

CONSIDER THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE COST OF A HOHMANN TRANSFER, J_H , AND A BI-PARABOLIC TRANSFER, J_{BP} , BETWEEN TWO CIRCULAR ORBITS WITH RADIUS RATIO $r = r_2/r_1$.

$$J_H = \sqrt{\frac{2r}{1+r}} - 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{r(1+r)}}$$

$$J_{BP} = (\sqrt{2}-1) \left[1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \right]$$

SHOW THAT THE FOLLOWING POLYNOMIAL EQUATION CAN BE DERIVED, STARTING FROM THE CONDITION $J_{BP} \leq J_H$ AND ASSUMING $r > 1$.

$$r^3 - (7+4\sqrt{2})r^2 + (3+4\sqrt{2})r - 1 \geq 0$$

$$(\sqrt{2}-1) \left[1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \right] \leq \sqrt{\frac{2r}{1+r}} - 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{r(1+r)}}$$

$$(\sqrt{2}-1) \left[\frac{\sqrt{r}}{\sqrt{r}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \right] \leq \frac{\sqrt{2r} - \sqrt{r(1+r)}}{\sqrt{r}\sqrt{1+r}} + \frac{\sqrt{1+r} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{1+r}}$$

$$\sqrt{1+r} (\sqrt{2}-1) (1+\sqrt{r}) \leq \sqrt{2} (r-1) + \sqrt{1+r} (1-\sqrt{r})$$

$$\sqrt{2} \sqrt{1+r} + \sqrt{2} \sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} - \sqrt{1+r} - \sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} \leq \sqrt{2} r - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1+r} - \sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r}$$

$$\sqrt{2} \sqrt{1+r} - 2 \sqrt{1+r} \leq \sqrt{2} r - \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} \sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r}$$

$$(2-\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{1+r}) \leq \sqrt{2} (r - \sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} - 1)$$

SQUARE BOTH SIDES

$$(2-\sqrt{2})^2 (1+r) \leq 2(r - \sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} - 1)^2$$

$$(4-4\sqrt{2}+2)(1+r) \leq 2(2r^2 - r - 2\sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} + 2\sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} + 1)$$

$$(4-4\sqrt{2})(1+r)$$

$$\cancel{2}(3-2\sqrt{2})(1+r) \leq \cancel{2}(2r^2 - r - 2\sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} + 2\sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} + 1)$$

$$2\sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} (r-1) \leq 2r^2 - r + 1 - (3-2\sqrt{2})(1+r)$$

$$\cancel{2}\sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} (r-1) \leq 2r^2 - r - (3-2\sqrt{2})r - (3-2\sqrt{2}) + 1$$

$$\cancel{2}\sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} (r-1) \leq 2r^2 - (4-2\sqrt{2})r - 2 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\sqrt{r} \sqrt{1+r} (r-1) \leq r^2 - (2-\sqrt{2})r - 1 + \sqrt{2}$$

SQUARE BOTH SIDES

$$(r(1+r)(r-1))^2 \leq (r^2 - (2-\sqrt{2})r - 1 + \sqrt{2})^2$$

$$r(1+r)(r^2 - 2r + 1) \quad | \quad \begin{array}{l} a \\ b \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} (r^2 - ar - b)(r^2 - ar - b) \\ r^4 - 2ar^3 - 2br^2 + a^2r^2 + 2abr + b^2 \end{array}$$

$$\cancel{r^4} - r^3 - r^2 + r \quad | \quad \begin{array}{l} a^2 - 2ar^3 + (a^2 - 2b)r^2 + 2abr + b^2 \\ r^4 - 2ar^3 + (a^2 - 2b)r^2 + 2abr + b^2 \end{array}$$

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$$0 \leq (1-2a)r^3 + (1+a^2-2b)r^2 + (2ab-1)r + b^2$$

$$0 \leq r^3 + \frac{(1+a^2-2b)}{1-2a} r^2 + \frac{(2ab-1)}{(1-2a)} r + \frac{b^2}{1-2a}$$

$$a = 2-\sqrt{2} \quad ; \quad b = 1-\sqrt{2}$$

$$a^2 = (2-\sqrt{2})(2-\sqrt{2}) = 4 - 4\sqrt{2} + 2$$

$$a^2 = 6 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$ab = (2-\sqrt{2})(1-\sqrt{2}) = 2 - \sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{2} + 2$$

$$ab = 4 - 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$b^2 = (1-\sqrt{2})(1-\sqrt{2})$$

$$= 1 - 2\sqrt{2} + 2$$

$$b^2 = 3 - 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$1-2a = 1 - 2(2-\sqrt{2})$$

$$= 1 - 4 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$1-2a = -3 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{1+a^2-2b}{1-2a} = \frac{1+6-4\sqrt{2}-2(1-\sqrt{2})}{-3+2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-3-2\sqrt{2}}{-3+2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{7-4\sqrt{2}-2+2\sqrt{2}}{-3+2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{5-2\sqrt{2}}{-3+2\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{-3-2\sqrt{2}}{-3+2\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-15+6\sqrt{2}-10\sqrt{2}+8}{9-8}$$

$$= (-15+8) - 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$= -7 - 4\sqrt{2}$$

$$= -7 + 4\sqrt{2} \quad \text{COEFFICIENT TO } r^2 \text{ TERM}$$

$$\frac{b^2}{1-2a} = \frac{3-2\sqrt{2}}{-3+2\sqrt{2}} = -1 \quad \text{CONSTANT TERM}$$

$$0 \leq r^3 - (7+4\sqrt{2})r^2 + (3+4\sqrt{2})r - 1 \leq 0$$

ROOTS: 0.14655, 0.57153, 11.9388

→ The roots $r < 1$ have no physical significance, since the polynomial is derived under the assumption that $r > 1$.

