

Student Name Solutions

Orbit Mechanics

10/23/20

Exam 2

Please read the problems carefully.

Write clearly and use diagrams when necessary.

Use the following constant values when appropriate

Body	GM (km ³ /s ²)	Radius (km)
Earth	4.0000×10^5	6400.0
Moon	5.000×10^3	1500.0
Earth-Moon Distance		4.0000×10^5 km

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For this exam, I understand it is a take-home exam with the following requirements:

1. I can use my own class notes and my own previously completed assignments.
2. I am not allowed to search for any resources online.
3. I can use my own calculator. I cannot use Matlab or other commercial software.
4. I am expected to work the exam on my own. I am not allowed to work with another person. I am not allowed to contact another person for help while completing the exam.
5. If I have any questions during the exam period, I will email Prof Howell (howell@purdue.edu) AND/OR the TAs Mitch Dominguez (doming18@purdue.edu) or Samantha Ramsey (ramsey87@purdue.edu) or Tyler Hook (hook9@purdue.edu). Given this longer exam period, we will answer as soon as possible.

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(45 Points)

Problem 1: It is now 2050 and under the new Global Lunar Vision – an international commercial enterprise for development of lunar resources – facilities are based at various locations on the Moon’s surface. The Lunar Transport Service uses vehicles (LTVs) in various orbits to facilitate operations between the bases and Earth. Note $\mu_{LTV} \ll \mu_{\mathbb{C}}$.

- (a) Analysis for lunar activities requires a valid model. Complete a quick look by placing Earth—LTV—Moon along a line and in this order; assume that the LTV is at a radius distance $50R_{\mathbb{C}}$.

What equation might give you insight to decide if a relative two-body model is adequate at this distance?

Compare the various terms in an equation for motion of the LTV with respect to the Moon; is the relative two-body model reasonable at this distance? Why or why not?

- (b) Assume a distance such that a relative 2B model is adequate. A Lunar Transport Service vehicle (LTV) is currently in a lunar orbit with $p = 4R_{\mathbb{C}}$ and $e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. (See the figure on the next page.)

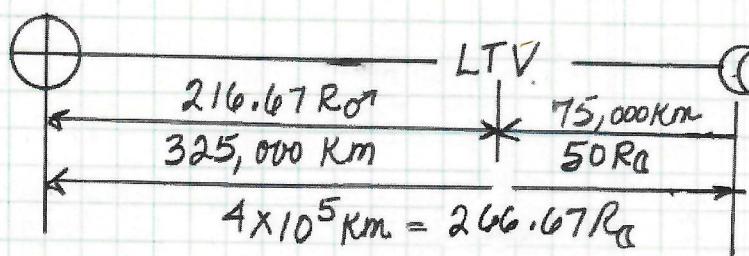
When the LTV is located at the end of the latus rectum and ascending, an in-plane maneuver will shift the vehicle into a new orbit for a run to Earth such that $\mathcal{E}_N = +\frac{1}{6} \text{ km}^2 / \text{s}^2$ and $h_N = 8200 \text{ km}^2 / \text{s}$.

- (i) What is the escape speed for this departure location?
- (ii) Check the vector diagram. Two reasonable options exist to accomplish this task. Describe these options; which one offers the smallest $|\Delta\bar{v}|$? Why?
- (iii) Determine the $\Delta\bar{v}$ (magnitude $\Delta\bar{v}$ and angle α) to accomplish the adjustment.
- (iv) For the new orbit, determine $e_N, \theta_N^*, \Delta\omega$.

Sketch the old and new orbits; mark the old and new line of apsides as well as $\Delta\omega$.

- (c) Discuss: How are the results from (a) and (b) related? What are your conclusions and/or observations?

