

# 7 - Orbital Perturbations, Osculating Orbital Elements, Gauss's Equations, Lagrange's Planetary Equations, Cowell's Method and Encke's Method

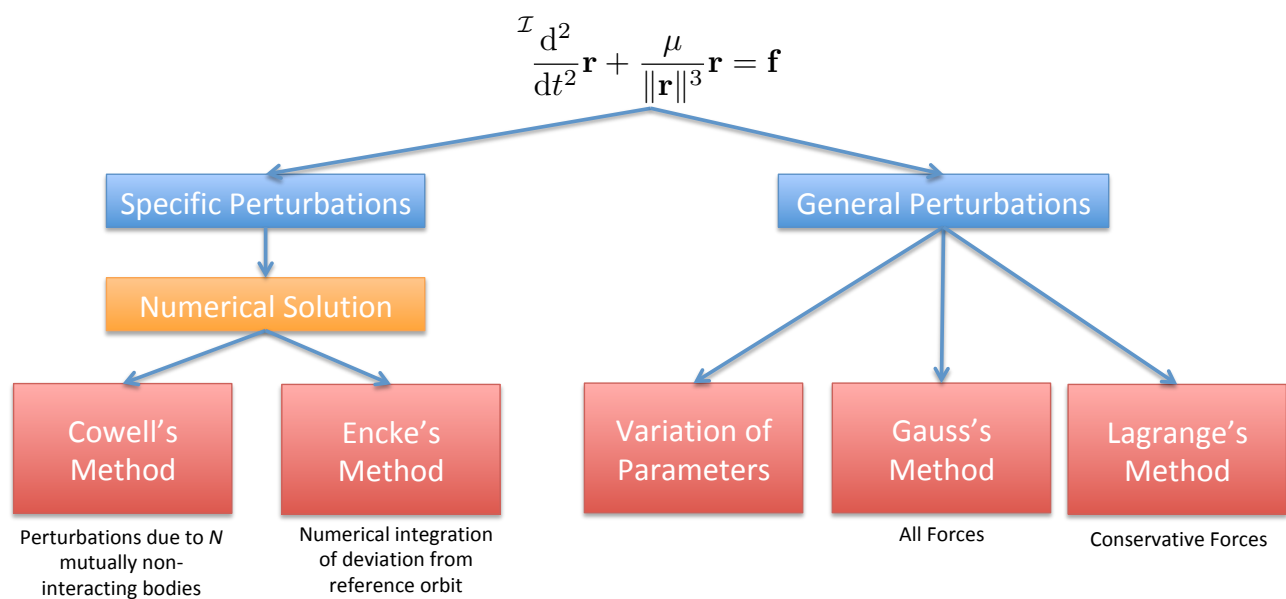