$1 < r < 11.94 \quad J_H \leq J_{BP} \quad (\text{Hohmann optimal})$

$r > 11.94 \quad J_{BP} \leq J_H \quad (\text{Bi-Parabolic optimal})$

IF $r < 1$, THEN THE HOHMANN COST FUNCTION BECOMES

$$J_H = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2r}{1+r}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{r(1+r)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$

BI-PARABOLIC COST FUNCTION BECOMES

$$J_{BP} = (\sqrt{2}-1) \left[1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \right]$$

$$J_{BP} < J_H$$

$$(\sqrt{2}-1) \left[1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \right] \leq 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2r}{1+r}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{r(1+r)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$

$$\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} - 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \leq 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2r}{1+r}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{r(1+r)}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$

$$\sqrt{2} - 2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{1+r}} \left(-\sqrt{r} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \right)$$

$$\sqrt{r} \left[1 - \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \right] \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{1+r}} \left(\frac{1-r}{\sqrt{r}} \right) \sqrt{r}$$

MULTIPLY BOTH SIDES BY \sqrt{r}

$$\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{2} \sqrt{r} + 1 \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{1+r}} (1-r)$$

SQUARE BOTH SIDES

$$(\sqrt{r}(1-\sqrt{2})+1)(\sqrt{r}(1-\sqrt{2})+1) \leq \frac{1}{1+r} (1-r)^2$$

$$r(1-\sqrt{2})^2 + 2\sqrt{r}(1-\sqrt{2})+1 \leq \frac{1}{1+r} (1-r)^2$$

$$r(r+1)(1-\sqrt{2})^2 + 2\sqrt{r}(1-\sqrt{2})(1+r) + r+1 - (1-r)^2 \leq 0$$

$$(r^2+r)(1-2\sqrt{2}+2) + r+1 - (1-2r+r^2) \leq 2\sqrt{r}(1-\sqrt{2})(1+r)$$

$$r^2 - 2\sqrt{2}r^2 + 2r^2 + r - 2\sqrt{2}r + 2r + r + 1 - 1 + 2r - r^2 \leq 0$$

$$r^2(2-2\sqrt{2}) + (4-2\sqrt{2})r \leq 2\sqrt{r}(1-\sqrt{2})(1+r)$$

SQUARE BOTH SIDES AGAIN

$$[(2-2\sqrt{2})r^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})r][[(2-2\sqrt{2})r^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})r]] \leq 4r(1-\sqrt{2})^2(1+2r+r^2)$$

$$4(1-\sqrt{2})^2 r^4 + 4(1-\sqrt{2})(4-2\sqrt{2})r^3 + (4-2\sqrt{2})^2 r^2 \leq 4r(1-\sqrt{2})^2(1+2r+r^2)$$

$$4(1-\sqrt{2})^2 r^3 + 4(1-\sqrt{2})(4-2\sqrt{2})r^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})^2 r \leq 4(1-\sqrt{2})^2 (r^2 + 2r + 1)$$

$$r^3 + \frac{4(1-\sqrt{2})^2 r^2 + (4-2\sqrt{2})^2 r}{1-\sqrt{2}} + \frac{(4-2\sqrt{2})^2 r}{4(1-\sqrt{2})^2} r \leq r^2 + 2r + 1$$

$$r^3 + \left(\frac{4(1-\sqrt{2})^2}{1-\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) r^2 + \left(\frac{(4-2\sqrt{2})^2}{4(1-\sqrt{2})^2} - 2 \right) r - 1 \leq 0$$

$$- (3+4\sqrt{2}) = 7+4\sqrt{2}$$

$$r^3 - (3+4\sqrt{2})r^2 + (7+4\sqrt{2})r - 1 \leq 0$$

Roots are 0.8234, 1.7407, 0.0838

→ Only roots $r > 1$ are physical, since we defined the cost function for $r > 1$

→ $r \leq 0.0838$ parabolic transfer is optimal

* The same results can be derived by substituting $r = 1/r$ into the original polynomial & simplifying *

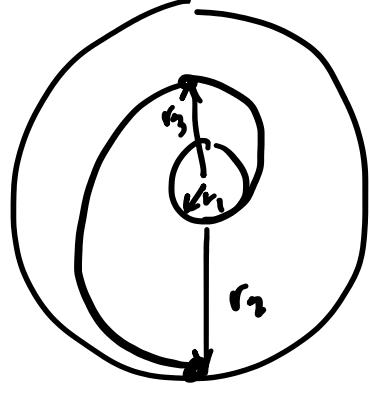
Question 2

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WHAT IS THE COST OF A BI-ELLIPTIC TRANSFER, AS COMPARED TO A HOMMANN TRANSFER, WHEN THE INTERMEDIATE ORBIT APOAPSIS ℓ FALLS IN THE INTERVAL $1 < \ell < r_1$? DISCUSS.

