Delta V required for Translunar Injection Burn = " + dV0 + " km/s at a
flight path angle of " + gamma + " degrees")
```

Delta V required for Translunar Injection Burn = 3.1674 km/s at a flight path angle of 0 degrees

```
disp("Altitude of Perilune Approach = " + m.z + " km")
```

Altitude of Perilune Approach = 19643.3533 km

```
function yp = yprime(ts,y)
global beta rho0 H ge
rho = rho0*exp(-y(4)/H);
v = sqrt(y(1)^2 + y(2)^2);
yp = [-beta*rho*v*y(1);
      -beta*rho*v*y(2) - ge;
      y(1);
      y(2)];
end
```