1. (a)



$$\mu_C = 5000 \frac{\text{Km}^3}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$R_C = 1500 \text{ Km}$$

$$\mu_\oplus = 4 \times 10^5$$

$$\oplus C = 4 \times 10^5$$

$$\begin{aligned} 20 R_\oplus \\ (30,000) \\ 5.55 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

Relative EOM for LTV wrt C

$$\ddot{\vec{r}}_{CL} + \frac{\mu_C + \mu_{LTV}}{r_{CL}^2} \hat{r}_{CL} = \mu_\oplus \left(\frac{\hat{r}_{L\oplus}}{r_{L\oplus}^2} - \frac{\hat{r}_{C\oplus}}{r_{C\oplus}^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Dom Accel} = -\frac{\mu_C}{r_{CL}^2} \hat{r}_{CL} = 8.889 \times 10^{-7} \frac{\text{Km}}{\text{s}^2} \hat{x}$$

$$\text{Direct Accel} = \frac{\mu_\oplus}{r_{L\oplus}^2} \hat{r}_{L\oplus} = 3.787 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{Km}}{\text{s}^2} (-\hat{x}) \quad 2.92 \times 10^{-6}$$

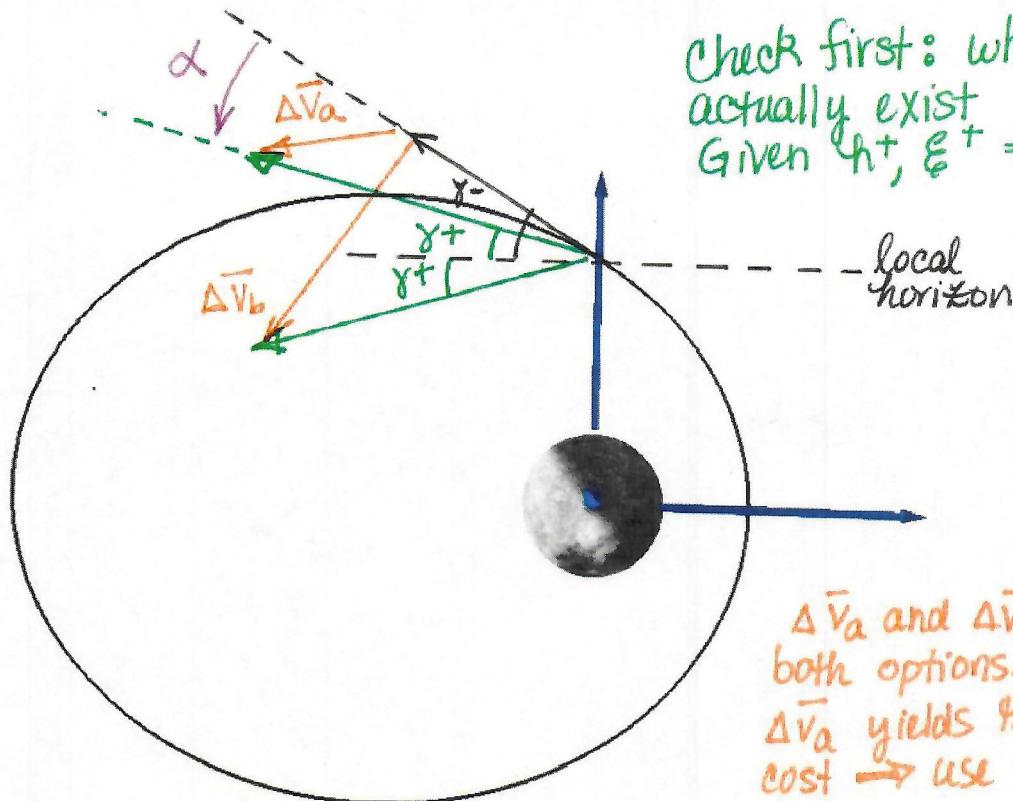
$$\text{Indirect Accel} = \frac{\mu_\oplus}{r_{C\oplus}^2} \hat{r}_{C\oplus} = 2.5 \times 10^{-6} (-\hat{x}) \frac{\text{Km}}{\text{s}^2} \quad 4.2 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\text{Net Perturbing} = -1.287 \times 10^{-6} \hat{x} \frac{\text{Km}}{\text{s}^2}$$

At this distance from the Moon (75,000 Km), the relative 2B model is not sufficient. The perturbing effect of the Earth is significant and of larger magnitude than the dominant C gravity.

