# ASEN 5050 SPACEFLIGHT DYNAMICS Two-Body Motion

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# Announcements

- Homework #2 is due a week from today!
  - Either handed in or uploaded to D2L
  - Late policy is 10% per school day, where a "day" starts at 9:00 am.

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# Space News

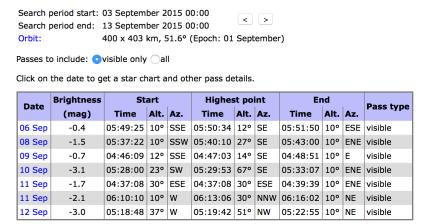
# Russian extends travel time to International Space Station



# Homework #1

• Darn orbital dynamics. The ISS is not cooperative at the moment. Here are the next passes (viewed from Boulder):

## **ISS - Visible Passes**



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### Homework #1 **ISS - Visible Passes** Search period start: 03 October 2015 00:00 Search period end: 13 October 2015 00:00 400 x 403 km, 51.6° (Epoch: 01 September) Passes to include: visible only all Click on the date to get a star chart and other pass details. Brightness **Highest point** Pass type (mag) Time Alt. Az. Time Alt. Az. Time Alt. Az. 03 Oct 19:23:19 10° SSW 19:26:03 25° SE 19:28:03 15° E 20:59:21 10° W 21:00:41 20° W 21:00:41 20° W -0.7 03 Oct 20:05:48 10° WSW 20:09:01 64° NW 20:10:01 39° NNE visible 04 Oct -3.0 -3.3 | 19:12:33 | 10° | SW | 19:15:46 | 63° | SE | 19:19:00 | 10° | ENE | visible 05 Oct 20:49:52 10° WNW 20:51:50 20° NW 20:51:50 20° NW 05 Oct -0.8 19:56:02 10° W 19:58:59 31° NNW 20:00:54 17° NNE visible -1.7 19:02:25 10° WSW 19:05:37 54° NNW 19:08:50 10° NE 07 Oct -2.7 -0.6 | 20:40:40 | 10° | NW | 20:42:28 | 14° | NNW | 20:42:28 | 14° | NNW | visible 19:46:37 | 10° | WNW | 19:49:04 | 19° | NNW | 19:51:22 | 11° | NNE | visible 08 Oct -1.0 18:52:43 10° W 18:55:36 28° NNW 18:58:28 10° NE -1.6 09 Oct -0.4 20:31:35 10° NNW 20:32:47 12° N 20:32:47 12° N 19:37:27 10° NW 19:39:15 14° NNW 19:41:01 10° NNE visible 10 Oct -0.7 11 Oct -0.5 20:22:12 10° NNW 20:22:56 11° N 20:22:56 11° N 19:28:22 10° NNW 19:29:31 11° N 12 Oct 19:30:39 10° NNE visible

# Today's Lecture Topics

- Converting between the anomalies
- Then: More two-body orbital element computations

# Our toolbox:

- Newton's law of gravitation
- · Specific Energy
- Vis-Viva Equation

Most everything else comes straight from these.

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# **Properties of Conic Sections**

Ellipses 
$$\langle \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r}} \rangle \langle 0 \rangle = e \langle 1 \rangle \langle 0 \rangle = e \langle 0 \rangle \langle 0$$

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# **Orbital Period**

• Last time we proved Kepler's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> laws and arrived at an expression for the orbital period of an ellipse:

$$P = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}}$$
 units =  $\sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{km}^3}{\mathrm{km}^3/\mathrm{s}^2}}$  = seconds

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# **Mean Motion**

• We also arrived at an expression for the *mean motion*:

$$n = \frac{2\pi \text{ radians}}{P \text{ sec}}$$

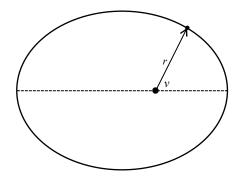
$$P = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}}$$

$$n = \frac{2\pi}{P} = \frac{2\pi}{2\pi\sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}}}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}} \text{ rad/s}$$

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# Where are we in an orbit?