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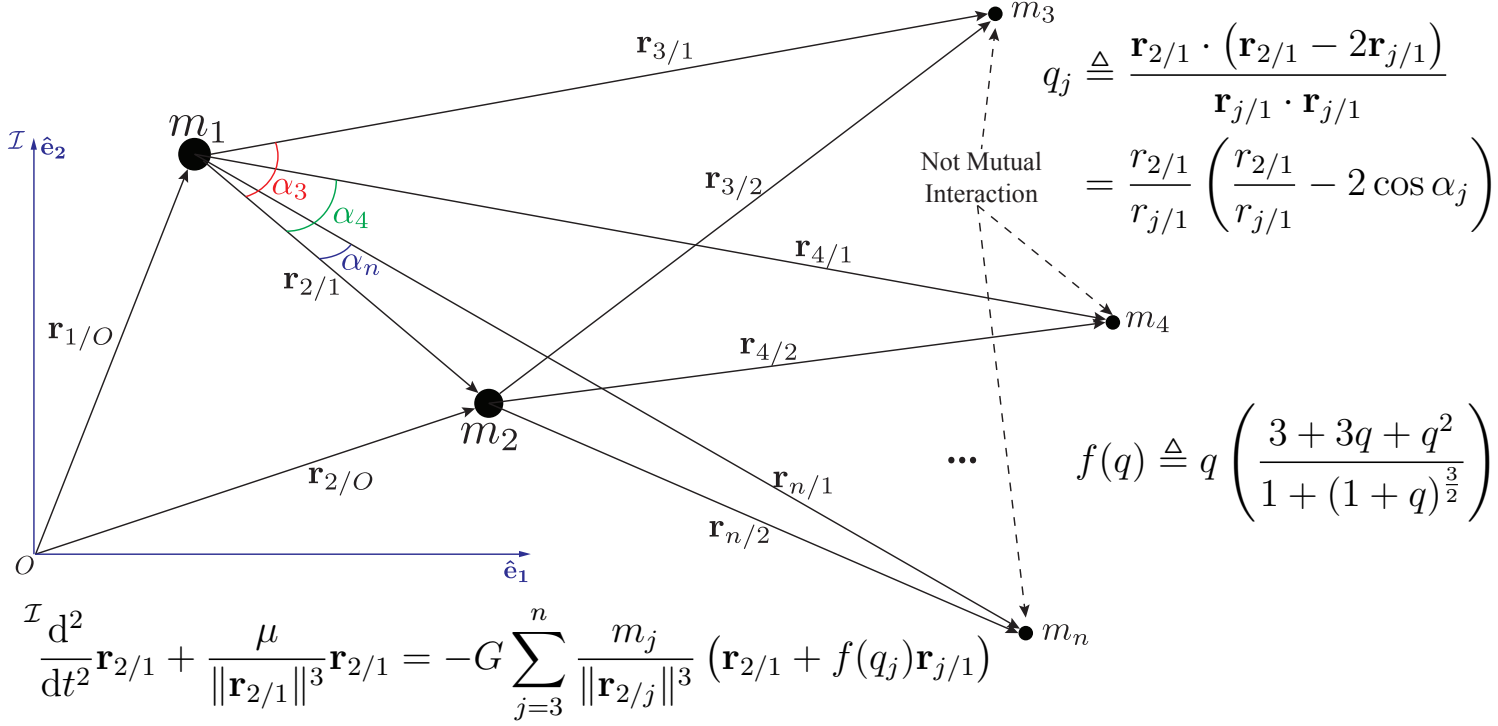
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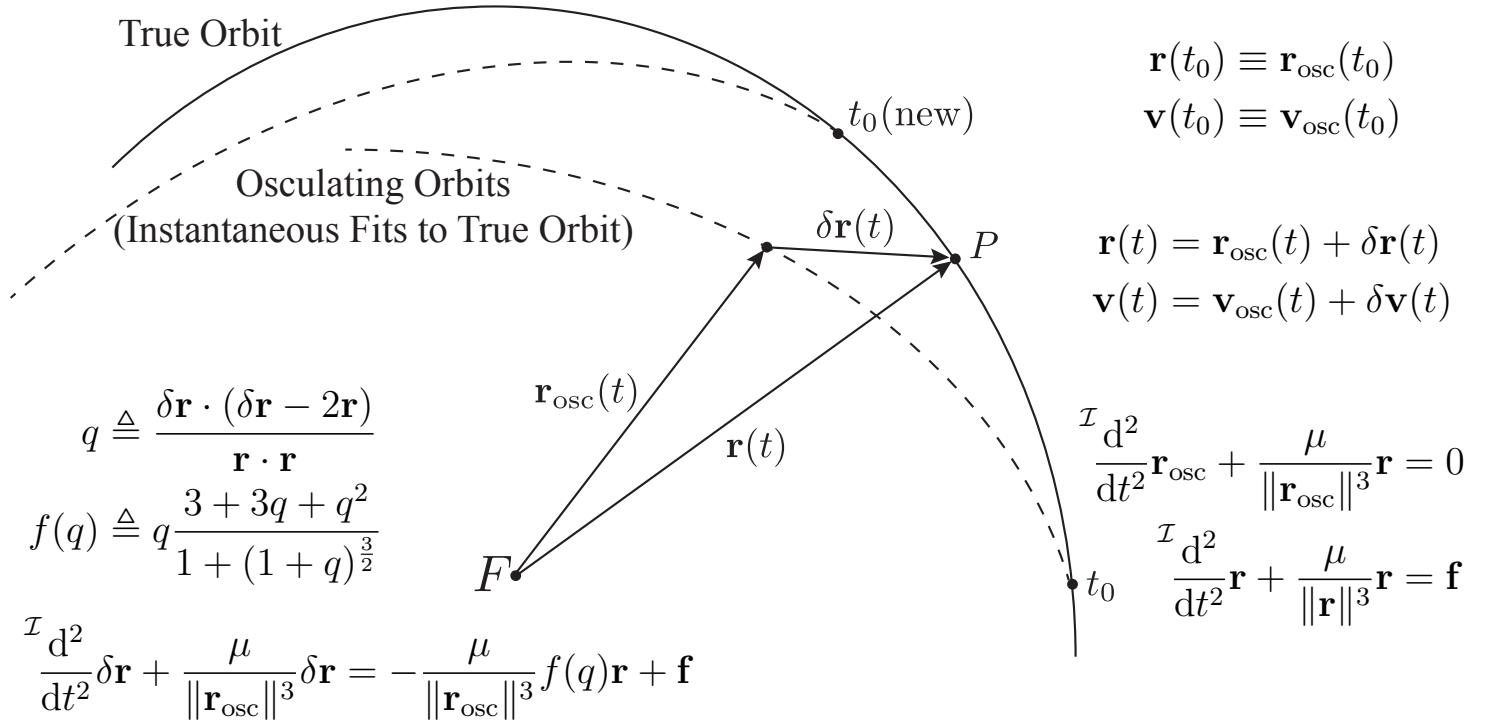
## Perturbations Roadmap



