

• Homework 5

Determine the minimum-time continuous-thrust transfer from an initial orbit of radius 7000 km to a final orbit of radius 42164 km (GEO)

(using the canonical units DU and TU in integrations)

with the following propulsion parameters

$$c = 20 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\text{and } u_T^{(\max)} = 0.05 g_0$$

Local search on $\{\lambda_{10}, \lambda_{30}, \lambda_{40}, t_f\}$ can be performed, for instance using `fmincon` in Matlab, starting from the following guess values

$$\lambda_{10}^{(g)} = -1$$

$$\lambda_{30}^{(g)} = 0.2$$

$$\lambda_{40}^{(g)} = -1$$

$$t_f^{(g)} = 10 \text{ (TU)}$$

Plot the time histories of

- (i) radius
- (ii) velocity components v_r, v_t
- (iii) thrust pointing angle
- (iv) transfer trajectory