

ORBITAL MECHANICS

CASE 2: given θ_1 where apse line rotation take place find apse line rotation γ (or $\delta\omega$) and e_2 .

$\Delta r \rightarrow$ will in general change v_r and $\dot{\theta}$

From $h = r v_\theta$

$$h_2 = \frac{r(v_\theta + \Delta v_\theta)}{r_1} = h_1 + r \Delta v_\theta \quad (3.27)$$

Radial component of v

$$v_{r_1} = \frac{\mu e_1 \sin \theta_1}{h_1} \quad (3.28)$$

$$v_{r_2} = v_{r_1} + \Delta v_r = \frac{\mu e_2 \sin \theta_2}{h_2} \quad (3.29)$$

And $\theta_2 = \theta_1 - \gamma$ see eq (3.23)

Known variables v_{r_1} , Δv_r , h_2 (from eq(3.27)) $\rightarrow ? e_2, \theta_2$

we can invert (3.29) $\rightarrow \theta_2$

$$\sin \theta_2 = \frac{1}{e_2} \frac{h_2}{\mu} (v_{r_1} + \Delta v_r) \quad (3.30)$$

we could use the condition of the intersection point

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r_I = \frac{h_1^2}{\mu} \frac{1}{1 + e_1 \cos \theta_1} \\ r_I = \frac{h_2^2}{\mu} \frac{1}{1 + e_2 \cos \theta_2} \end{array} \right. \quad (3.31)$$

$$\frac{a_1^2}{\mu} \frac{1}{1+e_1 \cos \theta_1} = \frac{a_2^2}{\mu} \frac{1}{1+e_2 \cos \theta_2}$$

$$a_1^2 (1 + e_2 \cos \theta_2) = a_2^2 (1 + e_1 \cos \theta_1)$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = \frac{1}{e_2 a_1^2} (a_2^2 (1 + e_1 \cos \theta_1) - a_1^2) \quad (3.32)$$

where $a_2 = a_1 + \Delta r_\theta r$

$$\rightarrow \tan \theta_2 = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\cos \theta_2} \quad 3.30$$

we have eliminated e_2

$\leftarrow 3.32$

$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{a_2}{\mu} (v_{r_1} + \Delta v_{r_1}) \frac{a_1^2}{a_2^2} \frac{1}{(1+e_1 \cos \theta_1) - a_1^2}$$

but $a_1 = r \theta_1$

$$a_2 = \underbrace{r \theta_1}_{a_1} + r \Delta \theta$$

$$\rightarrow \tan \theta_2 = \frac{a_1 + r \Delta \theta}{\mu} (v_{r_1} + \Delta v_{r_1}) \frac{a_1^2}{(a_1^2 + r^2 \Delta \theta^2 + 2a_1 r \Delta \theta)(1 + e_1 \cos \theta_1) - a_1^2}$$

$$= \frac{a_1 + r \Delta \theta}{\mu} (v_{r_1} + \Delta v_{r_1}) \frac{a_1^2}{r^2 \Delta \theta^2 + 2a_1 r \Delta \theta + e_1 \cos \theta_1 (a_1^2 + r^2 \Delta \theta^2 + 2a_1 r \Delta \theta)}$$

$$= \frac{r \theta_1 + r \Delta \theta}{\mu} (v_{r_1} + \Delta v_{r_1}) \frac{a_1^2}{r^2 \Delta \theta^2 + 2r^2 v_{\theta_1} \Delta \theta + e_1 \cos \theta_1 (a_1^2 + r^2 \Delta \theta^2 + 2r^2 v_{\theta_1} \Delta \theta)}$$

$$= \frac{r^3 (v_{\theta_1} + \Delta v_{\theta_1}) (v_{r_1} + \Delta v_{r_1}) v_{\theta_1}^2}{\mu r^2 (\Delta v_{\theta_1}^2 + 2v_{\theta_1} \Delta v_{\theta_1} + (v_{\theta_1} + \Delta v_{\theta_1})^2 e_1 \cos \theta_1)}$$

$$t_{\text{from } \theta_1 \text{ to } \theta_2} = \frac{v_{\theta_1}^2 r}{M} \frac{(r_{\theta_1} + \Delta r\theta)(v_{r_1} + \Delta v_r)}{(v_{\theta_1} + \Delta v\theta)^2 e_1 (\cos \theta_1) + \Delta r\theta (\Delta v\theta + 2r_{\theta_1})}$$