$$r = \frac{r_2}{r_1}, \quad \ell = \frac{r_3}{r_1}$$

$$1 < \frac{r_3}{r_1} < \frac{r_2}{r_1} \Rightarrow r_1 < r_3 < r_2$$



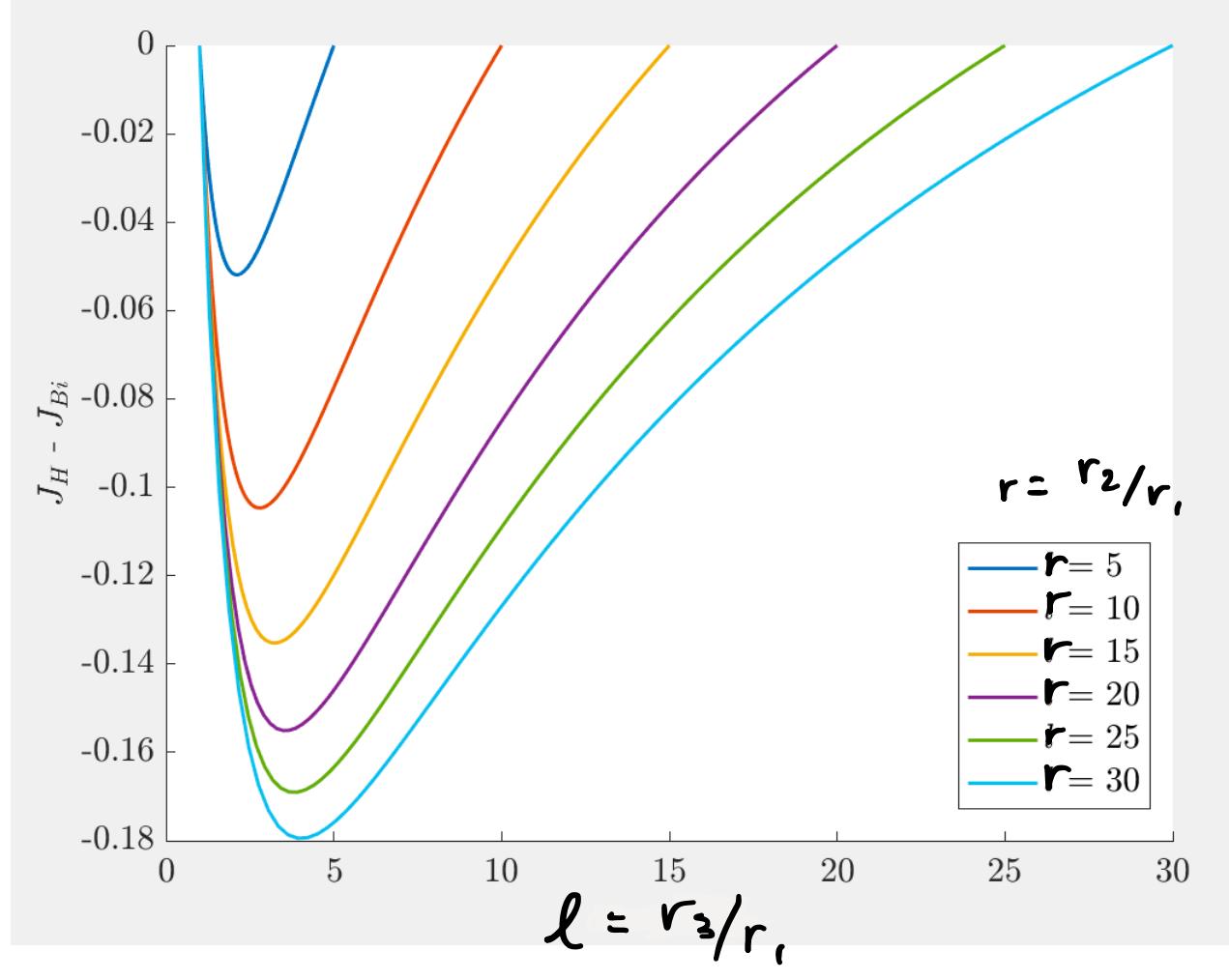
COST OF BI-ELLIPTIC

$$\tilde{J}_{Bi}(r, \ell) = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell}} - 1 + \sqrt{\frac{2r}{\ell(\ell+r)}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\ell(1+\ell)}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{r(\ell+r)}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$

COST OF HOMMANN

$$\tilde{J}_H(r) = \sqrt{\frac{2r}{1+r}} - 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{r(1+r)}}$$

→ DO A DIRECT NUMERICAL COMPARISON & PLOT $J_H - J_{Bi}$



ALL VALUES SHOWN $J_H - J_{Bi} < 0 \Rightarrow$ THERE ARE NO INSTANCES WHERE BI-ELLIPTIC TRANSFER COSTS LESS THAN HOMMANN TRANSFER

* These results could also have been shown analytically *

Question 3

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RECALL THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE COST OF A HOHMANN TRANSFER AND AN AEROBRAKING ELLIPTIC TRANSFER, $g_I(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = J_H - J_{AE}$ FOR $\alpha_2 < \alpha_1$:

$$g_I(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha_1(1+\alpha_1)}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha_2}{\alpha_1(\alpha_2+\alpha_1)}} + \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha_1}{\alpha_2(\alpha_2+\alpha_1)}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha_2(1+\alpha_2)}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\alpha_2}}$$

DERIVE AND VERIFY THIS RELATIONSHIP. THEN, SOLVE THE EQUATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE POINT $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1$

$$g_I(1+a\epsilon, 1+\epsilon) = 0$$

TO DO THIS ASSUME THAT $\epsilon \ll 1$ AND PERFORM THE TAYLOR SERIES EXPANSION. TO SATISFY THIS RELATIONSHIP YOU SHOULD FIND THAT $a=3$. THUS, SHOW THAT IN THE VICINITY OF THE (1,1) ORIGIN ON THE (α_1, α_2) CHART, THE LINE BETWEEN OPTIMAL HOHMANN & OPTIMAL ELLIPTIC AERODASSIST IS DEFINED AS:

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{3}\alpha_1 + \frac{2}{3}$$

HOHMANN TRANSFER COST FUNCTION
 $r_2 < r_1$

$$J_H = -\sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r_1+r_2}} \frac{r_2}{r_1} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_2}} + \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r_1+r_2}} \frac{r_1}{r_2} \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{r_1}{R} \\ \alpha_2 = \frac{r_2}{R}$$

$$= -\sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{R\alpha_1+R\alpha_2}} \frac{R\alpha_2}{R\alpha_1} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\alpha_1 R}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\alpha_2 R}} + \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\alpha_1 R+\alpha_2 R}} \frac{R\alpha_1}{R\alpha_2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha_2}{\alpha_1(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)}} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha_1}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha_2}} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha_1}{\alpha_2(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)}}$$

→ NORMALIZE BY $\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}}$

$$J_H(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_1}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha_2}{(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)\alpha_1}} + \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha_1}{(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)\alpha_2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_2}}$$

AERO-ASSIST COST FUNCTION

$$\Delta V_{AE} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{(r_1+R)} \frac{R}{r_1}} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_2}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{(r_2+R)} \frac{R}{r_2}} \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{r_1}{R} \\ \alpha_2 = \frac{r_2}{R}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\alpha_1 R}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{(\alpha_1 R+R)} \frac{R}{\alpha_1}} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\alpha_2 R}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{(\alpha_2 R+R)} \frac{R}{\alpha_2}}$$

$$\Delta V_{AE} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha_1}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha_1(\alpha_1+1)}} + \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha_2}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha_2(\alpha_2+1)}}$$