Note: by the time any vehicle reaches $50 R_\oplus$ (from either direction) assess model carefully

(b)



Check first: what options actually exist
 Given $\gamma^+, \epsilon^+ \Rightarrow v^+, r^+$
 options (next page)

$\Delta\bar{v}_a$ and $\Delta\bar{v}_b$ are both options. But $\Delta\bar{v}_a$ yields the smaller cost \rightarrow use $\Delta\bar{v}_a$

$$P = 4R_a \quad e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow p = a(1-e^2) \Rightarrow a = 6R_a$$

$$V_c = 91287 \text{ km/s} \quad \bar{v} = V_c \sqrt{1+e^2} = 1.05409 \text{ km/s}$$

$$h = \sqrt{\mu a p} = 5477.226 \text{ km}^2/\text{s}$$

$$h = r v c \gamma \Rightarrow \gamma = +30^\circ \quad (\theta^* > 0^\circ; \text{ ascending})$$

\uparrow
 $r = P$

new orbit departing lunar vicinity on hyperbola

$$\epsilon_N = \frac{+1}{6} = \frac{\mu a}{2|a|} \rightarrow a_N = -15000 \text{ km} = -10R_a$$

$$h_N = 8200 \text{ km}^2/\text{s} \quad h^2 = \mu p \rightarrow p_N = 13448 \text{ km} = 8.965R_a$$

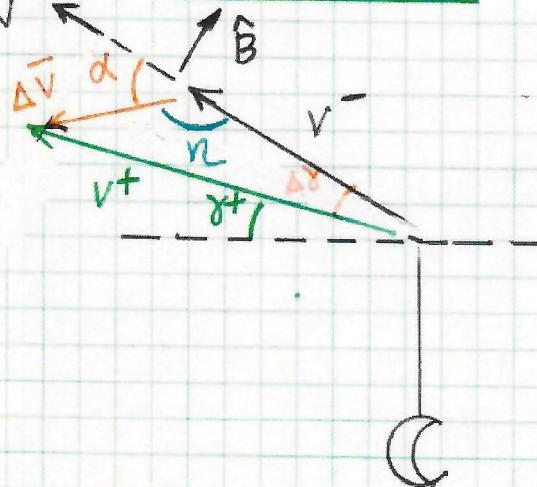
(i) Escape speed = $\sqrt{2} V_c = 1.29099 \text{ km/s}$

$$(ii) r^+ = r^- = 4R_\oplus$$

$$h^+ = 8200 \text{ km}^2/\text{s} = rv\cos\gamma$$

$$e^+ = \frac{v^{+2}}{2} - \frac{\mu_\oplus}{r^+} \Rightarrow v^+ = \sqrt{2} \text{ km/s}$$

$$\gamma^+ = \pm 14.8993^\circ$$



$$v^+ > v_{\text{esc}}$$

$$v^+ > v^-$$

$$\Delta\gamma = 15.1^\circ$$

cos law

$$\Delta V^2 = v^-^2 + v^+^2 - 2v^-v^+\cos\Delta\gamma$$

$$\Delta V = .48232 \text{ km/s}$$

Sine law

$$\frac{v^+}{S\eta} = \frac{\Delta V}{S_{\Delta\gamma}} \Rightarrow \eta = 130.197^\circ$$

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$$\alpha = 180^\circ - \eta$$

$$\alpha = 49.803^\circ$$

velocity vector shifts toward Moon

$$\tan\theta^* = \frac{\left(\frac{rv^2}{\mu}\right)\cos\gamma\sin\gamma}{\left(\frac{rv^2}{\mu}\right)\cos^2\gamma - 1}$$