## Cowell's Method



## Encke's Method



# Variation of Parameters (Orbital Elements)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{h} &= \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v} \\
 \mathcal{I} \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{h} &= \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{f} \\
 \mathbf{e} &= \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{h}}{\mu} - \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\|\mathbf{r}\|} \\
 \mathcal{I} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \mathbf{r} &= \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v} = -\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{f} \\
 \mathcal{I} \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{e} &= \frac{1}{\mu} (\mathbf{f} \times \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{f})
 \end{aligned}$$

## Variation of Parameters Reference Frames

Diagram illustrating the variation of parameters reference frames. The diagram shows a central body at origin  $O$  and an elliptical orbit. Key vectors and frames are defined:

- $\mathcal{L}$  frame:  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$  (blue),  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1(\Upsilon)$  (blue)
- $\mathcal{P}$  frame:  $\hat{\mathbf{h}}$  (red)
- $\mathcal{B}$  frame:  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \equiv \hat{\mathbf{h}}$  (red),  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$  (red),  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta$  (red)
- Force vector  $\mathbf{f}$  (green)
- Eccentricity vector  $\mathbf{e}$  (red)
- Position vector  $\mathbf{r}_{P/O}$
- Angles:  $I$  (inclination),  $\theta$  (true anomaly),  $\nu$  (argument of perigee),  $\omega$  (argument of latitude),  $\Omega$  (longitude of ascending node)
- Vector  $\hat{\mathbf{q}}$  (red)

