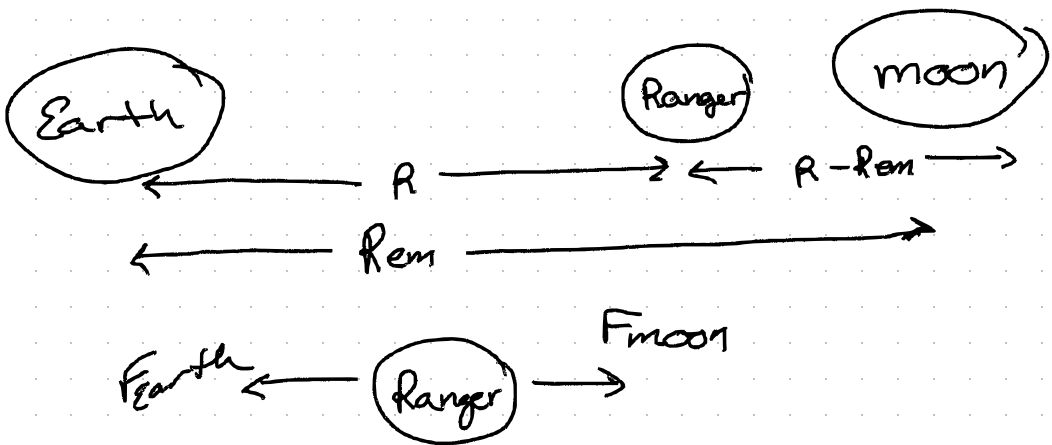


Nathan's Notes on
first Python assignment
Specifically the Ranger 7
mission plots.



Point of No Return:

$$\frac{G M_E \cdot M_R}{R^2} = \frac{G \cdot M_m \cdot M_R}{(R - R_{em})^2}$$

Solve for R

Something like $R^2 = (R - R_{em})^2 \cdot \frac{G M_E M_R}{G M_m M_R}$

math problem of form

$$x^2 = (x - a)^2 b$$

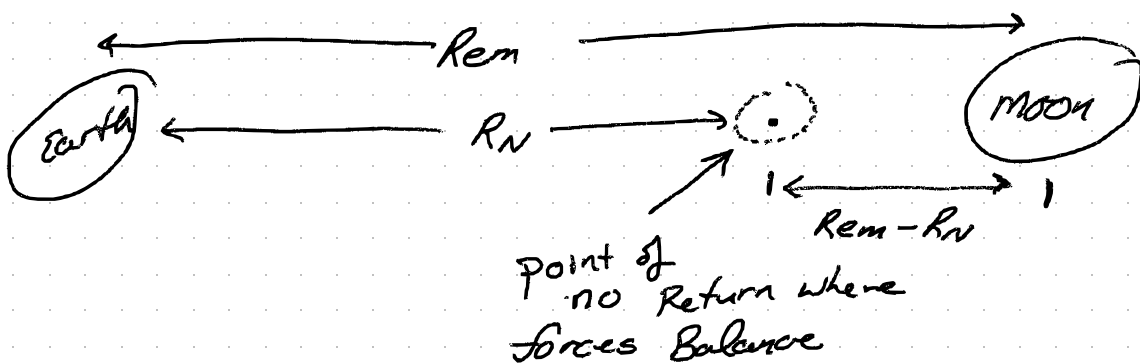
Then, Assuming you've found point of no Return, call it R_N

How fast @ $R_1 = R_{\text{Earth}} + 50 \times 10^3 \text{ m}$

to make it to R_N w/ no velocity left?

$$U_{\text{moon}} = -\frac{G M_m \cdot M_R}{(R_m - R_N)}$$

$$U_{\text{Earth}} = -\frac{G M_E \cdot M_R}{R_N}$$



Energy

How much Kinetic Energy
 @ 1 to get to 2 w/
 no Kinetic Energy left?

1

2

$$KE_1 + U_1 = KE_2 + U_2$$

zero?

Forces balance
at:

$$R^2 = (R - R_{em})^2 \cdot \frac{G M_E M_R}{G M_m M_R}$$

$$R^2 \left(\frac{M_m}{M_E} \right) = R^2 - 2R \cdot R_{em} + R_{em}^2$$

$$0 = \left(1 - \frac{M_m}{M_E} \right) R^2 - 2R_{em} \cdot R + R_{em}^2$$

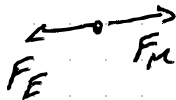
$$R = \frac{-(-2R_{em}) \pm \sqrt{(-2R_{em})^2 - 4 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{M_m}{M_E} \right) \cdot R_{em}^2}}{2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{M_m}{M_E} \right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_m &= 7.3 \times 10^{22} \\ M_E &= 6 \times 10^{24} \\ R_{em} &= 3.8 \times 10^8 \end{aligned}$$

$$R = (4.3 \text{ or } 3.4) \times 10^8 \text{ meters}$$

↑
this is the real one
about 90% of
the way to the
moon

← F_E
← F_m
on the far side

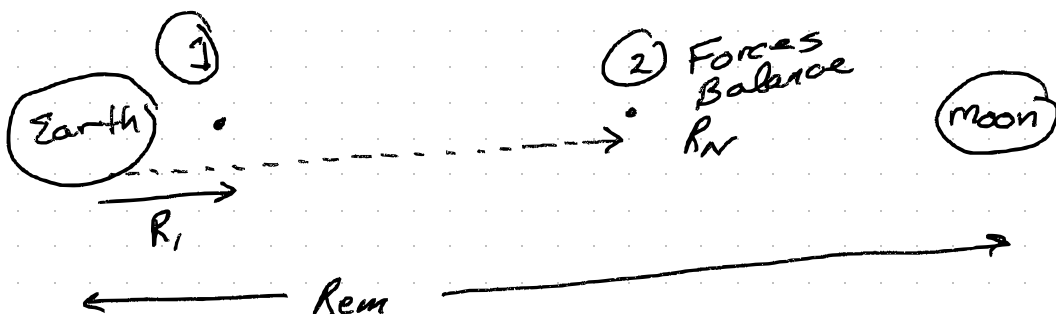


What Energy/Velocity @ 50km from Earth's Surface if you make it to the pt of No Return (where forces balance)?

(1)

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} M_R \cdot v_1^2$$

$$U_G = -\frac{G M_E M_R}{R_1} - \frac{G M_m M_R}{R_{em} - R_1}$$



(2) $KE = 0$ (because you stop when you get there?)

$$U_G = -\frac{G M_E M_R}{R_1} - \frac{G M_m M_R}{R_{em} - R_1}$$

Equate $F_1 = F_2$ and solve for V_1

Python says $V_1 \approx 11 \text{ km/s}$ minimum