→ NORMALIZE BY $\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{R}}$

$$J_{AE}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_1}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha_1(1+\alpha_1)}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_2}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha_2(1+\alpha_2)}}$$

TAYLOR SERIES EXPANSION

$$g_I(1+a\epsilon, 1+\epsilon) = 0$$

$$g_I \approx g_I(1+a\epsilon, 1+\epsilon) - \left. \frac{\partial g_I}{\partial \alpha_1} \right|_{(1,1)} (a\epsilon) - \left. \frac{\partial g_I}{\partial \alpha_2} \right|_{(1,1)} (\epsilon) = 0$$

$$g_I(1+a\epsilon, 1+\epsilon) = \left. \frac{\partial g_I}{\partial \alpha_1} \right|_{(1,1)} (a\epsilon) + \left. \frac{\partial g_I}{\partial \alpha_2} \right|_{(1,1)} (\epsilon)$$

$$\frac{\partial g_I}{\partial \alpha_1} = -\frac{1+2\alpha_1}{\sqrt{2\alpha_1^{3/2}(\alpha_1+1)^{3/2}}} + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_2}(\alpha_2+2\alpha_1)}{\sqrt{2\alpha_1^{3/2}(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)^{3/2}}} + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_2}}{\sqrt{2\alpha_1(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)^{3/2}}}$$

$$\frac{\partial g_I}{\partial \alpha_1} \Big|_{(1,1)} = -\frac{1+2}{2^{1/2} 2^{3/2}} + \frac{3}{2^{1/2} 2^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{2^{1/2} 2^{3/2}}$$

$$= -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial g_I}{\partial \alpha_2} = -\frac{\sqrt{\alpha_1}}{\sqrt{2\alpha_2} \sqrt{\alpha_2(\alpha_2+\alpha_1)^{3/2}}} - \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_1}(2\alpha_2+\alpha_1)}{\sqrt{2\alpha_2^{3/2}(\alpha_2+\alpha_1)^{3/2}}} - \frac{1+2\alpha_2}{\sqrt{2\alpha_2^{3/2}(\alpha_2+1)^{3/2}}} + \frac{1}{\alpha_2^{3/2}}$$

$$\frac{\partial g_I}{\partial \alpha_2} \Big|_{(1,1)} = -\frac{1}{2^{1/2} 2^{3/2}} - \frac{3}{2^{1/2} 2^{3/2}} - \frac{3}{2^{1/2} 2^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4} + 1 = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$g_I(1+a\epsilon, 1+\epsilon) = 0 = \frac{1}{4}(a\epsilon) - \frac{3}{4}\epsilon$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(a\epsilon) = \frac{3}{4}\epsilon$$

$$a\epsilon = 3\epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$\alpha_1 = 1 + 3\epsilon$$

$$\alpha_2 = 1 + \epsilon \rightarrow \frac{3\alpha_2 = 3 + 3\epsilon}{\alpha_1 - 3\alpha_2 = -2}$$

$$3\alpha_2 = \alpha_1 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{3}\alpha_1 + \frac{2}{3}$$

Question 4

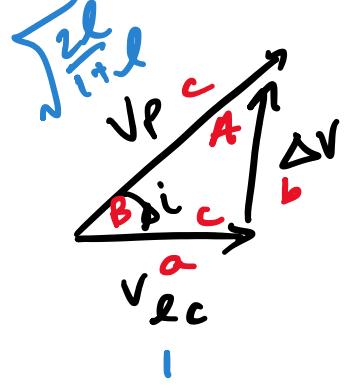
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CONSIDER A BI-ELLIPTIC PLANE CHANGE MANEUVER. THE DESIRED PLANE CHANGE IS $\Delta i = 90^\circ$, BUT THE LIMIT ON THE ELLIPTIC RADIUS IS $l=10$. COMPARE THE COST OF PERFORMING THE ENTIRE PLANE CHANGE AT APOAPSIS OF THE ELLIPSE WITH DIVIDING THE COST BETWEEN PLANE CHANGES AT THE FIRST & THIRD BURNS, Δi_1 AND Δi_3 , RESPECTIVELY, WITH THE REMAINDER OCCURRING AT THE SECOND BURN AT APOAPSIS. COMPUTE AND PRESENT A CONTOUR PLOT SHOWING THE VALUES OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE TRANSFER PLOTTED AGAINST Δi_1 AND Δi_3 . FIND THE OPTIMAL COMBINATION FOR THIS PROBLEM.

WHEN ALL PLANE CHANGE OCCURS AT APOAPSIS

$$\tilde{\Delta V}_{Bi} = 2 \left[\sqrt{\frac{2l}{1+l}} - 1 \right] + 2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{l(1+l)}} \sin(\Delta i/2)$$



USE LAW OF COSINES TO SOLVE FOR ΔV

$$b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$$

$$\Delta V^2 = 1^2 + \frac{2l}{1+l} - 2(1)(\sqrt{\frac{2l}{1+l}}) \cos(\Delta i)$$

$$\Delta V = \left[1 + \frac{2l}{1+l} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2l}{1+l}} \cos(\Delta i) \right]^{1/2}$$

