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Find:  $a, e, p, i, \omega, \Omega, r, v, \gamma, \theta^*, M, E, (t - t_p)$

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clear
close all
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% Initial Position vector in Inertial Coordinates [R_earth]
r1      = [2.12; 2.73; -0.6];

% Initial Velocity vector in Inertial Coordinates [km/s]
v1      = [-3.4; 1.62; 2.9];

% Earth Radius [km]
R_earth = 6378.1363;

% Earth Gravitational Parameter [km^3/s^2]
mu_earth = 398600.4415;

% Calculate energy
energy   = norm(v1)^2/2 - (mu_earth/(R_earth*norm(r1)));

% Calculate semi major axis [km]
a        = -mu_earth/(2*energy);
fprintf('The semi major axis is %.2f Earth Radii', a/R_earth);
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The semi major axis is 4.79 Earth Radii

$$e = \frac{-\mu}{2a} = \frac{v_1^2}{2} - \frac{\mu}{r_1}$$

$$a = \frac{-\mu}{2e} = 4.79 [R_{earth}]$$

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% Calculate angular momentum vector
h_vec   = cross(r1*R_earth,v1);

% Angular momentum magntiude
h       = norm(h_vec);

% Calculate eccentricity
e       = sqrt(1 + 2*energy*h^2/mu_earth^2);
fprintf('Eccentricity is %.3f ', e)
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Eccentricity is 0.375

$$h = |\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{v}_1|$$

$$e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\epsilon h^2}{\mu^2}} = 0.375$$

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% Calculate semi latus rectum
p       = a*(1 - e^2);
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fprintf('Semi latus rectum is %.3f Earth Radii',p/R_earth);
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Semi latus rectum is 4.122 Earth Radii

$$p = a(1 - e^2) = 4.12 [R_{earth}]$$

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% Angular momentum unit vector
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h_hat = h_vec/h;
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% Calculate inclination angle, choose positive sign
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i = acosd(h_hat(3));
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fprintf('The inclination angle is %.2f deg',i)
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The inclination angle is 37.60 deg

$$\hat{h} = \frac{\bar{r}_1 \times \bar{v}_1}{|\bar{r}_1 \times \bar{v}_1|} = \sin \Omega \sin i \hat{x} - \cos \Omega \sin i \hat{y} + \cos i \hat{z} = .5538\hat{x} - 0.2560\hat{y} + 0.7923\hat{z} [km^2/s]$$

$$i = \cos^{-1} 0.7923 = 37.6 [deg]$$

Note: The positive inclination angle was chosen (inverse cosine yields a +/- result)

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% Calculate RAAN
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RAAN = atan2d(h_hat(1),-h_hat(2));
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fprintf('The RAAN is %.3f deg', RAAN)
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The RAAN is 65.196 deg

$$\tan \Omega = \frac{\sin \Omega \sin i}{\cos \Omega \sin i} = \frac{0.5538}{0.2560}$$

$$\Omega = 65.2 [deg]$$

Note: The sign check was taken care of by the atan2() function. This value of the RAAN satisfies both  $\sin \Omega \sin i = 0.5538$  &  $-\cos \Omega \sin i = -0.2560$ .

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% Calculate the distance/radius
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fprintf('The current orbital radius is %.3f Earth Radii', norm(r1))
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The current orbital radius is 3.508 Earth Radii

$$r_1 = |\bar{r}_1| = 3.5 [R_{earth}]$$

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% Calculate the speed
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fprintf('The current orbital speed is %.3f km/s', norm(v1))
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The current orbital speed is 4.753 km/s

$$v_1 = |\bar{v}_1| = 4.75 [km/s]$$

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% Calculate true anomaly
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ta = sign(r1'*v1)*acosd(((p/norm(r1*R_earth)) - 1)/e);
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fprintf('The current true anomaly is %.3f deg',ta)
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The current true anomaly is -62.163 deg

$$r_1 = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos \theta^*}$$

$$\theta^* = \text{sgn}(\bar{r}_1 \cdot \bar{v}_1) \cos^{-1} \frac{p-1}{e} r_1 = -62.16 \text{ [deg]}$$

