

**Problem 1.**

*Basic orbital parameters: remind yourself:*

- (a) Determine the kinetic, potential, and total energy per unit mass, and the magnitude of the moment of momentum (or, angular momentum due to orbital motion) for the HST

**Problem 2.**

Assume your spacecraft is an elliptical transfer orbit, with perigee of 150km above Earth mean surface, and apogee at HST mean altitude.

HST mean altitude is 552.7km.

- (a) Compute the value (deg) of the true anomaly one hour after perigee passage.

$$R_a = 552.7 \text{ km} + 6378 \text{ km} = 6930.7 \text{ km}$$

$$R_p = 150 \text{ km} + 6378 \text{ km} = 6528 \text{ km}$$

$$a = \frac{R_a + R_p}{2} = 6729.35 \text{ km}$$

$$e = \frac{R_a - R_p}{R_a + R_p} = 0.0299$$

$$M_m = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{398600.4}{(6729.35)^3}} = 0.0011$$

$$M = M_m \cdot t = 0.0011 \cdot 60 \cdot 60 = 3.96 \text{ rads}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= E_o - \frac{E_o - e \sin E_o - M}{1 - e \cos E_o} \\ &= M - \frac{M - e \sin M - M}{1 - e \cos M} \\ &= 3.96 - \frac{3.96 - 0.299 \sin 3.96 - 3.96}{1 - 0.299 \cos 3.96} \\ &= 3.7787 \text{ rads} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu &= \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos E - e}{1 - e \cos E} \right) \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos 3.7787 - 0.0299}{1 - 0.0299 \cos 3.7787} \right) \\ &= 2.5220 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Compute the magnitude of the Earth-relative velocity of your spacecraft at this same point

$$\begin{aligned} \text{alt} &= (a(1 - e \cos E)) - 6378 \text{ km} \\ &= (6729.35(1 - 0.0299 \cos 3.7787)) - 6378 \\ &= 513.0846 \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vel} &= \sqrt{\mu \left( \frac{2}{\text{alt} + 6378} - \frac{1}{a} \right)} \\ &= \sqrt{398600.4 \left( \frac{2}{513.0846 + 6378} - \frac{1}{6729.35} \right)} \\ &= 7.5135 \text{ km/s} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3.**

*Obtain the Two-Line-Element for HST at an epoch of your choosing.*

HST

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1 20580U 90037B    16031.61163492 .00001273 00000-0 69179-4 0 9996
2 20580   28.4704   87.0856 0002935 165.2440 327.6400 15.08104961214326
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Epoch Time: Sun Jan 31 2016 06:40:45 GMT-0800 (PST)

- (a) Write down the 6 orbital elements  $h$ ,  $e$ ,  $I$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $\omega$ , and  $\theta$

$I$  = inclination = 28.4704 deg = 0.4969 rad

$\Omega$  = right ascension of ascending node = 87.0856 deg = 1.5199 rad

$e$  = eccentricity = 0.0002935

$\omega$  = argument of perigee = 165.2440 deg = 2.8841 rad

$M$  = Mean Anomaly = 327.640 deg = 5.7184 rad

$n$  = Mean Motion = 15.08104961 rev/day = 0.00109672488 rads/s

$$\begin{aligned}\theta = \text{true anomaly} &= \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos E - e}{1 - e \cos E} \right) \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos 5.71815 - 0.0002935}{1 - 0.0002935 \cos 5.71815} \right) \\ &= 0.5652 \text{ rad} \\ a &= \left( \frac{\mu}{n^2} \right)^{1/3} \\ &= \left( \frac{398600.4}{(0.00109672488)^2} \right)^{1/3} \\ &= 6920 \text{ km}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}h = \text{angular momentum} &= \sqrt{a(1 - e^2)\mu} \\ &= \sqrt{6920(1 - (0.0002935)^2)398600.4} \\ &= 52519.6585 \text{ km}^2/\text{s}\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Also compute the eccentric anomaly  $E$ .

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

$$5.7184 = E - 0.0002935 \sin E$$

$$E = 5.71815 \text{ rad, via Newton-Raphson method}$$

- (c) Using class notes (Lecture 7, Thurs 1/26/16, “Compute State Vector from Orbital Elements”), find the HST state vector at this time, in the geocentric equatorial reference frame. (Also see Curtis book, Sec 4.6 and App D2 (SmartSite)).