\rightarrow THIS IS ΔV_1 & ΔV_3

COST WHEN SPLIT UP

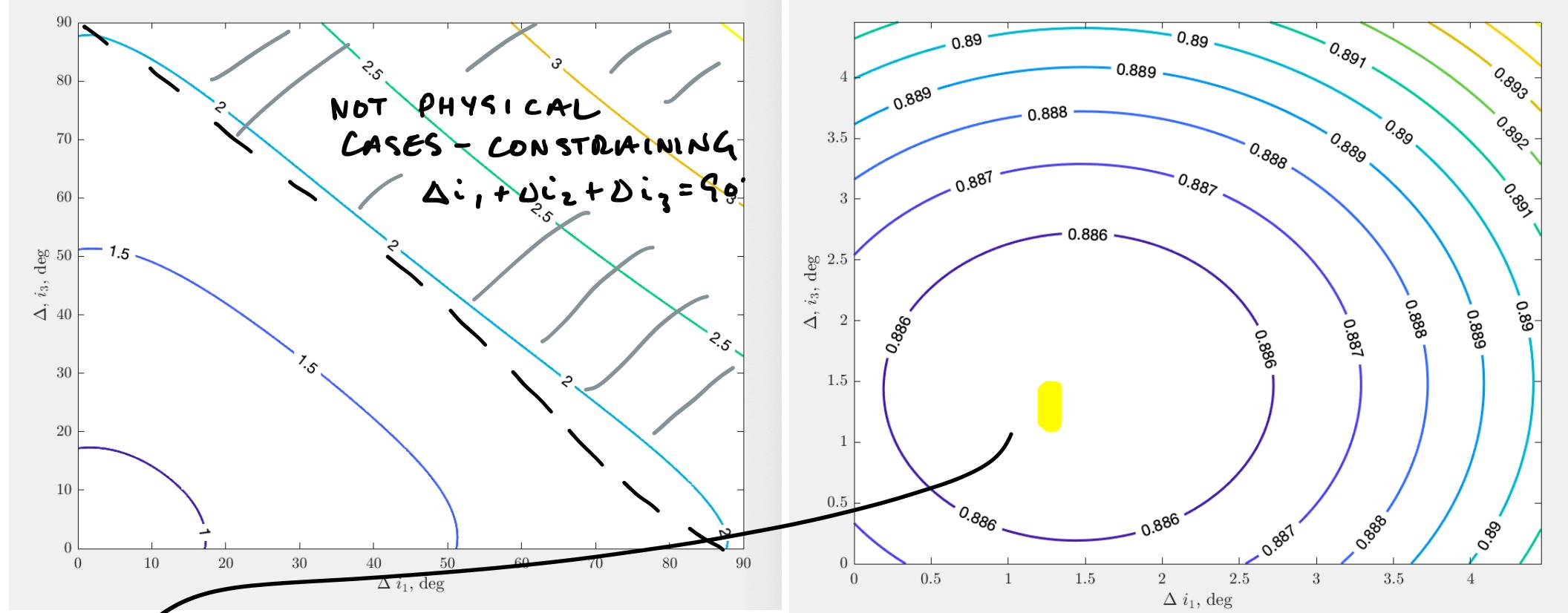
$$\Delta i_1 + \Delta i_2 + \Delta i_3 = 90^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Delta V} = & \left[1 + \frac{2l}{1+l} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2l}{1+l}} \cos \Delta i_1 \right]^{1/2} \\ & + \left[1 + \frac{2l}{1+l} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2l}{1+l}} \cos \Delta i_3 \right]^{1/2} \\ & + 2 \left[\sqrt{\frac{2l}{1+l}} - 1 \right] + 2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{l(1+l)}} \sin(\Delta i_2/2) \end{aligned}$$

maneuver 1

maneuver 3

remainder @ apoapsis
β recircularizing



Optimal combination $\Delta i_1 = \Delta i_3 = 1.45^\circ \Rightarrow \Delta i_2 = 87.1^\circ$
which gives a cost $\bar{J} = 0.895$

Question 5

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EXPLORE THE OPTIMALITY OF "DOG-LEG" PLANE CHANGE MANEUVERS IN MORE DETAIL

IMPLEMENT THE OPTIMIZATION PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SECTION II.B OF THE PAPER, "Three Dimensional Transfers" AND SUMMARIZED WITH Eqs. (13-15), USING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WHICH SIMPLIFY THE PROBLEM.

$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}}$$

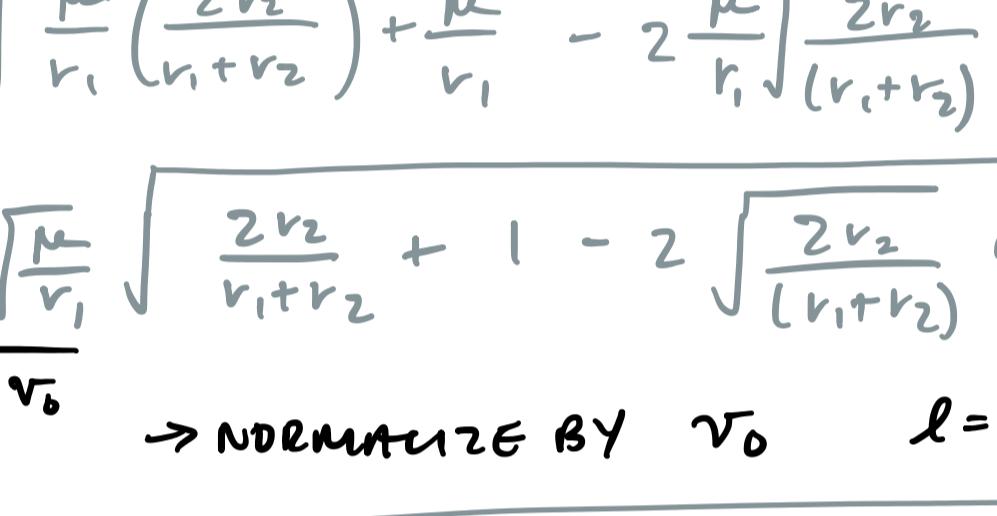
$$v_{1t} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r_1 + r_2}} \frac{r_2}{r_1}$$

$$v_f = v_{2t} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r_1 + r_2}} \frac{r_1}{r_2}$$

NOTE THAT $r_1 \leq r_2$

- DERIVE Eqs. (13-15) WITH OUR SIMPLIFICATIONS. DIVIDE THE COST FUNCTION BY INITIAL LOCAL CIRCULAR SPEED, v_0 . THIS ELIMINATES THE GRAVITATIONAL PARAMETER μ & REDUCES THE FREE VARIABLES TO $\ell = r_2/r_1 \geq 1$, $\eta \neq \Delta i$

$$J(\) = \Delta V_{\text{total}} = \Delta V_1 + \Delta V_2$$



APPLY LAW OF COSINES TO FIND:

$$= \sqrt{v_{1t}^2 + v_0^2 - 2v_{1t}v_0 \cos(\eta \Delta i)} + \sqrt{v_f^2 + v_{2t}^2 - 2v_{2t}v_f \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i)}$$

