# Two-Body Problem

Newton's Law:  $\Sigma \vec{F} = \frac{d(m\vec{v})}{dt} = m\vec{a}$ 

Universal Law of Gravitation:  $\vec{F}_g = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2}\frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$ 

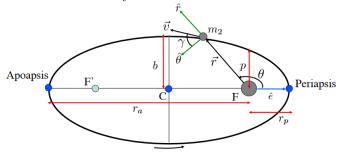
Apply Newton's Laws to a two-body problem with the assumptions:

- 1. Only system force: Gravity  $\rightarrow$  acts along the line joining the centers of the bodies.
- Mass of each body is constant.
- 3. Treat each body as a spherically symmetrical point mass with uniform density.

#### Orbits

#### **Elliptical Orbits: Orbital Properties:**

- a = semimajor axis
- b = semiminor axis
- p = semiperimeter
- $r_a/r_p = \text{radii of apoapsis/periapsis}$
- $\vec{e} = \text{eccentricity}$



2a

#### **Useful Equations:**

$$a = \frac{1}{2}(r_a + r_p)$$

$$p = \frac{\bar{b}^2}{a} = a(1 - e^2) = \frac{h^2}{\mu}$$

$$r_a = \frac{p}{1-e} = a(1+e)$$

$$r_p = \frac{1}{1+e} = a(1-e)$$

$$e = \frac{r_a - r_p}{r_a + r_p} = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{a} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2h^2 \varepsilon}{\mu^2}}$$

 $b = a\sqrt{1 - e^2}$ 

Angular Momentum:  $\vec{h} = \vec{r} \times \vec{v} = \sqrt{\mu a(1 - e^2)}$ 

Eccentricity Vector:  $\vec{e} = \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{h}}{\mu} - \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$ Specific Energy:  $\varepsilon = \frac{v^2}{2} - \frac{\mu}{r} = \frac{\mu^2(e^2 - 1)}{2h^2}$ •  $\varepsilon < 0$  Motion of Body 2 is bounded wrt Body 1

•  $\varepsilon \ge 0$  Motion of Body 2 is unbounded wrt Body 1

Conic Equation:  $r = \frac{h^2/\mu}{1+e\cos\theta} = \frac{p}{1+e\cos\theta}$ 

Vis-Viva Equation:  $v = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r} - \frac{\mu}{a}}$ 

### True Anomaly:

•  $\theta$  or  $\nu$ 

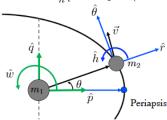
- Measured from periapsis,  $\vec{e}$  to radius,  $\vec{r}$
- $\theta = 0$  at periapsis
- $0^{\circ} > \theta > 180^{\circ} \rightarrow m_2$  moving away from periapsis  $180^{\circ} < \theta < 360^{\circ}m_2$  moving toward periapsis

#### Flight Path Angle:

- $\tan \gamma = \frac{e \sin \theta}{1 + e \cos \theta} = \frac{v_r}{v_\theta}$
- $v_r = \frac{\mu}{h}e\sin\theta$  and  $v_\theta = \frac{\mu}{h}(1 + e\cos\theta)$
- $\gamma > 0$  when  $v_r > 0$  and  $\theta > 0 \rightarrow m_2$  moving away from periapsis

#### Perifocal Frame:

- $\hat{p}$ ,  $\hat{q}$ ,  $\hat{w}$
- $\vec{r} = r\hat{r} = r\cos\theta\hat{p} + r\sin\theta\hat{q}$
- $\vec{v} = \frac{\mu}{h} \left[ -\sin\theta \hat{p} + (e + \cos\theta) \hat{q} \right]$



**Kepler's Law:** A line joining a planet and the Sun sweep out equal areas during equal intervals of time.

Elliptical Orbits: 
$$\mathbb{P} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}}, \, \varepsilon < 0$$

**Mean Motion:**  $n = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}}$  - mean angular rate of motion Circular Orbits:

- r = a,  $\vec{v} \perp \vec{r}$ , and  $\gamma = 0$  everywhere
- $v_c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{r}}$

#### Parabolic Orbits:

- e = 1,  $a = \inf$ ,  $r_a =$ undefined Conic equation applies still

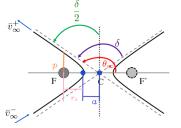
- $p = \frac{h^2}{\mu}$   $\varepsilon = 0$  everywhere
- $v = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r}} = v_{esc}$