(3.33)

NOTE

if $\Delta v_r = -v_{r_1}$ \Rightarrow manoeuvre is given at apse line
of the orbit (orbit 2 will have $v_{r_2} = 0$ at apse
point) \Rightarrow point θ_2 is on the apse line.

$$\sin \theta_2 = \frac{1}{c_2} \frac{h_2}{\mu} (v_{r_1} + \Delta v_r) \rightarrow$$

$$e_2 = \frac{1}{\sin \theta_2} \frac{h_2}{\mu} (v_{r_1} + \Delta v_r) \quad (3.34)$$

case 2 \Rightarrow useful for flight dynamics because we know
everything of orbit 2 and the dr.

PARTICULAR CASE OF APSE LINE ROTATION

Shape of orbit ① and ② are mentioned

$$\textcircled{1}: e_1, h_1, \omega_1$$

$$\textcircled{2}: e_2 = e_1$$

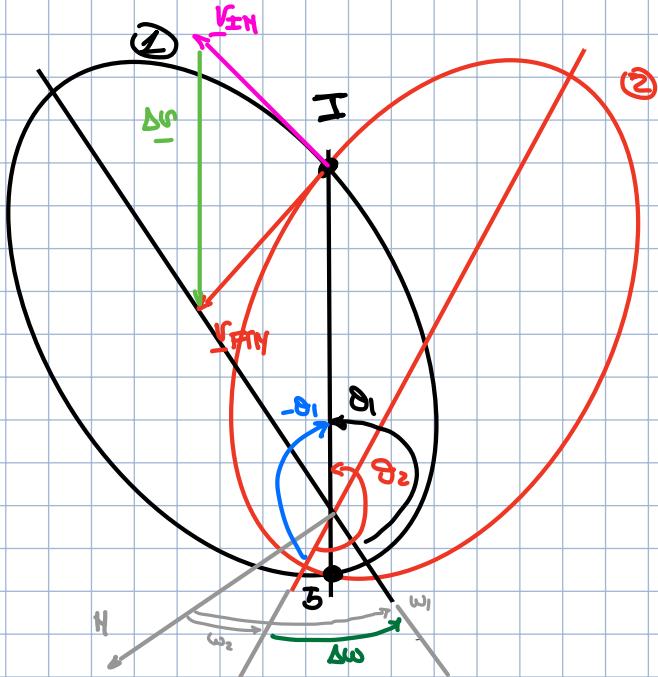
$$h_1 = h_2, \omega_2$$

$$\theta_{1I} = \theta_1$$

$$\theta_{2I} = \theta_2 = -\theta_1$$

$$\Delta \omega = \Delta \theta = \theta_2 - \theta_1 = 2\theta$$

$$\Theta = -\frac{\Delta \omega}{2}$$



\hat{r}

$$\underline{v}_{r_{IN}} = \underline{v}_r \quad \underline{v}_{r_{FIN}} = -\underline{v}_r$$

$$\underline{v}_{r_{IM}} = -\underline{v}_{r_{FIN}}$$

 $\hat{\theta}$

$$\underline{v}_{\theta_{IN}} = \underline{v}_\theta$$

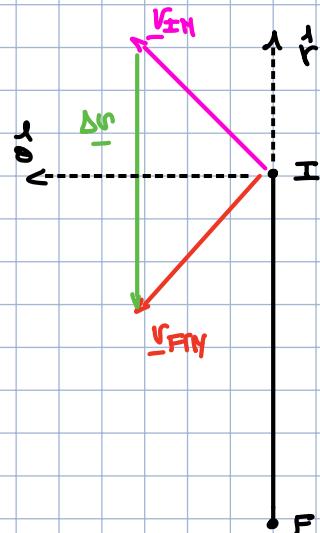
$$\underline{v}_{\theta_{FIN}} = \underline{v}_\theta$$

$$\underline{v}_{\theta_{IM}} = \underline{v}_{\theta_{FIN}}$$

$$\Delta r = \| \underline{v}_{FIN} - \underline{v}_{IN} \|$$

$$\Delta r = 2 \underline{v}_r = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} e \sin \theta$$

$$\Delta r = 2 \underline{v}_r = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{P}} e \sin \theta - \frac{\Delta \omega}{2} \quad (3.35)$$