JUST LOOK AT ①

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r_1 + r_2}} \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} \right)^2 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r_1 + r_2}} \frac{r_2}{r_1} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} \cos(\eta \Delta i) \right]^{1/2} \frac{2\mu^2 r_2}{(r_1 + r_2) r_1^2} \\ & = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r_1 + r_2}} \frac{r_2}{r_1} + \frac{\mu}{r_1} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r_1 + r_2}} \frac{r_2}{r_1} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} \cos(\eta \Delta i) \frac{2r_2}{r_1 + r_2} \\ & = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} \left(\frac{2r_2}{r_1 + r_2} \right) + \frac{\mu}{r_1} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\mu^2 r_2}{(r_1 + r_2) r_1^2}} \cos(\eta \Delta i) \\ & = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} \left(\frac{2r_2}{r_1 + r_2} \right) + \frac{\mu}{r_1} - 2 \frac{\mu}{r_1} \sqrt{\frac{2r_2}{(r_1 + r_2)}} \cos(\eta \Delta i) \\ & = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} \sqrt{\frac{2r_2}{r_1 + r_2}} + 1 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2r_2}{(r_1 + r_2)}} \cos(\eta \Delta i) \\ & \rightarrow \text{NORMALIZE BY } v_0 \quad \ell = r_2/r_1 \quad r_1 = \frac{r_2}{\ell} \quad r_2 = r_1 \ell \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2r_2}{r_1(1+\ell)}} + 1 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2r_2}{r_1(\frac{r_2}{r_1}+1)}} \cos(\eta \Delta i)$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell}} + 1 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{(1+\ell)}} \cos(\eta \Delta i)$$

JUST LOOK AT TERM ②

$$= \sqrt{2 \left[\frac{2\mu}{r_1 + r_2} \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right] - 2 \left[\frac{2\mu}{r_1 + r_2} \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right] \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i)}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 \left(\frac{\mu}{r_1} \right) \left[\frac{2r_1^2}{(r_1 + r_2)r_2} \right] - 2 \left(\frac{\mu}{r_1} \right) \left(\frac{2r_1^2}{(r_1 + r_2)r_2} \right) \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_1}} \sqrt{\frac{4r_1^2}{(\frac{r_1}{r_2}+1)r_2^2} - \frac{4r_1^2}{(\frac{r_1}{r_2}+1)r_2^2} \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i)}$$

NORMALIZE BY v_0

$$= \sqrt{\frac{4}{\ell(1+\ell)}} - \frac{4}{\ell(1+\ell)} \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i)$$

$$\textcircled{2} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{\ell(1+\ell)}} \left[1 - \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i) \right]$$

COMBINE TERMS

$$J = \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell}} + 1 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell}} \cos(\eta \Delta i) + 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{\ell(1+\ell)}} \left[1 - \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i) \right]$$

↳ DERIVED FROM (13)

ΔV_{total}

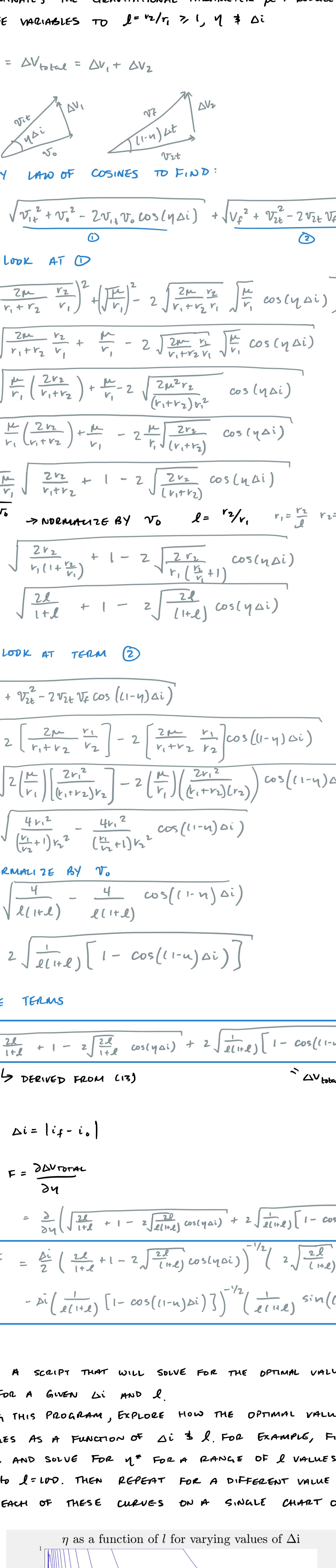
$$(14) \quad \Delta i = |i_f - i_0|$$

$$(15) \quad F = \frac{\partial \Delta V_{\text{total}}}{\partial \eta}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell}} + 1 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell}} \cos(\eta \Delta i) + 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{\ell(1+\ell)}} \left[1 - \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i) \right] \right)$$

$$F = \frac{\Delta i}{2} \left(\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell} + 1 - 2 \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell}} \cos(\eta \Delta i) \right)^{-1/2} \left(2 \sqrt{\frac{2\ell}{1+\ell}} \sin(\eta \Delta i) \right)$$

$$- \Delta i \left(\frac{1}{\ell(1+\ell)} \left[1 - \cos((1-\eta)\Delta i) \right] \right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{1}{\ell(1+\ell)} \sin((1-\eta)\Delta i) \right)$$



- WRITE A SCRIPT THAT WILL SOLVE FOR THE OPTIMAL VALUE OF η^* FOR A GIVEN Δi AND ℓ .
- USING THIS PROGRAM, EXPLORE HOW THE OPTIMAL VALUE OF η^* CHANGES AS A FUNCTION OF Δi & ℓ . FOR EXAMPLE, FIX A VALUE OF Δi AND SOLVE FOR η^* FOR A RANGE OF ℓ VALUES FROM $\ell=1$ TO $\ell=100$. THEN REPEAT FOR A DIFFERENT VALUE OF Δi . PLOT EACH OF THESE CURVES ON A SINGLE CHART OF η^* vs ℓ