# Hyperbolic Orbits:

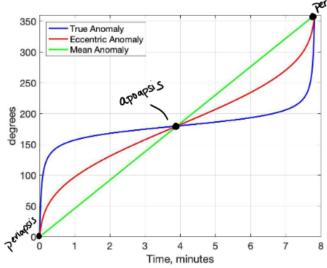
- $v > v_{esc}, \ e > 1, \ \varepsilon > 0, \ a < 0$
- $r_p = |a|(e-1)$

- $p = |a|(e^2 1) = a(1 e^2)$   $p = |a|(e^2 1) = a(1 e^2)$   $r = \frac{a(1 e^2)}{1 + e\cos\theta} = \frac{|a|(e^2 1)}{1 + e\cos\theta}$  at  $r = \infty$ ,  $\varepsilon = \frac{-\mu}{2a} = \frac{v_\infty^2}{2} \to v_\infty = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{|a|}}$

- $\theta_{\infty} = \pm \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{e}\right)$   $v^2 = v_{esc}^2 + v_{\infty}^2$  turning angle:  $\frac{\delta}{2} + 90^{\circ} = \theta_{\infty}$ ,  $\delta = 2\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{e})$



#### The Anomalies



- True anomaly
  - Advances quickly from periapsis
  - Advances slowly from apoapsis
- Mean anomaly, M
  - Computed from time and mean motion
  - $-M = n(t-t_p)$
  - Advances at constant rate in elliptical orbit
- Eccentric anomaly, E
  - Angle that helps translate from true anomaly to mean anomaly
  - Advances at rate between True and Mean anomaly

**Kepler's Equation:**  $M = n(t - t_p) = E - e \sin E$ 

Everything in rads!

Finding E:

- Choose an initial estimate of E:  $-M_e < \pi \to E = M_e + e/2 \quad M_e > \pi \to M_e e/2$
- $f(E) = E e \sin E M_e$
- $f'(E) = 1 e \cos E$
- Iterate and update  $E_i$

$$E_{i+1} = E_i - \frac{f(E_i)}{f'(E_i)}$$

Switching between the Anomalies:

- $\cos E = \frac{e + \cos \theta}{1 + e \cos \theta}$
- $\tan \frac{E}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1-e}{1+e}} \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$
- $\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1-e}{1+e}} \tan \frac{E}{2}$
- $r = a(1 e\cos E) = \frac{p}{1 + e\cos\theta} = \frac{a(1 e^2)}{1 + e\cos\theta}$
- $\sin \theta = \frac{b}{r} \sin E$

To find time between A and B, with a,e, and  $\theta$  of A and B

$$t_B - t_A = (t_B - t_p) - (t_A - t_p)$$

#### Hyperbolic Anomaly, H

Use an equilateral hyperbola to determine H:  $e = \sqrt{2}$ 

• 
$$M_h = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{|a|^3}}(t - t_p) = e \sinh H - H$$

• 
$$\tanh \frac{H}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{e-1}{e+1}} \tan \frac{\theta^*}{2}$$

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$$\tanh \frac{\theta^*}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{e-1}{e+1}} \tan \frac{H}{2}$$

#### Parabolic Orbits

Barkers Equation:

$$\bullet \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{p^3}}(t - t_p) = \frac{\mu^2}{h^2}(t - t_p) = M_p = \frac{1}{6}\tan^3\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\tan\frac{\theta}{2}$$

• 
$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \left(3M_p + \sqrt{(3M_p)^2 + 1}\right)^{1/3}$$
  
 $-\left(3M_p + \sqrt{(3M_p)^2 + 1}\right)^{-1/3}$ 

#### 3D Orbits

How many variables required to completely describe the state of a satellite?

6: 3 position and 3 velocity

Can also describe a satellite's states by set of orbital ele-

- Size and shape: a, e• Orientation of the orbit plane:  $i, \Omega$
- Orientation of the orbit within the orbit plane:  $\omega$
- Location of the satellite on the orbit:  $\theta$   $(M, E, t-t_p)$

#### Inclination, i:

- Angular tile of the orbital plane relative to XY and measured between orbit normal,  $\hat{h}$  and  $\hat{Z}$
- Equatorial Orbit:  $i = 0^{\circ}, 180^{\circ}$
- Polar Orbit:  $i = 90^{\circ}$
- Prograde Orbit:  $i = [0^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}]$
- Retrograde Orbit:  $i = [90^{\circ}, 180^{\circ}]$
- $\cos i = \frac{\hat{Z} \cdot \vec{h}}{|\hat{Z}||\vec{h}|} \rightarrow \cos i = \frac{h_z}{h}$