- We have:
  - Our position in an orbit relative to Earth
  - The time
  - The true anomaly,  $\nu$
- We want to know:
  - How long it will take to get somewhere
  - The time profile of v(t)
- We pose the answer by determining how much area is swept out in some amount of time.



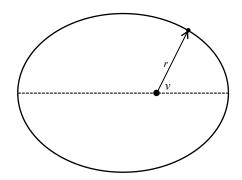
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# The Anomalies

- The true anomaly, v
  - The actual, measured angle
  - Notice that this does not advance at a constant rate in an elliptical orbit
- Mean anomaly, M
  - An angle that does advance at a constant rate in an elliptical orbit.

$$M = n(t - t_p)$$

- Eccentric anomaly, E
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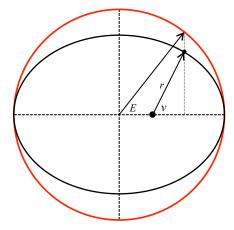
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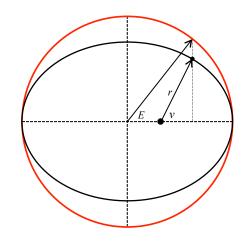
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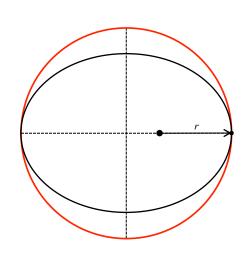
# The Anomalies

• Some quick mental exercises:



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The Anomalies



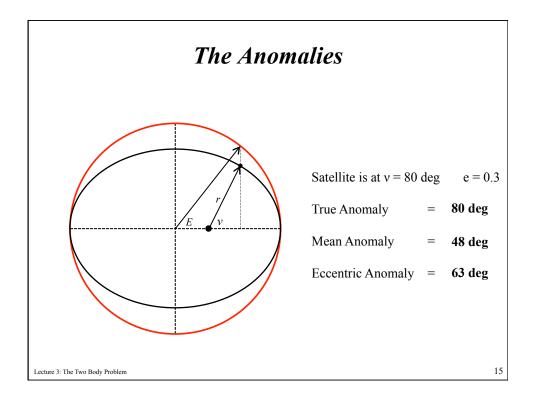
Satellite is at periapse

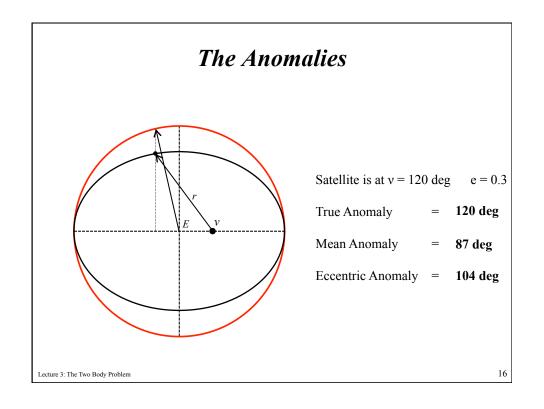
True Anomaly = 0 deg

Mean Anomaly = 0 deg

Eccentric Anomaly = 0 deg

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# The Anomalies Satellite is at apoapse True Anomaly = 180 deg Mean Anomaly = 180 deg Eccentric Anomaly = 180 deg

# The Anomalies

- The true anomaly advances quickly away from periapse
  - The mean anomaly advances steadily
  - The eccentric anomaly is in between
- At apoapse, they all catch up.
- Beyond apoapse, it's all in reverse (i.e., symmetric)
  - True anomaly advances the slowest away from apoapse
  - Mean anomaly advances steadily
  - Eccentric anomaly is in between

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# The Anomalies Auxiliary Circle

Let's see some math!

