

• Velocity is important as to change requires fuel

→ using ellipse properties & cons. of energy, we can find velocity for any point in orbit.

Specific Energy of orbit, $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} = (e^2 - 1) \frac{\mu^2}{2h^2}$
only valid for ellipses

for an ellipse $h^2 = \mu a (1 - e^2)$

$$\therefore \epsilon = (e^2 - 1) \frac{\mu^2}{2[\mu a (1 - e^2)]} = \frac{\mu}{2a} \frac{e^2 - 1}{1/e^2} = -\frac{\mu}{2a}$$

→ We arrive at the Vis-Viva equation

given $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} = -\frac{\mu}{2a} \rightarrow v = \sqrt{\mu \left[\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a} \right]}$

→ useful when calculating delta velocity budgets.

→ note, the velocity changes as you go around orbit, but wouldn't cost any delta V to stay in orbit in this ideal case.

- For orbiting bodies around earth, due to uni-solar perturbations, e.g solar radiation pressure, a small amount of delta V required to maintain orbit.

Circular Orbits:

- Circular orbit is particular case of ellipse where $r \equiv a$

$$\therefore v_c^2 = \mu \left[\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{r} \right] = \frac{\mu}{r}$$

→ $\therefore v_c \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$
→ $r = r_e + h$ → velocity proportional to square root of altitude

Parabolic Orbits :

$$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{r}}$$

if you compare v_{esc} with v_c , there is only $\sqrt{2}$ difference
 \therefore necessary Δv to escape on a parabolic orbit from a circular orbit is $(\sqrt{2} - 1)v_c$

parabola is shape of orbit we need as minimum to escape a planet's gravity

- Parabola is the demarcation between negative & positive energy orbits

'boundary'

elliptical or circular orbit that's transversed repeatedly

object has great enough v to escape gravity and follows a hyperbolic trajectory

The Kepler Equation :

- Position in orbit as a function of t .

$$M = n(t - t_0) = E - e \sin E$$

eccentricity

mean anomaly (rad)

angle from perapsis if body in circular orbit had same period

mean motion (rad/s)

average angular velocity needed to complete one orbit

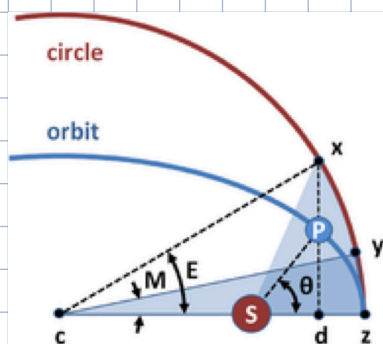
$$n = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{a^3}}$$

time since perapsis (s)

Eccentric anomaly (rad) defined by diagram below

related to true anomaly θ by:

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



Don't need to know diagram for exam

Manoeuvres :

Gravity turn - rocket turned from vertical to horizontal only using gravitational force.

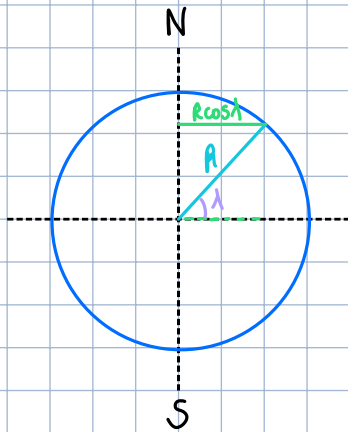
Launch Losses :

Gravity losses : loss in net performance of rocket whilst thrusting in gravitational field.

↳ ~ 15% of fuel

Drag losses ~ 0.5 % of fuel

Effect of Earth's Rotation :



$\lambda = \text{latitude}$

$$\Delta V = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} = V \cos \lambda$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{2\pi \times 6378000}{86164} \cos \lambda$$

$$\Delta V = 465 \cos \lambda \text{ m/s}$$

sidereal day (s)

- Rotational velocity of earth at launch site gives launch vehicle a extra increment (or undesirable decrement if required orbit is retrograde) of velocity.
- Effect greatest at low latitude → equator max.
- Launch site latitude limits inclination of satellite's orbit.
 - ↳ min-inclination = latitude of launch site
 - ↳ can be changed during flight via orbit plane change