# Right Ascension of the Ascending Node, $\Omega$ :

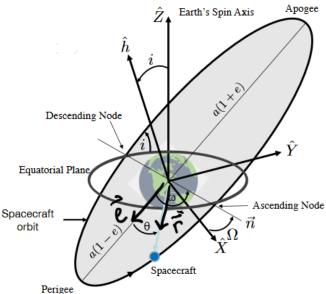
- Angle from the reference direction,  $\hat{X}$ , to the ascending node.
- Line of Nodes:  $\vec{n} = \hat{Z} \times \vec{h}$
- $\cos \Omega = \frac{\hat{X} \cdot \vec{n}}{|\hat{X}||\vec{n}} = \frac{n_x}{n}$
- Quadrant Check:
  - $-\vec{n}\cdot\hat{Y}>0\rightarrow0<\Omega<180^{\circ}$
  - $-\vec{n} \cdot \hat{Y} < 0 \to 180^{\circ} < \Omega < 360^{\circ}$
  - Between  $0-2\pi$

# Argument of Periapsis, $\omega$ (AOP):

- Measured between the lines of nodes  $\vec{n}$  and the eccentricity vector,  $\vec{e}$
- Locates the closest point of the orbit
- Measured within the plane, varies from  $0-2\pi$
- $\cos \omega = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{e}}{|\vec{n}||\vec{e}|}$
- Quadrant Check:
  - $-\vec{e}\cdot\hat{z}>0\to 0<\omega<180^{\circ}$  $-\vec{e} \cdot \hat{z} < 0 \to 180^{\circ} < \omega < 360^{\circ}$

- True Anomaly,  $\theta$ :
  - Location of the spacecraft within the orbit
  - Varies from  $0 2\pi$
  - $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{e} = |\vec{r}| |\vec{e}| \cos \theta$
  - $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{e}}{|\vec{r}||\vec{e}|}$
  - Quadrant Check:

$$\begin{array}{l} - \ \vec{r} \cdot \vec{v} > 0 \to 0 < \theta < 180^{\circ} \\ - \ \vec{r} \cdot \vec{v} < 0 \to 180^{\circ} < \theta < 360^{\circ} \end{array}$$



# Converting Position and Velocity to Orbital Ele-

- Given  $X = [\vec{r}, \vec{v}]$
- Compute vectors and their magnitudes:

$$\vec{h} = \vec{r} \times \vec{v}$$
  $\vec{n} = \hat{Z} \times \vec{h}$   $\vec{e} = \frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{h}}{\mu} - \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$   
 $h = |\vec{h}|$   $n = |\vec{n}|$   $e = |\vec{e}|$ 

• Compute energy to get a:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{v^2}{2} - \frac{\mu}{r} \quad a = -\frac{\mu}{2\varepsilon}$$

$$p = \frac{h^2}{\mu} \qquad a = \frac{p}{1 - e^2}$$

- Compute inclination & Orientation Angles from
  - $-\Omega \to \mathrm{If}(n_{\nu} < 0), \Omega = 360^{\circ} \Omega$
  - $-\omega \rightarrow If(e_z < 0), \omega = 360^{\circ} \omega$
  - $-\theta \rightarrow \text{If}(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{v} < 0), \theta = 360^{\circ} \theta$

#### What about...?

defined!

- What is Ω for an elliptical equatorial orbit?
   Undefined, used true longitude of periapse:
  - $-\cos \tilde{\omega}_{true} = \frac{\hat{X} \cdot \vec{e}}{|\hat{X}||\vec{e}|}$  where  $\hat{X} = [1, 0, 0]$

• What is  $\omega$  for a circular orbit? (No perigee)  $\rightarrow$  un-

- If  $e_{y} < 0 \rightarrow \tilde{\omega}_{true} = 360^{\circ} - \tilde{\omega}_{true}$ 

 $-\cos u = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{r}}{|\vec{n}||\vec{r}|} \rightarrow \text{If } (r_z < 0), \text{ then } u = 360^{\circ} - u$ 

• Use arugment of latitude

• Circular, equatorial orbits? Both  $\omega$  and  $\Omega$  undefined!  $-\cos \lambda_{true} = \frac{\hat{X} \cdot \vec{r}}{|\hat{X}||\vec{r}|} \rightarrow \text{If } (r_y < 0), \text{ then } \lambda_{true} =$ 

# **Coordinate Frames Ecliptic Plane:**