Home Work #2

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1 Question 1

The space shuttle weighs approximately 12.5 tons, whose thrusters can simultaneously produce a total thrust of 53400 Newtons for orbital maneuvers. Assuming that the shuttle is initially in a 300 Km (altitude) circular Earth orbit, it is desired to use a single impulse to transfer the shuttle to a 250×300 Km elliptical orbit.

1.1 part a

$$h = \sqrt{2\mu} \sqrt{\frac{r_a r_p}{r_a + r_p}}$$

$$v = \frac{h}{r}$$

First orbit (circular):

$$r = 6678$$

For first circular orbit $r_a = r_p$.

$$h = 51593 \rightarrow v = 7.7258_{km/sec}$$

Second orbit (elliptical):

$$r_p = 6628, \quad r_a = 6678$$

$$h = 51496 \rightarrow v_a = 7.7113_{km/sec}$$

$$\Delta v = v_a - v = 0.0145_{km/sec}$$

1.2 part b

$$T = \frac{m\Delta v}{\Delta t} \rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{m\Delta v}{T} = 0.0034_{\rm sec}$$

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Assuming the velocity is the mean velocity of circular and elliptical velocity.

$$v_{mean} = \frac{v_{circular} + v_{elliptical}}{2} = 7.7186_{km/sec}$$

distance =
$$v_{mean} \times \Delta t \pm \Delta v \Delta t = 7.7186_{km/sec} \times 0.0034_{sec} \pm 0.0145_{km/sec} \times 0.0034_{sec}$$

= $0.0268_{km} \pm 4.9415 \times 10_{km}^{-5}$

1.4 part d

Period of the first Orbit:

$$\tau_1 = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r^3}} = 864.3726_{\text{sec}} \to \frac{\Delta t}{\tau_1} = 3.9347 \times 10^{-6}$$

Period of the second Orbit:

$$\tau_2 = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}} = 859.5233_{\text{sec}} \to \frac{\Delta t}{\tau_1} = 3.9569 \times 10^{-6}$$

1.5 part e

Assume:

$$C_1 = C_2 = 2\pi r = 4.1959e + 04 \rightarrow \frac{\Delta d}{C_1} = 1.1777 \times 10^{-9}$$

2 Question 2

We know that $r_1 = r_2$, $\theta_1 = 90^{\circ}$, $\theta_2 = 0$, and $e_1 = e_2 = e$.

$$r_1 = \frac{h_1^2}{\mu} \frac{1}{1 + e_1 \cos(\theta_1)} = r_2 = \frac{h_2^2}{\mu} \frac{1}{1 + e_1 \cos(\theta_2)} \xrightarrow{\theta_1 = 90^\circ, \ \theta_2 = 0} \frac{h_1^2}{1 + e} \Rightarrow \frac{h_1^2}{1 + e} = h_2^2 \rightarrow h_2 = \frac{h_1}{\sqrt{1 + e}}$$

3 Question 3

$$r_p = 8000, \ r_a = 13000e = \frac{r_a - r_p}{r_a + r_p}, \ a = \frac{r_a + r_p}{2}, \ \tau = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}}$$

Spacecraft 1:

$$r_{0} = \frac{h^{2}}{\mu} \frac{1}{1 + e_{1} \cos(\theta_{0})}, \ r_{2} == \frac{h^{2}}{\mu} \frac{1}{1 + e_{1} \cos(\theta_{2})}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{0} \cos(\theta_{0}) & r_{0} \sin(\theta_{0}) & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{r}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{2} \cos(\theta_{2}) & r_{2} \sin(\theta_{2}) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{0} = \frac{\mu}{h} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\theta_{0}) & e + \cos(\theta_{0}) & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \ \mathbf{v}_{2} = \frac{\mu}{h} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\theta_{2}) & e + \cos(\theta_{2}) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Spacecraft 2:

$$E = 2 \arctan\left(\sqrt{\frac{1-e}{1+e}}\tan(\theta/2)\right), \ M_e = E - e\sin(E), \ M = \frac{2\pi}{\tau}t \xrightarrow{\theta_2 = \pi/2} t_1 = 542.785_{\text{sec}}, \ t_2 = 1873.138_{\text{sec}}$$

Furthermore, I Used lambert's formulas to solve the problem, taking r0, r2, and delta t to lambert's formulas as input for the function.

$$\mathbf{v}_{0l} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.7240 & 9.4690 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{km}{sec}, \ \mathbf{v}_{2l} = \begin{bmatrix} -7.8503 & 4.3427 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{km}{sec}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{v}_{0l} - \mathbf{v}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -2.7240 & 1.6149 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{km}{sec}, \ \Delta \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_{2l} - \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.5066 & 2.8323 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{km}{sec}$$

4 Question 4

$$r_{ap} = \begin{bmatrix} 9798 & 5657 & 11314 \end{bmatrix}, \ \boldsymbol{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 0.2 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = \frac{r_{ap}}{2}$$

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{r}_{ap}.\boldsymbol{v}}{r_{ap}v}\right)$$

There is 2 equations and 2 unknowns, so we can solve it by using MATLAB.

$$\frac{h^2}{\mu} = a(1 - e^2), \ v_r = \frac{\mu}{h}e\sin\theta \to e = 0.0656, \ h = 56348$$

4.1 part a

$$r = \frac{h^2}{\mu} \frac{1}{(1 + e \cos \theta)} = \frac{h^2}{\mu (1 + e \cos \theta)} = 7667.5 \frac{km}{\text{sec}}$$

5 part b

$$v_{\perp} = \frac{h}{r} = 3.5217 \frac{km}{\text{sec}}$$

$$\gamma = \arctan\left(\frac{v_r}{v_{\perp}}\right) = 0.1058_{\text{rad}}$$

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