TRANSFER BETWEEN TWO SPECIFIED POINT: LAMBERT'S PROBLEM

Transfer from any point in space to any point in space

Application:

- initial orbit determination

know $\underline{r}_1, \underline{r}_2$ of P_1 and P_2 ∈ path of S/C

Δt between \underline{r}_1 and \underline{r}_2 between two consecutive observations

find $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2$ = orbital path of unclassified object (e.g. space debris)

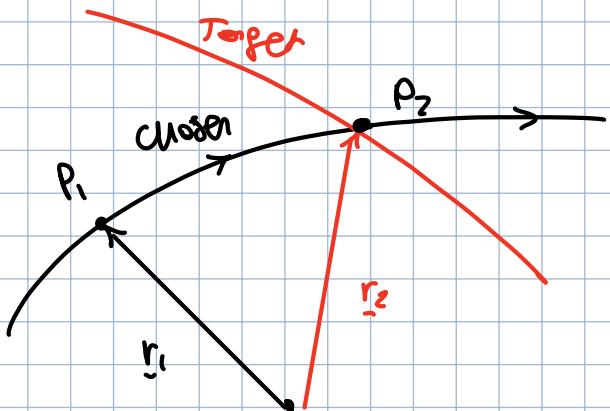
- spacecraft targeting

final target: planet or S/C moving in known orbit

we want to

- intersect with any position (e.g. fly by)
- rendezvous \triangleq match position and velocity

(e.g. intersection in orbit ISS, inspection, rendezvous with a planet)



Need to determine the two-body-problem orbit that connects \underline{r}_1 and \underline{r}_2 ('initial one) final position) in a given time $\Delta t \rightarrow$ Time of flight between \underline{r}_1 and \underline{r}_2

$\underline{v}_1, \underline{r}_2, \Delta t \longrightarrow$ orbit between them

CAMBERT'S PROBLEM
(1761)

$\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2$

we do not know the velocity so the Lambert's problem is also known as BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM

- Lambert geometrical formulation: optimal to define the minimum energy orbit
- Gauss' formulation: geometrical insight
- Battin's formulation: universal variables \Rightarrow Lambert problem

Know $F_1, P_1(r_1), P_2(r_2), \Delta\theta$

Chord (shortest segment between P_1 and P_2) = c

$\Delta\theta$ = transfer angle

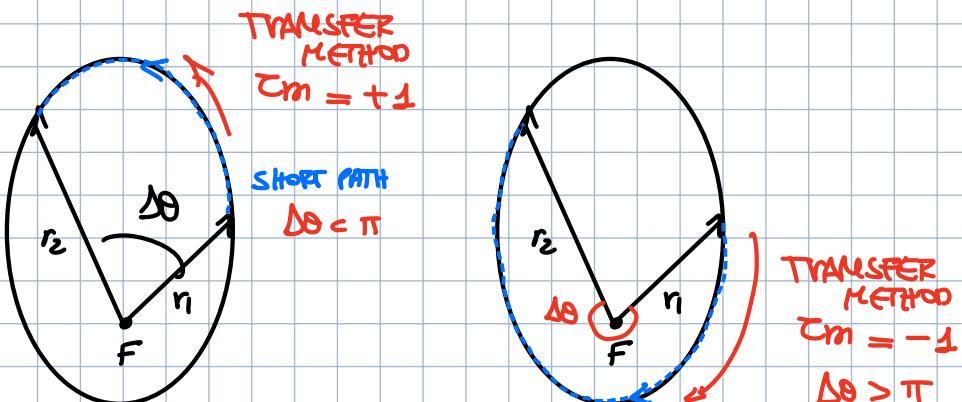
NOTE we do not know F^*
so we do not know
 θ_1 and θ_2

Find Transfer orbit between
 P_1 and P_2 (F^*)

NOTE: r_1, r_2 identify a plane $\rightarrow r_1 \wedge r_2 = \hat{h} \hat{d}$

of the transfer orbit

if the transfer method is identified \Rightarrow the problem has only
2 solutions



NOTE we are considering one full revolution
→ this will help to simplify the solution

$$\cos \Delta\theta = \frac{\underline{r}_1 \circ \underline{r}_2}{r_1 r_2}$$

(3.36)

$$\sin \Delta\theta = \tau_m \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \Delta\theta}$$

(3.37)

Property of ellipses

known

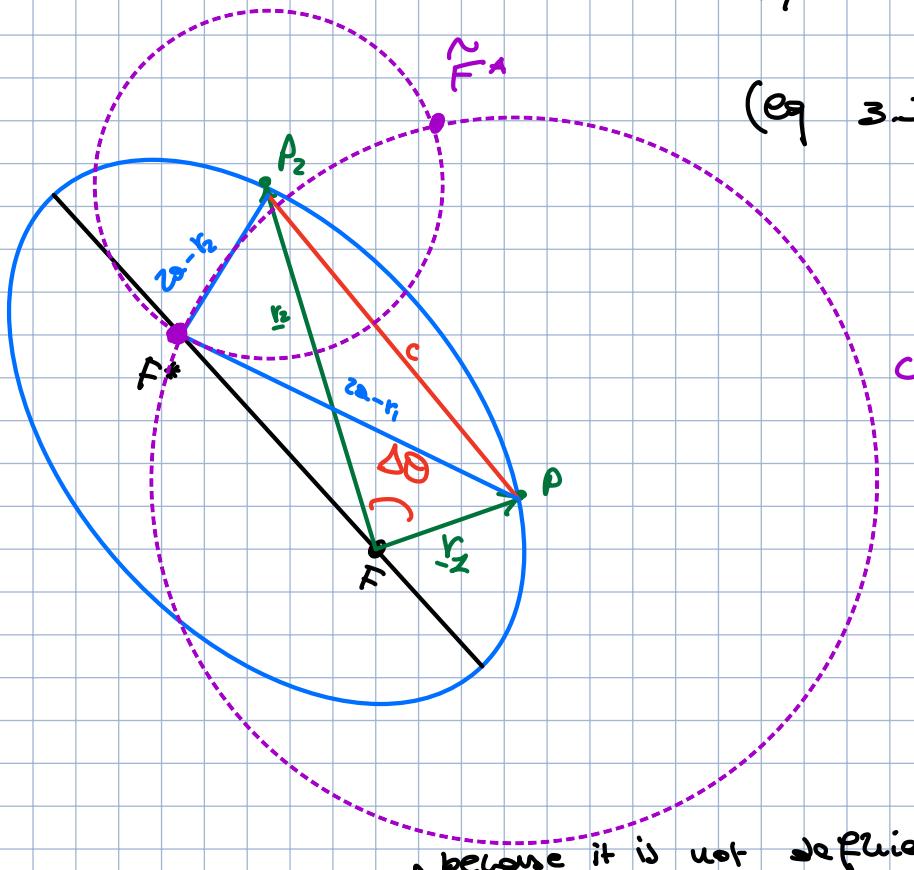
$$P_1F + P_1F^* = 2a \rightarrow P_1F^* = 2a - r_1 \quad (3.38)$$

$$P_2F + P_2F^* = 2a \rightarrow P_2F^* = 2a - r_2$$

Let's assume $r_2 > r_1$ which does not imply any loss of generality.

For a given α the virtual focus will be located at the intersection between two circles centred at P_1, P_2 with radius $2\alpha - r_1, 2\alpha - r_2$.

(eq 3.37)



CIRCLE CENTRED AT P_1
WITH RADIUS $2\alpha - r_1$

depending on α we get every time different circle.

for a given α the two circles intersect at 2 points

F^* and \hat{F}^* → They are equidistant from chord c

As there are 2 apparent foci → there exist 2 possible transfer between P_1 and P_2 .

These two different transfer have different e , different transfer time but they have the same energy (α)

in the figure below $FF^* < \hat{F}\hat{F}^*$ ($FF^* = 2\alpha e$)

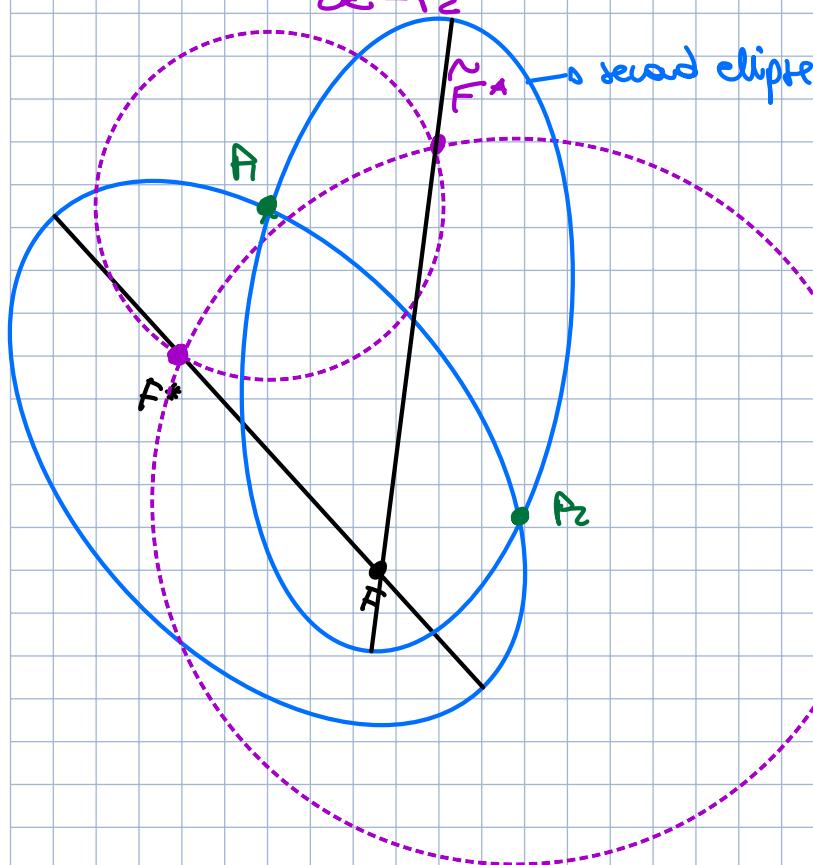
$$FF^* = 2\alpha e$$

$$\hat{F}\hat{F}^* = 2\alpha \hat{e}$$

CIRCLE CENTRED AT
P₂ WITH RADIUS
 $r_2 - r_2'$

because $\hat{F}^* F^* < \hat{F}^* F$

$$r_2 < r_2' \Rightarrow c < \tilde{c}$$



CIRCLE CENTRED
AT P₁
WITH RADIUS r₁,

where the two circles are tangent to one another we will get only one focus and in this case we will get the minimum semi-major axis so we will get the minimum energy to do the transfer. All of that is done by decreasing the value of r_2 .

As we vary the value of r_2 , F^* and \tilde{F}^* (vacuum foci) describe a locus of points that is formed by the intersection of the different circle of very radii that are the two circles centred at P_1 and P_2 .

We can demonstrate that the locus of point of the virtual foci is an hyperbola.

Locus of point of vacant focus :

for any point on it the difference in the distance to P_1 and P_2 is equal to $r_1 - r_2$ and is constant.

Let's demonstrate it:

$$F^* P_1 = 2\alpha_k - r_1$$

$$F^* P_2 = 2\alpha_k - r_2$$

$$F^* P_1 - F^* P_2 = 2\alpha_k - r_1 - 2\alpha_k + r_2$$

$$F^* P_1 - F^* P_2 = r_2 - r_1 \quad (3.38)$$

\Rightarrow The road itself is on hyperbole with focii of P_1 and P_2 !!

if α_k is decreased the z vacant foci approach the focus F_m^* on the chord $\overline{P_1 P_2}$

if $\alpha < \alpha_m \Rightarrow$ no intersection between the circles \Rightarrow no transfer exist with $\alpha < \alpha_m \Rightarrow$

α_m characteristic minimum energy transfer

$$F_m^* P_1 = 2\alpha_m - r_1$$

$$F_m^* P_2 = 2\alpha_m - r_2$$

$$P_1 P_2 = c$$

$$F_m^* P_1 + F_m^* P_2 = c$$

$$2\alpha_m - r_1 + 2\alpha_m - r_2 = c$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_m = \frac{r_1 + r_2 + c}{4} \quad (3.39)$$

But the semi-perimeter of the space triangle (r_1, r_2, c) is

$$s = \frac{r_1 + r_2 + c}{2} \Rightarrow Q_m = \frac{s}{2} \quad (3.40)$$