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1  """
2      File problem_2_transfers.py created on 29/11/
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4      Current Directory: HW3
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6      Compute the total  $\Delta v$  required to send a
      spacecraft a from a geocentric circular
7      orbit of 7000 km radius to geocentric circular
      orbit of 105000 km radius using
8      a Hohmann transfer. Repeat the  $\Delta v$  computation
      using a bi-elliptic transfer where
9      apogee of the intermediate orbit is 210000 km.
      Which approach requires less  $\Delta v$ ?
10     At what value, to the nearest km, of apogee of
      the intermediate orbit does the
11     other approach require the least  $\Delta v$ ?
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13  """
14  import numpy as np
15  from math import pi, sqrt, cos, sin, acos, asin, tan
      , atan
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17
18  def main():
19
20      mu_earth = 398_600
21      r_1 = 7_000
22      r_2 = 105_000
23
24      bi_elip_intermed_apogee = 210_000
25
26      # Hohmann transfer semi-major axis
27      a_h = (r_1 + r_2) / 2
28
29      # Assuming circular orbits, the velocities at
      periapse/apoapse are:
30      v_periapse = sqrt(mu_earth * (2 / r_1 - 1 / a_h
      ))
31      v_apoapse = sqrt(mu_earth * (2 / r_2 - 1 / a_h))
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33     orbit_1_circ_velocity = sqrt(mu_earth / r_1)
34     orbit_2_circ_velocity = sqrt(mu_earth / r_2)
35
36     delta_v_a = v_periapse - orbit_1_circ_velocity
37     delta_v_b = orbit_2_circ_velocity - v_apoapse
38     delta_v_total_hohmann = delta_v_a + delta_v_b
39
40     # Now performing calculations for bi-elliptic
transfer
41     a_h_be_first = (r_1 + bi_elip_intermed_apogee
42 ) / 2 # b-e semi-major axis for first leg
43     a_h_be_apogee_first = a_h_be_first * 2 - r_1 #
b-e apogee, calculated from semi-major axis and r1
44     # Velocity at perigee on the first leg (i.e.
first Hohmann transfer) for the Bielliptic transfer
(km/s)
45     v_be_periapse = sqrt(mu_earth * (2 / r_1 - 1 /
46 a_h_be_first))
47     # Velocity at apogee on the first leg (i.e.
first Hohmann transfer) for the Bielliptic transfer
(km/s)
48     v_be_apoapse = sqrt(mu_earth * (2 /
49 a_h_be_apogee_first - 1 / a_h_be_first))
50     # Delta V to get from the circular 7000 km orbit
onto the first leg (i.e. first Hohmann transfer)
51     # for the Bielliptic transfer:
52     # delta v = what we want - what we have
53     delta_v_a_be_to_first_leg = v_be_periapse -
54 orbit_1_circ_velocity
55     # Semimajor axis for transfer from the 210000 km
orbit to the 105000 km orbit (km)
56     a_h_be_second = (a_h_be_apogee_first + r_2) / 2
57
58     # Velocity at apogee on the second leg (i.e.
second Hohmann transfer) for the Bielliptic transfer
(km/s)
59     v_be_apogee_second = sqrt(mu_earth * (2 /

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59 a_h_be_apogee_first - 1 / a_h_be_second))
60     v_be_perigee_second = sqrt(mu_earth * ((2 / r_2
    ) - (1 / a_h_be_second)))
61
62     # Delta V to transfer from the first leg (i.e.
first Hohmann transfer)
63     # to the second leg (i.e. second Hohmann
transfer) for the Bielliptic transfer (km/s)
64     delta_v_b_be_to_second_leg = v_be_apogee_second
    - v_be_apoapse
65
66     # Delta V to get from the second leg (i.e.
second Hohmann transfer)
67     # onto the circular orbit of radius 105000 km (
km/s)
68     delta_v_b_be_to_second_orbit =
    v_be_perigee_second - orbit_2_circ_velocity
69
70     # Total DV for the Bielliptic transfer (km/s)
71     # total dv = dv to get onto first transfer
ellipse
72     #          + dv to get onto second transfer
ellipse
73     #          + dv to get onto second orbit
74     delta_v_total_bi_elliptic =
    delta_v_a_be_to_first_leg \
75                                     +
    delta_v_b_be_to_second_leg \
76                                     +
    delta_v_b_be_to_second_orbit
77
78     # Radius of intermediate orbit such that the
other transfer option can be calculated iteratively
or analytically.
79     # We use the iterative method, and decrease the
intermediate orbit semi-maj axis until the delta v
values match
80
81     bi_elip_intermed_apogee = 210_000
82     delta_v_total_bi_elliptic = 4.029    # initial
delta v for hohmann is 4.046

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83
84     while delta_v_total_bi_elliptic <=
delta_v_total_hohmann:
85
86         a_h_be_first_iter = (r_1 +
bi_elip_intermed_apogee) / 2  # b-e semi-major axis
for first leg
87         a_h_be_apogee_first_iter =
a_h_be_first_iter * 2 - r_1  # b-e apogee,
calculated from semi-major axis and r1
88
89         # Velocity at perigee on the first leg (i.e
. first Hohmann transfer) for the Bielliptic
transfer (km/s)
90         v_be_periapse_iter = sqrt(mu_earth * (2 /
r_1 - 1 / a_h_be_first_iter))
91
92         # Velocity at apogee on the first leg (i.e
. first Hohmann transfer) for the Bielliptic
transfer (km/s)
93         v_be_apoapse_iter = sqrt(mu_earth * (2 /
a_h_be_apogee_first_iter - 1 / a_h_be_first_iter))
94
95         # Delta V to get from the circular 7000 km
orbit onto the first leg (i.e. first Hohmann
transfer)
96         # for the Bielliptic transfer:
97         # delta v = what we want - what we have
98         delta_v_a_be_to_first_leg_iter =
v_be_periapse_iter - orbit_1_circ_velocity
99
100        # Semimajor axis for transfer from the
210000 km orbit to the 105000 km orbit (km)
101        a_h_be_second_iter = (
a_h_be_apogee_first_iter + r_2) / 2
102
103        # Velocity at apogee on the second leg (i.e
. second Hohmann transfer) for the Bielliptic
transfer (km/s)
104        v_be_apogee_second_iter = sqrt(mu_earth * (
2 / a_h_be_apogee_first_iter - 1 /

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104 a_h_be_second_iter))
105         v_be_perigee_second_iter = sqrt(mu_earth
        * ((2 / r_2) - (1 / a_h_be_second_iter)))
106
107         # Delta V to transfer from the first leg (i
.e. first Hohmann transfer)
108         # to the second leg (i.e. second Hohmann
transfer) for the Bielliptic transfer (km/s)
109         delta_v_b_be_to_second_leg_iter =
        v_be_apogee_second_iter - v_be_apoapse_iter
110
111         # Delta V to get from the second leg (i.e.
second Hohmann transfer)
112         # onto the circular orbit of radius 105000
km (km/s)
113         delta_v_b_be_to_second_orbit_iter =
        v_be_perigee_second_iter - orbit_2_circ_velocity
114
115         # Total DV for the Bielliptic transfer (km/
s)
116         # total dv = dv to get onto first transfer
ellipse
117         # + dv to get onto second
transfer ellipse
118         # + dv to get onto second orbit
119         delta_v_total_bi_elliptic =
        delta_v_a_be_to_first_leg_iter \
120                                     +
        delta_v_b_be_to_second_leg_iter \
121                                     +
        delta_v_b_be_to_second_orbit_iter
122
123         # decrement the bi_elip_intermed_apogee
variable for the next iteration
124         bi_elip_intermed_apogee -= 1
125
126         output_string = f"Hohmann transfer semi-major
        axis: {a_h} km\n" \
127                     f"Apoapse Velocity: {v_apoapse:
        .3f} km\n" \
128                     f"Periapse Velocity: {

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128 v_periapse:.3f} km\n" \
129         f"Orbit 1 circ velocity: {
    orbit_1_circ_velocity:.3f}\n" \
130         f"Orbit 2 circ velocity: {
    orbit_2_circ_velocity:.3f}\n" \
131         f"Delta v1 Velocity: {delta_v_a
    :.3f} km\n" \
132         f"Delta v2 Velocity: {delta_v_b
    :.3f} km\n" \
133         f"Total dV: {
    delta_v_total_hohmann:.3f} km\n\n" \
134         f"Hohmann transfer semi-major
    axis (bi-elliptic): {a_h_be_first} km\n" \
135         f"2.07) Semimajor axis for
    transfer from the 7000 km orbit to the " \
136         f"210000 km orbit (km): {
    a_h_be_first:.3f}\n" \
137         f"" \
138         f"2.08) Velocity at perigee on
    the first leg (i.e. first Hohmann transfer) \n" \
139         f"        for the Bielliptic
    transfer (km/s): {v_be_periapse:.3f}\n" \
140         f"2.09) Delta V to get from the
    circular 7000 km orbit onto the first leg\n" \
141         f"        (i.e. first Hohmann
    transfer) for the Bielliptic transfer: {
    delta_v_a_be_to_first_leg:.3f} km/s\n\n" \
142         f"2.10) Velocity at apogee on
    the first leg (i.e. first Hohmann transfer)\n" \
143         f"        for the Bielliptic
    transfer (km/s): {v_be_apoapse:.3f} km/s\n\n" \
144         f"2.11) Semimajor axis for
    transfer from the 210000 km orbit to the 105000 km
    " \
145         f"orbit: {a_h_be_second} km/s\n
    \n" \
146         f"2.12) Velocity at apogee on
    the second leg (i.e. second Hohmann transfer)\n" \
147         f"        for the Bielliptic
    transfer (km/s): {v_be_apogee_second:.3f} km/s\n\n"
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148         f"2.13) Delta V to transfer
        from the first leg (i.e. first Hohmann transfer)\n"
        \
149         f"         to the second leg (i.e
        . second Hohmann transfer) for the Bielliptic \n" \
150         f"         transfer: {
        delta_v_b_be_to_second_leg:.3f} km/s\n\n" \
151         f"2.14) Velocity at perigee on
        the second leg (i.e. second Hohmann transfer)\n" \
152         f"         for the Bielliptic
        transfer: {v_be_perigee_second:.3f} km/s\n\n" \
153         f"2.15) Delta V to get from the
        second leg (i.e. second Hohmann transfer)\n" \
154         f"         onto the circular orbit
        of radius 105000 km: {delta_v_b_be_to_second_orbit
        :.3f} km/s\n\n" \
155         f"2.16) Total DV for the
        Bielliptic transfer: {delta_v_total_bi_elliptic:.3f
        } km/s\n\n" \
156         f"2.17) Radius of intermediate
        orbit such that the other transfer option requires
        " \
157         f"less DV: {
        bi_elip_intermed_apogee:.3f} km " \
158
159     print(output_string)
160
161     with open('output/problem_2_output.txt', 'w')
        as output:
162         output.write(output_string)
163
164     return 0
165
166
167 if __name__ == '__main__':
168     main()
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