Note: Sign of true anomaly determined from the sign of the dot product of the position and velocity vector

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% Calculate rhat and thetahat unit vectors
r_hat = r1/norm(r1);
theta_hat= cross(h_hat,r_hat);

% Calculate theta = true anomaly + AOP
theta = atan2d(r_hat(3),theta_hat(3));

% Calculate argument of periapsis
AOP = theta - ta;
fprintf('The argument of periapsis is %.3f deg', AOP)
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The argument of periapsis is 45.884 deg

$$\hat{r}_1 = \frac{\bar{r}_1}{r_1} = (\cos \Omega \cos \theta - \sin \Omega \cos i \sin \theta) \hat{x} + (\sin \Omega \cos \theta + \cos \Omega \cos i \sin \theta) \hat{y} + (\sin i \sin \theta) \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{r}_1 = 0.6043 \hat{x} + 0.7782 \hat{y} - 0.1710 \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = \hat{h} \times \hat{r}_1 = (-\cos \Omega \sin \theta - \sin \Omega \cos i \cos \theta) \hat{x} + (-\sin \Omega \sin \theta + \cos \Omega \cos i \cos \theta) \hat{y} + (\sin i \cos \theta) \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = -0.5728 \hat{x} + 0.5735 \hat{y} + 0.5857 \hat{z}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin i \sin \theta}{\sin i \cos \theta} = \frac{-0.171}{0.5857}$$

$$\omega = \theta - \theta^* = -16.28 - -62.16$$

$$\omega = 45.88 \text{ [deg]}$$

The quadrant check of  $\theta$  was done using the atan2() function. This value of the  $\theta$  satisfies both  $\sin \theta \sin i = -0.171$  &  $\cos \theta \sin i = 0.5857$ .

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% Rotation matrix from rotating orbit to cartesian inertial frame
I_DCM_R = [r_hat, theta_hat, h_hat];

% Rotate velocity vector to rotating orbit frame
v1_R = I_DCM_R'*v1;

% Calculate flight path angle - same sign as true anomaly
gamma = atan2d(v1_R(1),v1_R(2));
fprintf('The current flight path angle is %.3f deg',gamma)
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The current flight path angle is -15.746 deg

$$[v]^R = [RI][v]^I = \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta} = -1.29\hat{r} + 4.575\hat{\theta} \text{ [km/s]}$$

$$\gamma = \tan^{-1} \frac{\dot{r}}{r\dot{\theta}}$$

$$\gamma = -15.75 \text{ [deg]}$$

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% Calculate eccentric anomaly
E      = 2*atan2d(tand(ta/2),sqrt((1+e)/(1-e)));
fprintf('The current eccentric anomaly is %.3f [deg] \n', E)
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The current eccentric anomaly is -44.251 [deg]

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta^*}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}} \tan\left(\frac{E}{2}\right)$$

$$E = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \tan\left(\frac{\theta^*}{2}\right) / \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}} \right] = -44.25 \text{ [deg]}$$

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% Calculate mean anomaly
M      = E*(pi/180) - e*sind(E);
fprintf('The mean anomaly is %.3f deg', M*180/pi)
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The mean anomaly is -29.273 deg

$$M = E - e \sin E$$

$$M = -29.3 \text{ [deg]}$$

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% Calculate time since periapsis
dtp      = M/(sqrt(mu_earth/a^3));

% Calculate period
tau       = 2*pi*sqrt(a^3/mu_earth);
fprintf('The time since last passage is %.1f hours', (tau + dtp)/3600)
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The time since last passage is 13.6 hours

$$Period = \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}} = 14.8 \text{ [hours]}$$

$$M = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}} (t - t_p)$$

$$(t - t_p) = \frac{M}{\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}}}$$

$$(t - t_p) = -1.2 \text{ [hours]} = 13.6 \text{ [hours]}$$

**This orbit is an ellipse, we know this because the total energy is less than 0, the semi major axis is greater than 0, and the eccentricity is greater than 0 but less than 1. These are all properties of an elliptical orbit.**