Mathematical expressions for the variation of parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{I} \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} &= \dot{\Omega} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3 + \dot{I} \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \dot{\theta} \hat{\mathbf{h}} \\
 [\mathcal{I} \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \dot{I} \cos(\theta) + \dot{\Omega} \sin(I) \sin(\theta) \\ -\dot{I} \sin(\theta) + \dot{\Omega} \sin(I) \cos(\theta) \\ \dot{\Omega} \cos(I) + \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} \\
 [\mathbf{r}]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} \quad [\mathcal{I} \mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} v_r \\ v_\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} \\
 [\mathbf{f}]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} f_r \\ f_\theta \\ f_h \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} \quad [\mathcal{I} \mathbf{h}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ h \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} \quad [\mathbf{e}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} e \cos \nu \\ -e \sin \nu \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Gauss's Perturbation Equations (the setup)

$$\frac{{}^{\mathcal{I}}d\mathbf{h}}{dt} = \frac{{}^{\mathcal{B}}d\mathbf{h}}{dt} + {}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{f} \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{h} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} + \begin{bmatrix} h \left( -\dot{I} \sin(\theta) + \dot{\Omega} \sin(I) \cos(\theta) \right) \\ -h \left( \dot{I} \cos(\theta) + \dot{\Omega} \sin(I) \sin(\theta) \right) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -f_h r \\ f_{\theta} r \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\frac{{}^{\mathcal{I}}d\mathbf{e}}{dt} = \frac{{}^{\mathcal{B}}d\mathbf{e}}{dt} + {}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times \mathbf{e} = \frac{1}{\mu} (\mathbf{f} \times {}^{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{h} + {}^{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{f}) \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -e \left( \dot{\omega} - \dot{\theta} \right) \sin(\omega - \theta) + \dot{e} \cos(\omega - \theta) \\ e \left( \dot{\omega} - \dot{\theta} \right) \cos(\omega - \theta) + \dot{e} \sin(\omega - \theta) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} + \begin{bmatrix} -e \left( \dot{\Omega} \cos(I) + \dot{\theta} \right) \sin(\omega - \theta) \\ e \left( \dot{\Omega} \cos(I) + \dot{\theta} \right) \cos(\omega - \theta) \\ e \left( \dot{I} \sin(\omega) - \dot{\Omega} \sin(I) \cos(\omega) \right) \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left( \begin{bmatrix} f_{\theta} h \\ -f_r h \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} + \begin{bmatrix} f_{\theta} r v_{\theta} \\ -f_{\theta} r v_r \\ -f_h r v_r \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} \right)$$

## Gauss's Perturbation Equations (the solution)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{I} &= \frac{f_h r}{h} \cos(\theta) & \dot{e} &= \frac{e f_{\theta}}{h} r \sin^2(\nu) + \frac{f_r h}{\mu} \sin(\nu) + \frac{2 f_{\theta}}{\mu} h \cos(\nu) \\ \dot{\Omega} &= \frac{f_h r \sin(\theta)}{h \sin(I)} & \dot{\omega} &= -\frac{f_h r \sin(\theta)}{h \tan(I)} - \frac{f_{\theta} r}{2h} \sin(2\nu) - \frac{f_r h}{e\mu} \cos(\nu) + \frac{2 f_{\theta} h}{e\mu} \sin(\nu) \\ \dot{h} &= f_{\theta} r & \frac{h}{r^2} &= \dot{\Omega} \cos(I) + \dot{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{a} = \frac{2a^2}{h} [e \sin \nu f_r + (1 + e \cos(\nu)) f_{\theta}]$$

# Gauss's Perturbation Equations (other versions)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\Omega}{dt} &= \frac{r \sin \theta}{h \sin i} a_{dh} \\
 \frac{di}{dt} &= \frac{r \cos \theta}{h} a_{dh} \\
 \frac{d\omega}{dt} &= \frac{1}{he} [-p \cos f a_{dr} + (p+r) \sin f a_{d\theta}] - \frac{r \sin \theta \cos i}{h \sin i} a_{dh} \\
 \frac{da}{dt} &= \frac{2a^2}{h} \left( e \sin f a_{dr} + \frac{p}{r} a_{d\theta} \right) \\
 \frac{de}{dt} &= \frac{1}{h} \{ p \sin f a_{dr} + [(p+r) \cos f + re] a_{d\theta} \} \\
 \frac{dM}{dt} &= n + \frac{b}{ahe} [(p \cos f - 2re) a_{dr} - (p+r) \sin f a_{d\theta}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Battin (1999) Eq. 10.41