$$\frac{rv^{+2}}{\mu_\oplus} = 2.400$$

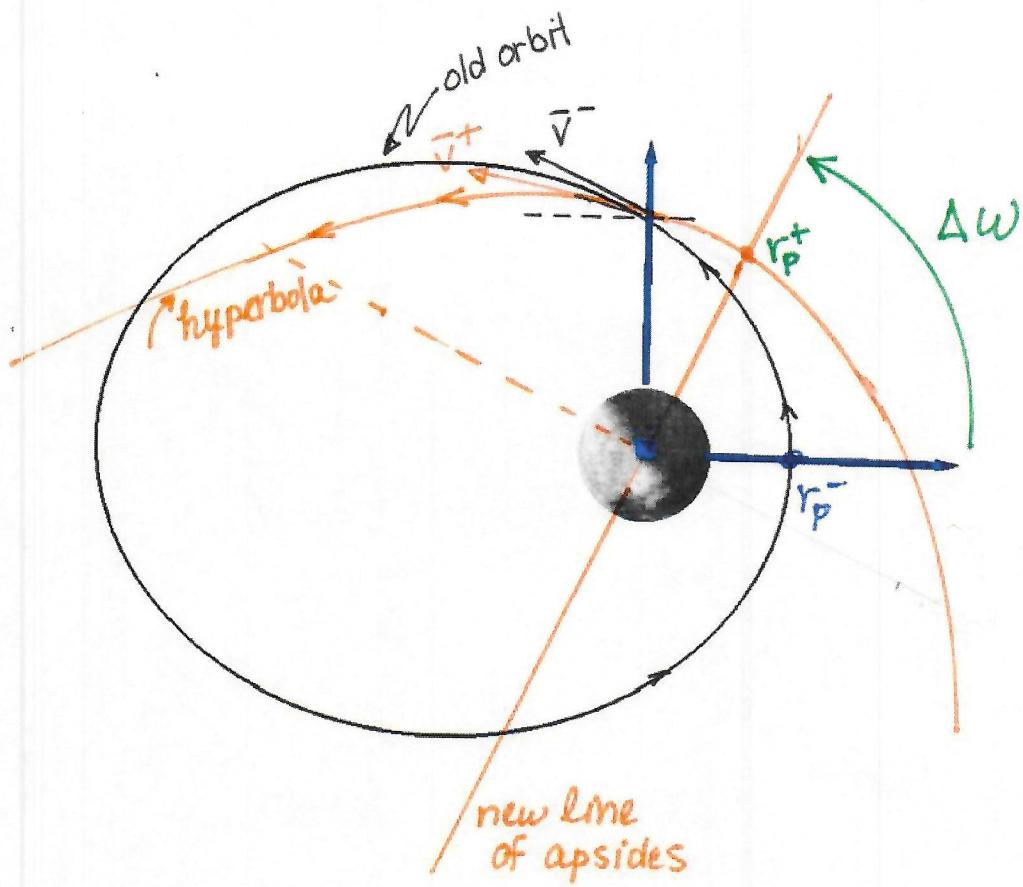
$$\theta^{*+} = \underbrace{25.660^\circ}_{\gamma^+ > 0 \text{ ascending}} \quad \text{OR } -154.336^\circ$$

$$\Delta W = 90^\circ - 25.660^\circ$$

$$\Delta W = +64.34^\circ$$

↑ rotates about + \hat{h}^-

$$e_N^2 = 1 + \frac{P}{|a|} \rightarrow e_N = 1.3771$$



$$r_p^- = 2.536 R_\oplus$$

$$r_p^+ = |a| (e - 1) = 3.771 R_\oplus$$

$P = 4R_\oplus$
 Orbit in (b) much closer to \oplus . Similar analysis demonstrates that 2BP reasonable.

- (c) In (a), conclude that by $50R_\oplus$ away from Moon, two-body model (α -S/c) not adequate. In (b), S/c is departing lunar vicinity along a hyperbolic path — which is a conic orbit in the α -S/c two-body problem. If we check the hyperbola and determine TOF till reaching $r = 50R_\oplus$, it becomes apparent how long before this model is inadequate. Upon departure from lunar vicinity, influence of \oplus grows rapidly.

(35 points)

Problem 2: A vehicle is currently in Earth orbit. Assume that it is reasonable to employ a relative two-body model. At time t_1 , the vehicle is located at position \bar{r}_1 and later, at t_2 , it is observed at location \bar{r}_2 . The orbit semi-major axis is given as $a = a_n$. In terms of inertial Earth equatorial coordinates, the locations are given as:

$$\bar{r}_1 = a_n (\cos 45^\circ \hat{x} + \sin 45^\circ \hat{z})$$

$$\bar{r}_2 = a_n (\cos 45^\circ \hat{y} + \sin 45^\circ \hat{z})$$

It is known that the spacecraft passes through apoapsis between t_1 and t_2 .