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1 def sv_from_coe(coe, mu):
2     '''
3     This function computes the state vector (r,v) from the
4     classical orbital elements (coe).
5
6     mu - gravitational parameter (km^3/s^2)
7     coe - orbital elements [h e RA incl w TA]
8         where
9         h    = angular momentum (km^2/s)
10        e    = eccentricity
11        RA   = right ascension of the ascending node (rad)
12        incl = inclination of the orbit (rad)
13        w    = argument of perigee (rad)
14        TA   = true anomaly (rad)
15    R3_w - Rotation matrix about the z-axis through the angle w
16    R1_i - Rotation matrix about the x-axis through the angle i
17    R3_W - Rotation matrix about the z-axis through the angle RA
18    Q_pX - Matrix of the transformation from perifocal to geocentric
19           equatorial frame
20    rp - position vector in the perifocal frame (km)
21    vp - velocity vector in the perifocal frame (km/s)
22    r - position vector in the geocentric equatorial frame (km)
23    v - velocity vector in the geocentric equatorial frame (km/s)
24    '''
25
26    h = coe[0]
27    e = coe[1]
28    RA = coe[2]
29    incl = coe[3]
30    w = coe[4]
31    TA = coe[5]
32
33    #...Equations 4.45 and 4.46 (rp and vp are column vectors):
34    rp = (h**2/mu) * (1/(1 + e*np.cos(TA))) * np.array([np.cos(TA), np.sin(TA), 0])
35    vp = (mu/h) * np.array([-np.sin(TA), (e + np.cos(TA)), 0])
36
37    #...Equation 4.34:
38    R3_W = np.array([[ np.cos(RA),  np.sin(RA),  0],
39                     [-np.sin(RA),  np.cos(RA),  0],
40                     [          0,          0,  1]])
41
42    #...Equation 4.32:
43    R1_i = np.array([[1,          0,          0],
44                     [0,  np.cos(incl), np.sin(incl)],
45                     [0, -np.sin(incl), np.cos(incl)]])
46
47    #...Equation 4.34:
48    R3_w = np.array([[ np.cos(w),  np.sin(w),  0],
49                     [-np.sin(w),  np.cos(w),  0],
50                     [          0,          0,  1]])
51
52    #...Equation 4.49:
53    Q_pX = (R3_w @ R1_i @ R3_W).T

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55     #...Equations 4.51:
56     r = Q_pX @ rp;
57     v = Q_pX @ vp;
58
59     return r, v
60
61 coe = np.array([52519.6585, 0.0002935, 1.5199, 0.4969, 2.8841, 0.5652])
62 mu = 398600.4 #km^3/s^2
63 sv_from_coe(coe, mu)
64
65 #(array([ 1504.15011252, -6678.50694298,  -998.86945097]),
66 # array([ 6.46890726,  1.97156421, -3.44905071]))
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**Problem 4.**

*Plot the magnitudes vs  $\theta$  of the three vector components of the perturbing gravitational potential  $\mathbf{b}$  for one orbit of the HST (Lecture 8, p14, Thurs 1/28/16, Curtis eqn 12.30)*

**Problem 5.**

*Drag forces:*

- (a) Estimate the drag force imposed on the HST at its actual altitude, and also as if it were at ISS altitude. Do this for two cases, solar min and solar max, using the NASA atmospheric model you used in HW #2. Assume a non-rotating Earth. List all other assumptions.
- (b) Explain why drag tends to circularize an elliptical orbit.

**Problem 6.**

*Referring to the Gaussian form of the Lagrange Planetary Equations (eqn 4.34 in the text):*

- (a) For a retrograde burn, which orbital parameters will change, and by which sign?
- (b) To change the orbital inclination, you must burn “out of plane”. What other orbital parameters will this change, if any?
- (c) To increase the argument of perigee, in which direction(s) could you generate thrust?
- (d) For a purely in-plane burn, what is the relationship between tangential and radial thrust required to leave the argument of perigee unchanged?



**Problem 7.**

*Numerical propagation of perturbed orbits:*

- (a) Use the HST state vector found in Problem 3 as your initial conditions.
- (b) Write the orbital equation of motion for perturbed orbits as two first order ODEs in  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{a} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ -\mu \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r^3} + \mathbf{p} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) The perturbation vector  $\mathbf{p}$  is due to drag only,  $\mathbf{p} = -1/2\rho v(C_D S)\mathbf{v}$ .
- (d) Using RK4, solve for  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  on the time interval of one orbit, once with drag and once without. Plot the difference over time for the magnitudes of  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .