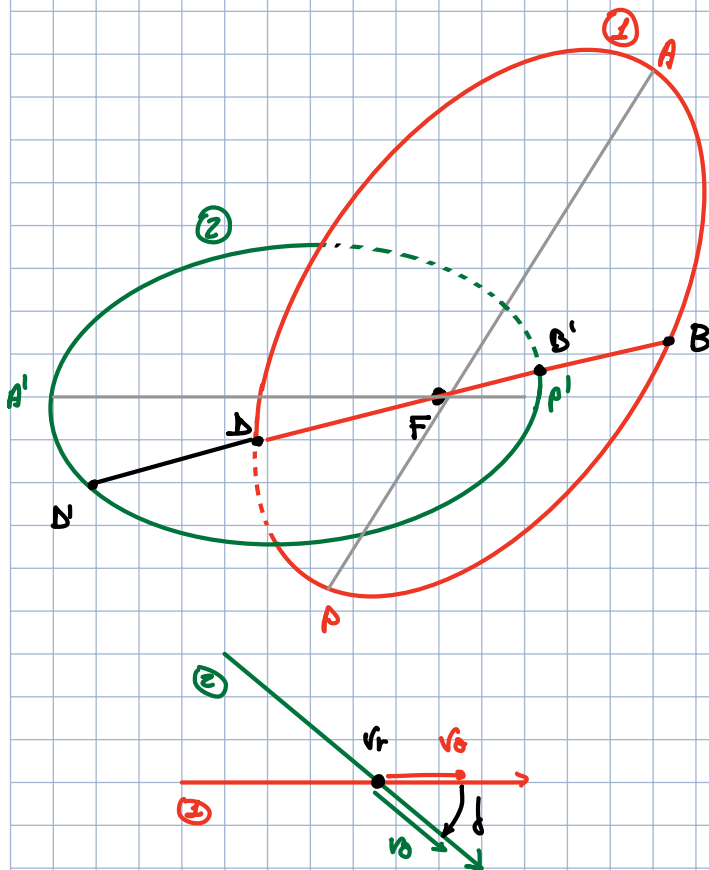


ORBITAL MECHANICS

OUT OF PLANE MANOEUVRE



DB intersection line
Coplanar orbit do not lie on the same plane, $F \in \overline{DB}$
To change plane the manoeuvre has to be done at the intersection line by a single Δv manoeuvre

v_r belongs to the intersection line

To change the plane of orbit 2 we need to ROTATE v_0 around the intersection line through dihedral angle d

- if v_r remains unchanged in magnitude \Rightarrow rigid rotation of orbit 2 only orientation is changes where shape and size remain unchanged.
- if v_r changes both direction and magnitude \Rightarrow also modification of orbit 2 in plane.

Let's look at the most generic case:

velocity after manoeuvre $\underline{v}_2 = v_{r2} \hat{r} + v_{\theta 2} \hat{\theta}_2$

velocity before manoeuvre $\underline{v}_1 = v_{r1} \hat{r} + v_{\theta 1} \hat{\theta}_1$

\hat{r} unit vector along interaction line of 2 probes, does not change during manoeuvre.

$\hat{\theta}_1 \perp$ to \hat{r} lies in the orbit plane $\hat{\theta}_1 \in \text{orbit plane 1}$
 $\hat{\theta}_2 \in \text{orbit plane 2}$

$\hat{\theta}_1$ rotates through the dihedral angle d

$$\underline{\Delta v} = \underline{v}_2 - \underline{v}_1 = (v_{r2} - v_{r1}) \hat{r} + v_{\theta 2} \hat{\theta}_2 - v_{\theta 1} \hat{\theta}_1$$

$$\Delta v^2 = \underline{\Delta v} \cdot \underline{\Delta v} = (v_{r2} - v_{r1})^2 + v_{\theta 2}^2 + v_{\theta 1}^2 - 2 v_{\theta 1} v_{\theta 2} (\hat{\theta}_1 \cdot \hat{\theta}_2)$$

$$\text{as } \hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} = \hat{\theta}_1 \cdot \hat{\theta}_1 = \hat{\theta}_2 \cdot \hat{\theta}_2 = 1$$

$$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{\theta}_1 = \hat{r} \cdot \hat{\theta}_2 = 0 \quad \text{because } \hat{r} \perp \hat{\theta}_1 \text{ and } \hat{r} \perp \hat{\theta}_2$$

$$\text{but } \hat{\theta}_1 \cdot \hat{\theta}_2 = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos d = \cos d$$

$$\Delta v = \sqrt{(v_{r2} - v_{r1})^2 + v_{\theta 2}^2 + v_{\theta 1}^2 - 2 v_{\theta 1} v_{\theta 2} \cos d} \quad (3.65)$$

From the definition of the flight path angle

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v_{r1} &= v_1 \sin \gamma_1 & v_{\theta 1} &= v_1 \cos \gamma_1 \\ v_{r2} &= v_2 \sin \gamma_2 & v_{\theta 2} &= v_2 \cos \gamma_2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.66)$$

Substitute them in Eq (3.64)

$$\Delta r^2 = r_1^2 \sin^2 \gamma_1 + r_2^2 \sin^2 \gamma_2 - 2r_1 r_2 \sin \gamma_1 \sin \gamma_2 + r_2^2 \cos^2 \gamma_2 + r_1^2 \cos^2 \gamma_1 + 2r_1 r_2 \cos \gamma_1 \cos \gamma_2 \cos \delta$$

but $\sin^2 \gamma_1 + \cos^2 \gamma_1 = 1$
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$$\Delta r^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 (\sin \gamma_1 \sin \gamma_2 + \cos \gamma_1 \cos \gamma_2 \cos \delta)$$

Recall $\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$

$$\Delta r^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 (\sin \gamma_1 \sin \gamma_2 + \cos \gamma_1 \cos \gamma_2 - \cos \gamma_1 \cos \gamma_2 + \cos \gamma_1 \cos \gamma_2 \cos \delta)$$

$$\Delta r^2 = r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 [\cos \Delta \gamma - \cos \gamma_1 \cos \gamma_2 (1 - \cos \delta)]$$

$$\Delta r = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 [\cos \Delta \gamma - \cos \gamma_1 \cos \gamma_2 (1 - \cos \delta)]} \quad (3.67)$$

with $\Delta \gamma = \gamma_2 - \gamma_1$

↳ very general manoeuvre

① If no plane change $\delta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \delta = 1$ Eq (3.67) reduces to

$$\Delta r = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos \Delta \gamma} \quad (3.68)$$

NO PLANE CHANGE MANOEUVRE (single manoeuvre in plane)

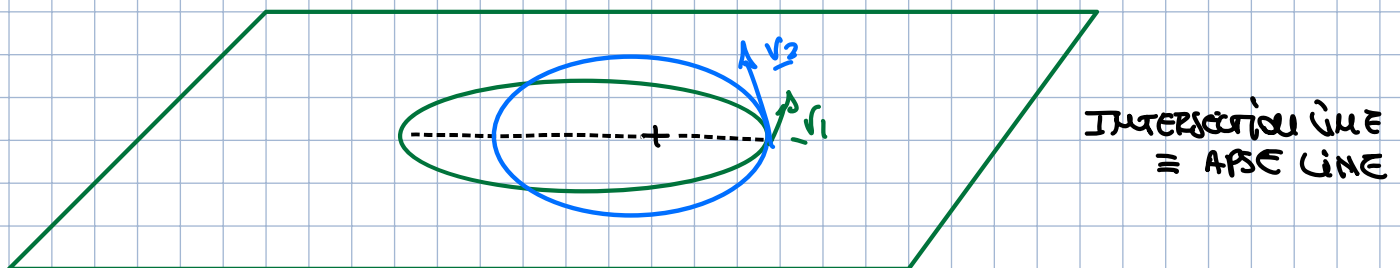
this is the cosine law for in-plane manoeuvre

Eq 3.68 is a special case of Eq (3.67)

(B) To keep Δr at minimum to change plane the radial component should remain unchanged during the plane change manoeuvre (see eq (3.65))

