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$$m \cdot \ddot{\vec{r}} = F = -G \cdot \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

G ist die *universal gravity constant*: $6.674 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{Nm^2}{kg^2}$

$$\ddot{\vec{r}} = \frac{\mu}{\|\vec{r}\|^2}$$

μ is the gravity constant of the specific gravity attractor.

μ_E ist die *gravity constant of earth*: $398600 \frac{km^3}{s^2}$, außerdem gilt: $\mu_E = G \cdot m_E$

m_E ist die *mass of earth*: $5.97219 \cdot 10^{24} kg$

Die Lösungen dieser Gleichung sind Kegelschnitte.

$$r = \frac{p}{1 + \varepsilon \cdot \cos \varphi}$$

r ist radius towards focal point

ε eccentricity of the orbit p parameters (spatial extensions of orbit)

φ true anomaly

Interrelationships between parameters:

r_a apocenter, r_p pericenter

$$a = \frac{p}{1 - \varepsilon^2} \Rightarrow p = a(1 - \varepsilon^2) = r_p(1 + \varepsilon) = r_a(1 - \varepsilon)$$

$$a = \frac{r_a + r_p}{2}, r_a = a(1 + \varepsilon), r_p = a(1 - \varepsilon)$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{r_a - r_p}{r_a + r_p}$$

For the specific case of circular orbits:

- gravitational acceleration in distance a to gravitational center: $\frac{\mu}{a^2}$
- centrifugal acceleration: $\omega^2 \cdot r$ with $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ angular velocity and T the orbital period

$$\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 \cdot a \Rightarrow \frac{\mu}{a^2} = \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 \cdot a \Rightarrow T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}}$$

which also holds for general ellipses

$$v_{\text{circle}} = \frac{2\pi a}{T} = \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}}$$

Potential energy: $E_{\text{pot}} = \frac{-\mu m}{r} + C$

Kinetic energy: $E_{\text{kin}} = \frac{mv^2}{2}$

$$E = E_{\text{kin}} + E_{\text{pot}} = \frac{mv^2}{2} - \frac{\mu m}{r} \stackrel{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 1, \\ v_a \rightarrow 0, \\ r_a \rightarrow 2a}}{=} -\frac{\mu m}{2a} (\text{constant})$$

v_a velocity at apocenter

Binet's equation, Vis-Viva equation:

$$v = \sqrt{\mu \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a} \right)}$$

For circles: $r = a$, $v = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a}}$

v first cosmic velocity: needed to bring a satellite on closed orbit (without perturbing forces, just gravity considered). In case of earth: $r = 6378 \text{ km}$, $\mu_E = 398600 \frac{\text{km}^3}{\text{s}^2}$
 $\Rightarrow 7.905 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$ required as minimum velocity from the rocket launch to insert into an earth orbit.

A rocket launch in equatorial direction and in rotation direction of earth, we receive a velocity component $0.463 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$ for free earth rotation rate.

For parabola: $a \rightarrow \infty$, $v = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r}}$ v second cosmic velocity (escape velocity): is the minimum velocity applied to leave the gravitational field of the home planet. For earth: $11.179 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$

Derive position of the satellite in the orbit plane, e.g. we want the true anomaly φ as the function of time $\varphi = f(t)$. There is no explicit solution but only an algorithm using the support variable eccentric anomaly E can be derived.

Keplers equation:

$$E - \varepsilon \cdot \sin(E) = \frac{2\pi}{T}(t - t_{\text{perigee}}) = M(t)$$

$M(t)$ average anomaly at time t , can be solved by numerical methods. From E , you can calculate r and φ as follows:

$$r \sin \varphi = a \sin E \cdot \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}$$

$$r \cos \varphi = a(\cos E - \varepsilon)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \frac{\varphi}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon}} \cdot \tan \frac{E}{2}$$

$$r = a(1 - \varepsilon \cos E)$$

Satellite Ground Tracks:

Analyse the triangle KFB in spherical coordinates.

θ latitude: $\sin \theta = \sin i \sin(\omega + \varphi)$

λ longitude: $\cos \lambda_1 = \frac{\cos(\omega + \varphi)}{\cos \theta}$

$$\lambda = \lambda_1 + \Omega + \lambda_G$$

$$\lambda_G = \lambda_{G0} - 0.25068448^\circ / \text{min} \cdot t \quad (\text{Greenwich position versus } \gamma)$$

Draw the line from the satellite to earth center, the intersection with surface is specified by θ and λ (subsatellite point).

Perturbations:
gravitational potential of earth

$$u(r, \phi, \Lambda)$$

u gravitational at distance r and latitude ϕ and longitude Λ of the position.

$$u(r, \phi, \Lambda) = \frac{\mu}{r} \left(1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{R_E}{r} \right)^n \cdot J_2 \cdot P_{n0} \cos \phi + \sum_{m=1}^n \left(\frac{R_e}{r} \right)^n \cdot (C_{nm} \cos(m\Lambda) + S_{nm} \sin(m\Lambda)) \cdot P_{nm}(\cos \phi) \right] \right)$$

spherical harmonic expansion with:

r distance from the earth center

P_{nm} Legendre polynomials

R_E radius of earth $6378km$

J_n, C_{nm}, S_{nm} constants of body reflecting the mass distribution:

J_n zonal harmonic coefficient (mass distribution independent from longitude)

C_{nm}, S_{nm} earth's tesseral harmonic coefficients (for $n \neq m$) or earth's sectoral harmonic coefficients (for $n = m$)

By far, the largest coefficient is J_n (related to equatorial bulge) by 3 orders of magnitude.

Example: Molniya orbits of $63, 4^\circ$ have minimum change in position of perigee and apogee.

Additional gravitational fields:

by other bodies in the solar system

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