- (a) Make two sketches: (i) the general scenario in 3D; (ii) the scenario in the orbit plane. (Your sketches should be reasonably accurate!)

- (b) Determine the angle between the vectors.

Is the specific angular momentum vector above or below the fundamental plane? Why?

- (c) Determine the following orbital characteristics: Ω, i, ω, e, p

- (d) Determine conditions at the given locations: $\theta_1^*, \theta_2^*, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \Delta E$ or ΔH

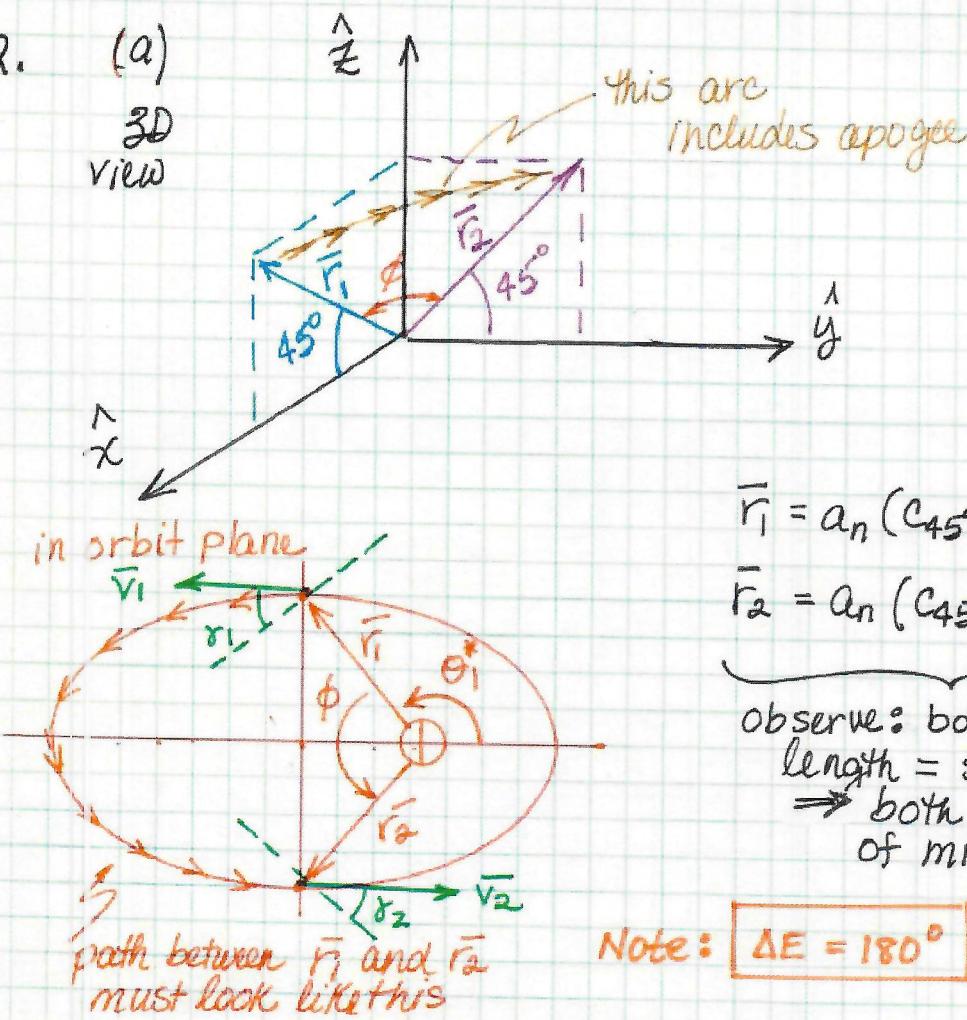
- (e) Velocity \bar{v}_1 can be written $\bar{v}_1 = k_1 v_c \hat{v}_1$ where v_c is the corresponding circular speed.
Determine k_1 .