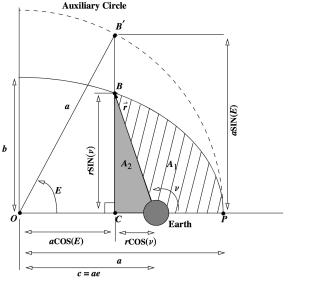


Figure 2-2. Geometry of Kepler's Equation. The eccentric anomaly uses an auxiliary circle as shown. The ultimate goal is to determine the area,  $A_1$ , which allows us to calculate the time. (Vallado, 2013)

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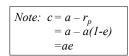
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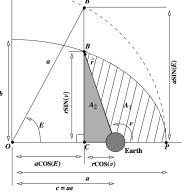
# The Anomalies

True Anomaly

Mean Anomaly

**Eccentric Anomaly** 





Auxiliary Circle

For a coordinate system centered on Earth, write the location of the satellite in terms of E

$$X_{SAT} = a \cos E - ae$$

Eq. of Ellipse 
$$\frac{X_{SAT}^2}{a^2} + \frac{Y_{SAT}^2}{b^2} = 1 \implies Y_{SAT} = b \sin E$$

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$$r^{2} = X_{SAT}^{2} + Y_{SAT}^{2}$$

$$= (a\cos E - ae)^{2} + (b\sin E)^{2}$$

$$= a^{2} \left[\cos^{2} E - 2e\cos E + e^{2} + (1 - e^{2})\sin^{2} E\right]$$

$$= a^{2} \left[1 - 2e\cos E + e^{2}(1 - \sin^{2} E)\right]$$

$$= a^{2} \left[1 - 2e\cos E + e^{2}\cos^{2} E\right]$$

$$= a^{2} \left(1 - e\cos E\right)^{2} \implies r = a(1 - e\cos E)$$

Now we will derive Kepler's Equation

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# Derivation of Kepler's Equation

Remember 
$$r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos v}$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{-p(-e\sin v) \dot{v}}{(1+e\cos v)^2} = \frac{p(e\sin v) \dot{v}r^2}{p^2} = \frac{he\sin v}{p}$$

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

$$\dot{r} = ae \sin E\dot{E}$$

So, 
$$ae\dot{E}\sin E = \frac{he\sin v}{p}$$
 Note  $b\sin E = r\sin v$ 

$$ae\dot{E}\sin E = \frac{he}{p} \left(\frac{b}{r}\sin E\right)$$

 $sin \mathbf{v} = \frac{b}{r} sin E$ 

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Thus, 
$$r\dot{E} = \frac{hb}{pa} = \frac{\sqrt{\mu a(1 - e^2)}a\sqrt{1 - e^2}}{a(1 - e^2)a}$$
  $\frac{h^2}{\mu} = p$ 

$$r\dot{E} = \frac{\sqrt{\mu a}a(1 - e^2)}{a^2(1 - e^2)} = \sqrt{\mu}\frac{a^{\frac{3}{2}}}{a^{\frac{4}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a}}$$

Thus, 
$$a(1 - e\cos E)\dot{E} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a}}$$
$$\dot{E} - e\cos E\dot{E} = \frac{\mu^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} = n$$

Integrating,  $E - e \sin E = nt + \text{constant}$ 

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# Derivation of Kepler's Equation

If reference time is perigee, E = 0,

$$E_{t_p} - e \sin E_{t_p} = nt_p + \text{constant} \implies \text{constant} = -nt_p$$

$$E - e \sin E = n(t - t_p) = M \qquad \text{Kepler's Equation}$$

$$Angle swept out at the mean angular velocity, n, the mean motion}$$

$$M = \text{Mean Anomaly}$$

$$M = n(t - t_p) = E - e \sin E$$

Kepler's Equation relates the Mean Anomaly to the Eccentric Anomaly

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Can we relate either the Mean or Eccentric Anomaly to the True Anomaly?

Yes!

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

$$r = \frac{p}{1 + e\cos\nu}$$

Useful Formula:

$$r = a(1 - e\cos E) = \frac{p}{1 + e\cos \nu} = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e\cos \nu}$$

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# **Conversions**

• Any issues with these relationships?

$$M = n(t - t_p) = E - e \sin E$$
  
 $r = a(1 - e \cos E) = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos \nu} = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos \nu}$ 

• Quadrants! Two satellites with v = 10 deg and v = -10 deg will be impossible to distinguish.

