

AE 240 Assignment- Launch Vehicle Trajectory Code

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In [1]: from __future__ import print_function
        from numpy import *
        import pandas as pd
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In [2]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        %matplotlib inline
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In [3]: q=0.001921
        g0=9.81

        def g_h(h): # value of g at an altitude h
            factor=( 6371.0/(h+6371.0) )**2
            return g0*factor

        def beta(m_i, m_f, t): #burn rate for the vertical launch (Assumed Constant)
            return (m_i-m_f)/t
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In [4]: #Functions for parameters in a constant pitch rate trajectory

        def TOF(theta_a, theta_b): #Time of flight to go from angle A to B in constant pitch rate
            return (theta_a-theta_b)/q

        def theta_final(theta_initial, TOF ): #Final angle for a given initial angle and time of flight
            return q*TOF+theta_initial

        def velocity1(theta, g):
            return g*sin(theta)/q

        def altitude_constant_q(theta_i, theta_f, g, h0):
            return ( q*(cos(2*theta_i)-cos(2*theta_f))/(4*q*q) +h0 )
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In [5]: #Functions for parameters in a vertical launch

        def vel_ideal(m_i,m_f,Isp): #Ideal Velocity without the impact of gravity
            return g0*Isp*log(m_i/m_f)

        def vel_gravity(m_i, m_f, Isp, g, t): #Velocity taking into account gravity
            return (vel_ideal(m_i,m_f,Isp) - g*t)

        def altitude_vertial_launch(m_i, m_f, Isp, g, t): #Altitude attained by the vehicle
            L = (m_f-m_i)/m_i
            b=beta(m_i,m_f,t)
            H = ( (m_i*g0*Isp)/b)*((1-L)*log(1-L) + L) -0.5*g*t*t
            return H
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Stage 1

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In [28]: #These data have been mentioned in the report and have been obtained from h

        m01 = 190000
        m11 = 106615
        Tb1 = 54
        Isp1= 261
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In [29]: t1 = 10
        t2 = Tb1-t1
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For a certain time t_1 , the Launch vehicle undergoes vertical motion. After that, it receives a pitch kick of θ_0 , and executes a constant pitch rate gravity turn till angle θ_1 in the 1st stage

In [140]: *#Calculations for the vertical launch*

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m = 130327.8497

V0 = vel_gravity(m01, m, Isp1, g0, t1)
H0 = altitude_vertial_launch(m01, m, Isp1, g0, t1)
g01 = g_h(H0/1000.0)
g=(g01+g0)/2.0
V0 = vel_gravity(m01, m, Isp1, g, t1)
H0 = altitude_vertial_launch(m01, m, Isp1, g, t1)
beta0 = beta(m01, m, t1)
print("H0: ", H0)
print("V0: ", V0)
print("Burn rate for the vertical launch: ".beta0. "kg/s")

H0: 3165.26640262
V0: 867.148698105
Burn rate for the vertical launch: 5967.21503 kg/s
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In [141]: *#Calculations from time t_1 to time T_b*

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theta0=arcsin(V0*q/g0)
theta1=theta_final(theta0, Tb1)
altitudel=altitude_constant_q(theta0, theta1, g0, H0)
g01 = g_h(altitudel)
g1=(g0+g01)/2.0
altitudel=altitude_constant_q(theta0, theta1, g1, 0)

V1=velocity1(theta1,g1)

betal =beta(m, m11, t2)

print("Pitch kick at the start: ", theta0*180/pi)
print("Altitude at stage 1 separation: ", altitudel/1000, "km")
print("Theta at stage 1 separation: ", theta1*180/pi, "degrees")
print("Velocity at stage 1 separation: ", V1/1000, "km/s")
print("Burn rate after vertical launch to stage 1 separation: ".betal. "kg/s")

Pitch kick at the start: 9.77651472565
Altitude at stage 1 separation: 29.8769284886 km
Theta at stage 1 separation: 15.7200351177 degrees
Velocity at stage 1 separation: 0.697734586421 km/s
Burn rate after vertical launch to stage 1 separation: 538.928402273 kg/s
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Stage 2

In [142]: *#These data have been mentioned in the report and have been obtained from h*

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Tb2 = 223
Isp2 = 296
m12 = 95194
m22 = 15186
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In [143]: #Calculculations from stage 1 separation to stage 2 separation

#pitch kick of 5 degrees at the start of this stage
theta1+=0.0872664
theta2=theta_final(theta1, Tb2)

altitude2=altitude_constant_q(theta1, theta2, g1, altitude1)
g12=g_h((altitude1+altitude2)/1000.0)
g2=(g12+g1)/2.0
altitude2=altitude_constant_q(theta1, theta2, g2, altitude1)

V2=velocity1(theta2,g0)

beta2 = beta(m12, m22, Tb2)

print("Altitude at stage 2 separation: ", altitude2/1000, "km")
print("Theta at stage 2 separation: ", theta2*180/pi, "degrees")
print("Velocity at stage 2 separation: ", V2/1000, "km/s")
print("Burn rate from stage 1 separation to stage 2 separation: ".beta2. "kg/s")
Altitude at stage 2 separation:  386.079479528 km
Theta at stage 2 separation:  45.2645694461 degrees
Velocity at stage 2 separation:  3.62762857794 km/s
Burn rate from stage 1 separation to stage 2 separation:  358 kg/s
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Stage 3

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In [144]: #These data have been mentioned in the report and have been obtained from h

Tb3 = 322
Isp3 = 301
m13 = 10826
m23 = 6306
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In [145]: #Calculations from stage 2 separation to stage 3 separation

theta3 = theta_final(theta2, Tb3)
theta3+=0.17453

altitude3=altitude_constant_q(theta2, theta3, g2, altitude2)
g13=g_h((altitude3+altitude2)/1000.0)
g3=(g13+g2)/2.0
altitude3=altitude_constant_q(theta2, theta3, g3, altitude2)

V3 = velocity1(theta3, g0)

beta3 = beta(m13, m23, Tb3)

print("Altitude at stage 3 separation: ", altitude3/1000, "km")
print("Theta at stage 3 separation: ", theta3*180/pi, "degrees")
print("Velocity at stage 3 separation: ", V3/1000, "km/s")
print("Burn rate from stage 2 separation to stage 3 separation: ".beta3. "kg/s")
Altitude at stage 3 separation:  947.491994488 km
Theta at stage 3 separation:  90.7053938117 degrees
Velocity at stage 3 separation:  5.10632824069 km/s
Burn rate from stage 2 separation to stage 3 separation:  14 kg/s
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Error in the final parameters obtained

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In [146]: theta = pi/2 #Since final theta of the trajectory is 90 degrees
altitude = 1000000 # Launch vehicle trajectory is assumed circular with the
V = 6849.5 # This velocity is for an elliptical orbit with apogee 1000 km a
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In [147]: error_theta = 100*(theta-theta3)/theta
error_altitude = 100*(altitude-altitude3)/altitude
error_V = 100*(V - V3)/V

print("Error in theta: ", error_theta, "%")
print("Error in altitude: ", error_altitude, "%")
print("Error in velocity: ", error_V, "%")
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Error in theta:  -0.783770901896 %
Error in altitude:  5.25080055115 %
Error in velocity:  25.4496205462 %
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