Question 6

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ASSUME A SPACECRAFT ORBIT ABOUT A PLANET WITH GRAVITATIONAL PARAMETER μ . THE ORBIT HAS A SEMI-MAJOR AXIS a , AN ECCENTRICITY e , AND AN ARGUMENT OF PERIAPSIS $\omega = 0$. WE WANT TO ROTATE THE ARGUMENT OF PERIAPSIS BY 180° . THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO DO THIS, WE WANT TO COMPARE 3: A ONE-IMPULSE ROTATION AND TWO TWO-IMPULSE ROTATIONS. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE. THE FOLLOWING RESULTS FROM ORBIT THEORY MAY BE USEFUL:

$$r(\nu) = \frac{P}{1+e\cos\nu}$$

r : radius

$$v(\nu) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1 + 2e\cos\nu + e^2}$$

v : speed

$$\tan\gamma = \frac{e\sin\nu}{1+e\cos\nu}$$

γ : flight path angle

$$p = a(1-e^2)$$

ν : true anomaly

P : orbit parameter

(a) ONE-IMPULSE: THIS MANEUVER IS PERFORMED WHEN $\nu = \pm 90^\circ$ AND ROTATES THE VELOCITY VECTOR THROUGH AN ANGLE 2γ . SHOW THAT THE COST OF THIS MANEUVER EQUALS:

$$\Delta v_a = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} e$$



$$\Delta v_a = \sqrt{2v^2 - 2v^2 \cos(2\gamma)}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \sqrt{1 - \cos(2\gamma)}$$

$$\tan(\gamma) = \frac{e\sin(\pm 90^\circ)}{1+e\cos(\pm 90^\circ)} = \pm e$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1 + 2e\cos\nu + e^2}$$

$$\tan(2\gamma) = \frac{2\tan\gamma}{1-\tan^2\gamma} = \frac{\pm 2e}{1-e^2}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1+e^2} \quad (\text{at } \pm 90^\circ + e^2)$$

$$\tan^2(2\gamma) + 1 = \frac{1}{\cos^2(2\gamma)}$$

$$\frac{4e^2}{(1-e^2)^2} + \frac{(1-e^2)^2}{(1-e^2)^2} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(2\gamma)}$$

$$\cos^2(2\gamma) = \frac{(1-e^2)^2}{4e^2 + (1-e^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1-e^2)}{\sqrt{4e^2 + 1 + e^4 - 2e^2}} = \frac{1-e^2}{1+e^2}$$

$$(1+e^2)^2$$

$$\cos 2\gamma = \frac{1-e^2}{1+e^2}$$

$$\Delta v_a = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1+e^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{1-e^2}{1+e^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1+e^2} \sqrt{\frac{1+e^2 - 1+e^2}{1+e^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1+e^2} \sqrt{\frac{2e^2}{1+e^2}}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta v_a = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} e}$$

(b) TWO-IMPULSE APOAPSIS: THE FIRST MANEUVER IS PERFORMED AT APOAPSIS AND PLACES THE S/C ON A CIRCULAR ORBIT. AFTER A HALF-ORBIT THE S/C DROPS PERIAPSIS BACK TO THE ORIGINAL VALUE. SHOW THAT THE COST OF THIS MANEUVER EQUALS :

$$\Delta v_b = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} [\sqrt{1-e} - (1-e)]$$



$$\Delta v = \Delta v_1 + \Delta v_2 = 2(\Delta v_1) \quad \text{Symmetric}$$

$$\text{current: } v_{apo} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1+e^2 - 2e} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} (1-e)$$

$$\text{desired: } v_{circ} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_{apo}}} \quad r_{apo} = \frac{P}{1-e}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu(1-e)}{P}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1-e}$$

$$\Delta v_1 = \text{desired} - \text{current} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} (\sqrt{1-e} - (1-e))$$

$$\boxed{\Delta v_b = 2 \Delta v_1 = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} [\sqrt{1-e} - (1-e)]}$$

(c) TWO-IMPULSE PERIAPSIS: THE FIRST MANEUVER IS PERFORMED AT PERIAPSIS AND PLACES THE S/C ON A CIRCULAR ORBIT. AFTER A HALF-ORBIT THE S/C BOOSTS THE APOAPSIS BACK TO THE ORIGINAL VALUE. SHOW THAT THE COST OF THE MANEUVER EQUALS:

$$\Delta v_c = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} [(1+e) - \sqrt{1+e}]$$



$$\Delta v = \Delta v_1 + \Delta v_2 = 2\Delta v_1$$

$$\text{current: } v_{periapsis} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1+2e+e^2} \quad \frac{1}{(e+1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} (1+e)$$

$$\text{desired: } v_{circ} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r_{per}}} \quad r_{per} = \frac{P}{1+e}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} \sqrt{1+e}$$

$$\Delta v_1 = \text{desired} - \text{current} = v_p - v_{circ}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} [(1+e) - \sqrt{1+e}]$$

$$\boxed{\Delta v_c = 2 \Delta v_1 = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} [(1+e) - \sqrt{1+e}]}$$

(d) COMPARE THESE MANEUVERS AND DETERMINE WHICH ONE IS OPTIMAL FOR ALL VALUES OF ECCENTRICITY, $0 \leq e \leq 1$

The cost analysis shows that the two-impulse apoapsis maneuver is optimal for all values of eccentricity between 0 and 1. At zero eccentricity, the argument of periapsis is not well-defined, since the orbit is circular, and the cost of all maneuvers is zero.

Question 7 (2025)

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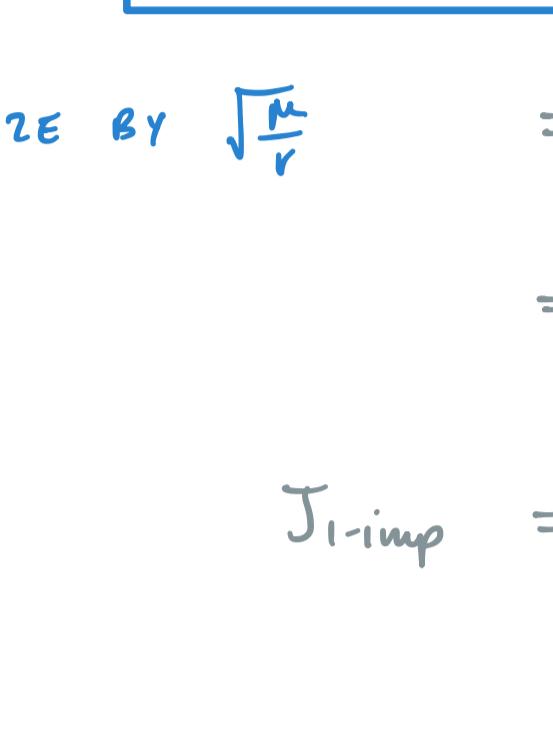
PERFORM A COMPLETE OPTIMAL ANALYSIS OF 1 & 2-IMPULSE ESCAPE MANEUVERS.

CONSIDER A S/C IN AN INITIALLY CIRCULAR ORBIT AT A RADIUS r ABOUT A CENTRAL PLANET W/ MASS PARAMETER μ . THE S/C WILL BE PLACED ON AN ESCAPE TRAJECTORY W/ A SPECIFIED ESCAPE ENERGY PARAMETRIZED AS

$$2E = V_{\infty}^2$$

WHERE V_{∞} IS THE HYPERBOLIC ESCAPE SPEED OF THE S/C.

DERIVE THE COST FUNCTION FOR A 1-IMPULSE ESCAPE



$$\Delta V = V - V_{lc}$$

$$\Delta V = \sqrt{V_{\infty}^2 + V_{lc}^2} - V_{lc}$$

$$V_{lc} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r}}$$

$$V^2 = V_{\infty}^2 + V_{lc}^2$$

$$V = \sqrt{V_{\infty}^2 + \frac{2\mu}{r}}$$

$$J_{1-imp} = \Delta V = \sqrt{V_{\infty}^2 + \frac{2\mu}{r}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}$$

NORMALIZE BY $\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r} \left(\frac{V_{\infty}^2}{V_{lc}^2} + 2 \right)} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{V_{\infty}^2}{V_{lc}^2} + 2} - 1$$

$$J_{1-imp} = \sqrt{\frac{V_{\infty}^2}{V_{lc}^2} + 2} - 1$$

NOW CONSIDER A 2-IMPULSE ESCAPE WHERE THE S/C IS FIRST PLACED ON AN ELLIPTIC ORBIT AND THEN PERFORMS ITS ESCAPE BURN AT THE FIRST APSE PASSAGE. DERIVE THE COST FUNCTION FOR THE CASES WHERE THE ORBIT IS INCREASED (OCCURS @ APOAPSIS) AND FOR ORBIT IS DECREASED (OCCURS @ PERIAPSIS)

INC. CASE



$$\Delta V_1 = \sqrt{r \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{2}{l+r} \right)} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2\mu r}{r(l+r)}}$$

$$\Delta V_2 = \sqrt{V_{\infty}^2 + \frac{2\mu}{r}} - \sqrt{\mu \left(\frac{2}{l} - \frac{2}{r+l} \right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2\mu r}{l(l+r)}}$$

$$\Delta V_2 = \sqrt{V_{\infty}^2 + \frac{2\mu}{r}} - \sqrt{\mu \left(\frac{2}{l} - \frac{2}{r+l} \right)}$$

$$J = \Delta V_{\text{TOTAL}} = \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{2\mu r}{r(r+l)}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}}_{\Delta V_1} + \underbrace{\sqrt{V_{\infty}^2 + \frac{2\mu}{l}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\mu r}{l(l+r)}}}_{\Delta V_2}$$

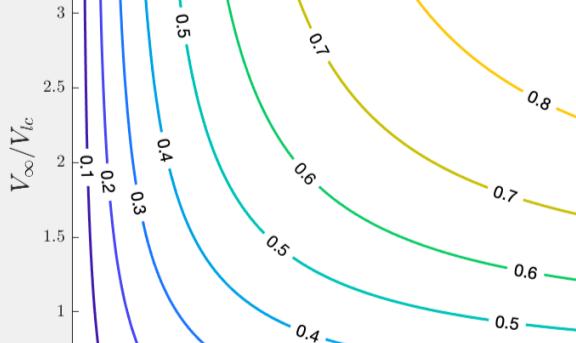
NORMALIZE BY $V_{lc} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{2l}{r+l} \right)} - 1 + \sqrt{\frac{V_{\infty}^2 r}{\mu} + \frac{2r}{l}} - \sqrt{\frac{2r^2}{l(l+r)}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{l}{r}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2\eta}{1+\eta}} - 1 + \sqrt{\frac{V_{\infty}^2}{V_{lc}^2} + \frac{2}{\eta}} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\eta(1+\eta)}}$$

DEC. CASE



$$\Delta V_1 = \sqrt{\mu \left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{2}{l+r} \right)} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}$$

$$V_{\infty} < V_{lc} \rightarrow \text{negative}$$

$$\Delta V_2 = \sqrt{V_{\infty}^2 + \frac{2\mu}{r}} - \sqrt{\mu \left(\frac{2}{l} - \frac{2}{l+r} \right)}$$

$$V_{lc} - V_{\infty}$$

$$J = \Delta V_{\text{TOTAL}} = |\Delta V_1| + \Delta V_2 \quad (l < r)$$

$$J = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu r}{r(r+l)}} - \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}} + \sqrt{V_{\infty}^2 + \frac{2\mu}{l}} - \sqrt{\frac{2\mu r}{l(l+r)}}$$

$J > 0 \Rightarrow$ Change @ apoapsis is never optimal

Change in sign of cost function at $\sqrt{2} \frac{V_{\infty}}{V_{lc}}$ \rightarrow change @ periapsis is optimal for $\frac{V_{\infty}}{V_{lc}} > \sqrt{2}$

Optimality Chart