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# Quadrant Checks

• True Anomaly → Eccentric Anomaly (Eq 2-9)

$$SIN(E) = \frac{SIN(\nu)\sqrt{1 - e^2}}{1 + e\cos(\nu)} \qquad Cos(E) = \frac{e + \cos(\nu)}{1 + e\cos(\nu)}$$

• Eccentric Anomaly → True Anomaly

$$SIN(\nu) = \frac{SIN(E)\sqrt{1-e^2}}{1-e\cos(E)} \qquad COS(\nu) = \frac{COS(E)-e}{1-e\cos(E)}$$

(both v and E are either 0 - 180 deg or 180 - 360 deg)

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# More Quadrant Checks

• True Anomaly → Eccentric Anomaly (Eq 2-14)

$$TAN\left(\frac{E}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1-e}{1+e}}TAN\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right)$$

• Eccentric Anomaly → True Anomaly (Eq 2-13)

$$TAN\left(\frac{\nu}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}}TAN\left(\frac{E}{2}\right)$$

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So, 
$$\cos v = \frac{\cos E - e}{1 + e \cos E} = \frac{a(\cos E - e)}{r}$$

$$\sin v = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 v} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - e^2} \sin E}{1 + e \cos E} = \frac{a\sqrt{1 - e^2} \sin E}{r}$$

$$\tan^2 \frac{v}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos v}{1 + \cos v} = \frac{1 - \frac{\cos E - e}{1 - e \cos E}}{1 + \frac{\cos E - e}{1 - e \cos E}} = \frac{1 - e \cos E - \cos E + e}{1 - e \cos E + \cos E - e}$$

$$= \frac{(1 + e)(1 - \cos E)}{(1 - e)(1 + \cos E)} = \frac{1 + e}{1 - e} \tan^2 \frac{E}{2}$$

$$\tan \frac{v}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + e}{1 - e}} \tan \frac{E}{2}$$

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# If we have v and need more:

• If v is given:

$$r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos v}$$

$$\cos E = \frac{r\cos v + ae}{a}$$

$$sinE = \frac{r \, sinv}{b}$$

Solve E-e sin E = M for t (or M)

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# If we have t and need more:

• If *t* is given:

$$M = n(t - t_p)$$

Solve E-e sin E = M for E

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

and 
$$cos v = \frac{a cos E - ae}{r}$$

$$sinv = \frac{b}{r}sinE$$

$$=\frac{a\sqrt{1-e^2}}{r}\sin E$$

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# Derivation of Kepler's Equation

If t is given:

$$M = n(t - t_n)$$

Solve 
$$E$$
- $e$   $sin$   $E$  =  $M$  for  $E$ 

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

and 
$$cosv = \frac{a cos E - ae}{r}$$

$$sin v = -\frac{b}{r} sin E$$

$$=\frac{a\sqrt{1-e^2}}{r}\sin E$$

If  $\boldsymbol{v}$  is given:

$$r = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos v}$$

$$\cos E = \frac{r\cos v + ae}{a}$$

$$sinE = \frac{r sinv}{h}$$

Solve E-e sin E = M for t (or M)

Another Useful Relation:

$$tan\frac{v}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}} tan\frac{E}{2}$$

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# Solving Kepler's Equation

Want to use Newton-Raphson Iteration.

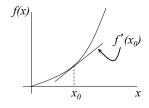
Assume we want to solve f(y) = 0 for y.

Assume  $y = x + \delta$ , where x is an approximate guess, and  $\delta$  is a small correction. Expanding in a Taylor Series:

$$0 = f(y) = f(x + \delta) \approx f(x) + f'(x)\delta + \frac{f''(x)}{2!}\delta^2 + \dots$$

Neglecting  $2^{\rm nd}$  order terms and higher, we can solve for  $\delta$ :

 $\delta = -\frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}$ 



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# Solving Kepler's Equation

We need to iterate this since we have neglected higher order terms:

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + \delta_n = X_n - \frac{f(X_n)}{f'(X_n)}$$

Iterate until  $\delta_n$  is acceptably small  $(\delta = y-x)$ 

We want to solve  $E - e \sin E = M$   $\Rightarrow$   $f(E) = M - E + e \sin E = 0$  $f'(E) = -1 + e \cos E$ 

So

$$E_{n+1} = E_n + \frac{M - E_n + e \sin E_n}{I - e \cos E_n}$$

Careful with e = 1, i.e., don't use for high e.

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