(C) To keep Δr at minimum \rightarrow the manoeuvre needs to take place when r is minimum (i.e. apapsis)
This is possible only if apapsis belongs to the intersection line.

example



$r_1 = r_2 = 0$ @ apapsis

$\left. \begin{matrix} v_{\theta 1} = v_{\theta 2} \\ v_{\theta 2} = v_{\theta 2} \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} \text{e to } \neq \text{ plane} \end{matrix}$

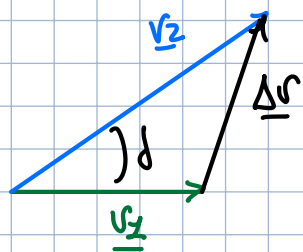
Eq (3.65) reduces to

$$\Delta r = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1r_2\cos\theta} \quad (3.63)$$

Rotation of an orbit around a common apse line

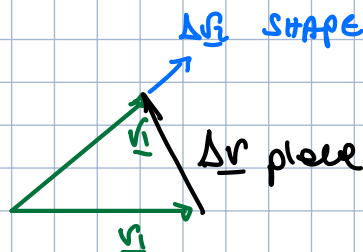
Eq (3.63) corresponds a speed change @ apse line accompanied by a plane change.

STRATEGY 1



speed change
with a
plane change
combined

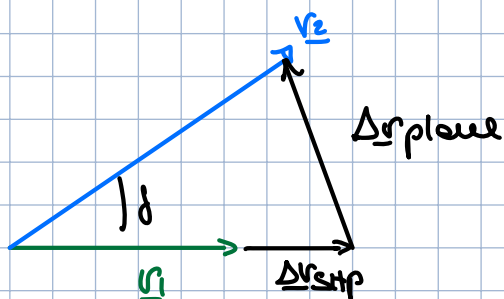
STRATEGY 2



plane change Δr_p
followed by
a shape change

This is also a demonstration that doing a speed change and a change of plane at the same time is better than doing two different manoeuvres one to change shape and one to change plane.

STRATEGY 3



change of velocity followed
by a change plane

As we can see the optimal manoeuvre is the first \rightarrow we have a smaller Δr because we are just doing two transfers along one side of the speed triangle.

STRATEGY 1 (COMBINED)

$$\Delta r_1 = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 - 2v_1v_2 \cos \delta}$$

if no speed change, only plane $v_1 = v_2$

Eq (3.69) becomes

$$\Delta r_1 = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 - 2v_1v_2 \left(1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}\right)}$$

recall $\cos \delta = 1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}$

$$\Delta r_1 = \sqrt{(v_1 - v_2)^2 + 4v_1v_2 \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}}$$

if $v_1 = v_2 = v$ then

$$\Delta r_{\text{PLANE CHANGE ONLY}} = \Delta r_p = \sqrt{4v^2 \sin^2 \frac{\delta}{2}}$$

$$\Delta r = 2v \sin \frac{\delta}{2} \quad (3.70)$$

STRATEGY 2

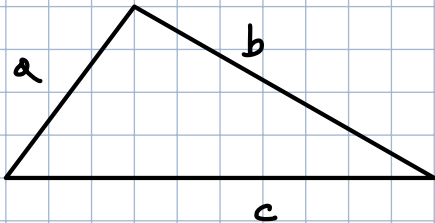
PURE ROTATION OF THE
VELOCITY VECTOR

$$\Delta v_2 = 2v_1 \sin \frac{\delta}{2} + |v_2 - v_1|$$

STRATEGY 3

$$\Delta v_3 = |v_2 - v_1| + 2v_2 \sin \frac{\delta}{2}$$

Recall



$$a + b > c$$

$$a + c > b$$

$$b + c > a$$

\Rightarrow evident that $\Delta v_2 > \Delta v_1$

$$\Delta v_3 > \Delta v_1$$

better combined

Note

The plane change is a very expensive manoeuvre



$$\delta = 24^\circ \Rightarrow \Delta v = 41.4\%$$

Δv needed for escape the attraction of the earth.