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INTRODUCTION

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1. SIMULATION OF ORBITS WITH CLASSICAL ELEMENTS

1.1 Introduction

- keplers three laws
- perifocal frame
- The true anomaly θ is the angle taken at the focus of the perifocal frame to the satellite from the perigee. The eccentric anomaly E is the angle taken at the centre of perifocal frame to the satellite from the perigee.
- The mean anomaly M_t is the mean number of orbits per day.
- LEO,MEO
- TLE's

1.2 Methodology

From Kepler's second law, the mean anomaly at time t is calculated using the mean motion n from an epoch time described by $M_0(t_0)$.

$$M_t = M_0 + n(t - t_0) \quad (1)$$

To solve for the eccentric anomaly, newtons method was used

$$E_{i+1} = E_i - \frac{f(E_i)}{f'(E_i)} \quad (2)$$

$$E_{i+1} = E_i - \frac{E - e \sin(E_i) - M_t}{1 - e \cos(E_i)} \quad (3)$$

1.3 Results/Discussion

1.3.1 Van Allen Probes

The satellite RBSP-A, also known as the Van Allen Probes, is in a highly eccentric orbit. RBSP-A has a perigee in LEO at an altitude of 596 km and an apogee in MEO at an altitude of 30421 km assuming a spherical Earth.

1.3.2 Orbital Properties

Table 1.1: Orbital Properties - maybe put in classical parameters

Orbital Properties	Van Allen Probe	Other sat
Period		
Altitude at Perigee		
Altitude at Apogee		

2. SIMULATING PERTURBATIONS

2.1 Introduction

2.2 Methodology

2.3 Results/Discussion

3. ORBITAL DETERMINATION

3.1 Introduction

3.2 Methodology

3.3 Results/Discussion

4. CONCLUSIONS

REFERENCES

5. APPENDIX