Use the f and g functions to determine the velocity direction in terms of the inertial coordinates $\hat{x} \hat{y} \hat{z}$. Also express the velocity direction in terms of $\hat{e} \hat{p} \hat{h}$ and $\hat{r}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{h}$.

- (f) Return to a sketch of the orbit plane. Mark $\bar{r}_1, \bar{r}_2, \bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2$, local horizons, flight path angles.
Also identify the arc between t_1 and t_2 .

2. (a)

3D
view



$$\bar{r}_1 = a_n (C_{45} \hat{x} + S_{45} \hat{z})$$

$$\bar{r}_2 = a_n (C_{45} \hat{y} + S_{45} \hat{z})$$

observe: both vectors possess
length = semimajor axis
both are at ends
of minor axis

Note: $\Delta\theta = 180^\circ$

$$\bar{r}_1 \cdot \bar{r}_2 = r_1 r_2 \cos \phi \rightarrow C_\phi = S_{45}^2 \rightarrow \phi = 60^\circ$$

$$\hat{h}_i = \frac{\bar{r}_1 \times \bar{r}_2}{|\bar{r}_1 \times \bar{r}_2|} = \frac{a_n (C_{45} \hat{x} + S_{45} \hat{z}) \times a_n (C_{45} \hat{y} + S_{45} \hat{z})}{|\bar{r}_1 \times \bar{r}_2|}$$

\hat{h}_i above fund plane because direction of motion MUST be as seen in sketch; opposite direction passes thru rp

$$= \frac{a_n^2}{2} \left(\hat{z} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{y} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{x} \right) = \frac{\frac{a_n^2}{2} (\hat{z} - \hat{y} + \hat{x})}{\frac{a_n^2}{2} \sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{y} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \hat{z}$$

signs correct

$$\hat{h}_i \cdot \hat{z} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \cos i \quad i = 54.7356^\circ \quad (0 < i < \pi)$$

$$S_{i2} S_i = \hat{h}_i \cdot \hat{x} \Rightarrow \Omega = -45^\circ, -135^\circ$$

$$-C_{i2} S_i = \hat{h}_i \cdot \hat{y} \Rightarrow \Omega = \pm 45^\circ$$

$$\left. \begin{cases} \Omega = -45^\circ \\ \Omega = 315^\circ \end{cases} \right\}$$

$$\hat{r}_1 = C_{45} \hat{x} + S_{45} \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{r}_1 \cdot \hat{z} = S_i S_\theta = S_{45} \Rightarrow \theta_1 = 60^\circ, 120^\circ$$

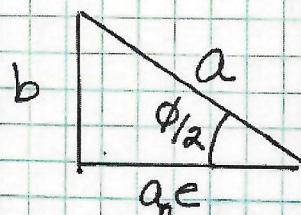
$$\hat{r}_1 \cdot \hat{y} = 0 = S_{\Omega} + C_{\Omega} C_i S_\theta \Rightarrow \theta_1 = 60^\circ$$

$$\omega = \theta_1 - \theta_1^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\omega = -90^\circ}$$

$$\theta_1^* = 180^\circ - \phi/2 = \boxed{150^\circ} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \theta_2^* = \theta_1^* = \phi = \Delta\theta^* \\ \theta_2^* = 210^\circ \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\boxed{\theta_2^* = 210^\circ}$$



$$x \cos \phi/2 = a e \Rightarrow e = \frac{a \sqrt{1 - e^2}}{a} = \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$P = a_n(1 - e^2) = \boxed{0.25 a_n}$$

end of minor axis $v = v_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_\oplus}{a_n}} \Rightarrow k_1 = 1$

$$f := \left\{ 1 - \frac{r}{P} [1 - \cos \Delta\theta^*] \right\} = 1 - \frac{r_2}{P} (1 - \cos \phi) = -1$$

$$= \left\{ 1 - \frac{a}{r_0} [1 - \cos \Delta E] \right\} = 1 - \frac{a}{r_1} (2) = -1$$

