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# **Spacecraft System Design**

## Tafelanschriften

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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*:  $6.674 \cdot 10^{-11} \frac{Nm^2}{kg^2}$

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

$\mu$  is the gravity constant of the specific gravity attractor.

$\mu_E$  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

$\varepsilon$  eccentricity of the orbit  $p$  parameters (spatial extensions of orbit)

$\varphi$  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  $\varphi$  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  $\varphi$  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.

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

$\lambda$  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  $\theta$  and  $\lambda$  (subsattellite point).

**Perturbations:**

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