$$g = \left\{ \frac{r r_0}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \sin \Delta\theta^* \right\} = \frac{r_1 r_2}{\sqrt{\mu p}} \sin \phi = \frac{a_n^2 (2)}{\sqrt{\mu_\oplus a_n}} S_{60} = \sqrt{\frac{a_n^3}{\mu_\oplus}} \sqrt{3}$$

$$= \left\{ (t - t_0) - \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}} [\Delta E - \sin \Delta E] \right\} \quad g = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{n}$$

$$\bar{r}_2 = f \bar{r}_1 + g \bar{v}_1 \Rightarrow \bar{v}_1 = \frac{\bar{r}_2 - f \bar{r}_1}{g}$$

$$\bar{v}_1 = \frac{\bar{r}_2 - f \bar{r}_1}{g} = \frac{1}{g} \left\{ a_n (c_{45} \hat{y} + s_{45} \hat{z}) - (-1) a_n (c_{45} \hat{x} + s_{45} \hat{z}) \right\}$$

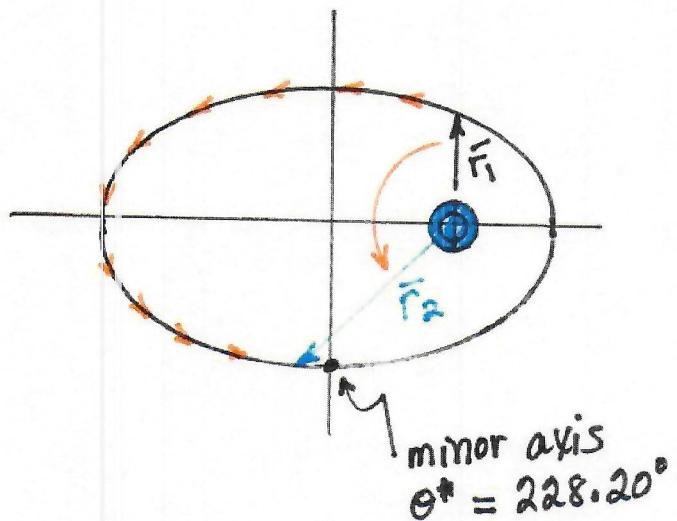
$$\bar{v}_1 = \frac{n}{\sqrt{3}} a_n \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{y} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{z} \right\} \quad n a_n = \sqrt{\frac{M_3}{a_N}} \sqrt{a_n^2} = v_c$$

$$\boxed{\bar{v}_1 = v_c \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \hat{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \hat{y} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \hat{z} \right\}}_{-\hat{e}}}$$

(20 points)

Problem 3: Assume a relative two-body model is appropriate. In an elliptical Earth orbit, a spacecraft is located such that the true anomaly is $\theta_1^* = 90^\circ$; at a later time $\theta_2^* = 225^\circ$. If $r_p = 2R_\oplus$ and $r_a = 10R_\oplus$, determine the time $(t_2 - t_1)$.

Sketch the orbit and identify the arc of interest.



$$P = \frac{10}{3} R_\oplus$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r_p = 2 R_\oplus \\ r_a = 10 R_\oplus \end{array} \right\} a = 6 R_\oplus$$

$$r_p = a(1-e) \Rightarrow e = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{a}{1+e \cos \theta_1^*}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{10}{3} R_\oplus \quad r_2 = 6.306 R_\oplus \\ = 3.33 R_\oplus$$

$$n = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{a^3}} = 8.4049 \times 10^{-5} \text{ rad/s}$$

$$t_1 = 4094.8 \text{ sec}$$

$$t_2 = 63043.9 \text{ sec}$$

$$n(t_2 - t_1) = E_2 - E_1 - e \sin E_2 + e \sin E_1$$

$$\tan \frac{E}{2} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1-e}{1+e} \right)^{1/2}}_{\left(\frac{1}{5} \right)^{1/2}} \tan \frac{\theta^*}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{E_1 = 48.1896^\circ} \\ \boxed{E_2 = 265.6123}$$

OK $r = a(1-e \cos E)$

$$\boxed{t_2 - t_1 = 5849.1 \text{ sec} \\ = 16.375 \text{ hr}}$$