NB:  $f \equiv \nu$  here

$(a_{dr}, a_{d\theta}, a_{dh}) \equiv (f_r, f_\theta, f_h)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{da}{dt} &= \frac{2}{n\sqrt{1-e^2}} \left\{ e \sin(\nu) F_R + \frac{p}{r} F_S \right\} \\
 \frac{de}{dt} &= \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{na} \left\{ \sin(\nu) F_R + \left( \cos(\nu) + \frac{e + \cos(\nu)}{1 + e \cos(\nu)} \right) F_S \right\} \\
 \frac{di}{dt} &= \frac{r \cos(u)}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2}} F_W \\
 \frac{d\Omega}{dt} &= \frac{r \sin(u)}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin(i)} F_W \\
 \frac{d\omega}{dt} &= \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{nae} \left\{ -\cos(\nu) F_R + \sin(\nu) \left( 1 + \frac{r}{p} \right) F_S \right\} - \frac{r \cot(i) \sin(u)}{h} F_W \\
 \frac{dM_o}{dt} &= \frac{1}{na^2 e} \left\{ (p \cos(\nu) - 2er) F_R - (p+r) \sin(\nu) F_S \right\} - \frac{dn}{dt} (t - t_o)
 \end{aligned}$$

Vallado (2013) Eq. 9-24

NB:  $p = \ell$  here

$(F_R, F_S, F_W) \equiv (f_r, f_\theta, f_h)$

## Lagrange Planetary Equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{da}{dt} &= \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial M} \\
 \frac{de}{dt} &= \frac{1}{na^2 e} \left( (1-e^2) \frac{\partial R}{\partial M} - \sqrt{1-e^2} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} \right) \\
 \frac{dI}{dt} &= \frac{1}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin I} \left( \cos I \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial \Omega} \right) \\
 \frac{d\omega}{dt} &= \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e} - \frac{\cot I}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2}} \frac{\partial R}{\partial I} \\
 \frac{d\Omega}{dt} &= \frac{1}{na^2 \sqrt{1-e^2} \sin I} \frac{\partial R}{\partial I} \\
 \frac{dM}{dt} &= n - \underbrace{\frac{1-e^2}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e} - \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial a}}_{\text{perturbation}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall the mean motion:

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

Remember: mean anomaly is always changing (at rate  $n$ ). This term gives the variation in this change due to the perturbation.

# Lagrange Planetary Equations (other versions)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\Omega}{dt} &= \frac{1}{nab \sin i} \frac{\partial R}{\partial i} \\
 \frac{di}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{nab \sin i} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \Omega} + \frac{\cos i}{nab \sin i} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} \\
 \frac{d\omega}{dt} &= -\frac{\cos i}{nab \sin i} \frac{\partial R}{\partial i} + \frac{b}{na^3 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e} \\
 \frac{da}{dt} &= \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \lambda} \\
 \frac{de}{dt} &= -\frac{b}{na^3 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} + \frac{b^2}{na^4 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \lambda} \\
 \frac{d\lambda}{dt} &= -\frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial a} - \frac{b^2}{na^4 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e}
 \end{aligned}$$

Battin (1999) Eq. 10.31

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda &\triangleq nt_p \\
 b &= a\sqrt{1 - e^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial M_o}$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = \frac{1 - e^2}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial M_o} - \frac{\sqrt{1 - e^2}}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega}$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{1}{na^2 \sqrt{1 - e^2} \sin(i)} \left\{ \cos(i) \frac{\partial R}{\partial \omega} - \frac{\partial R}{\partial \Omega} \right\}$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - e^2}}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e} - \frac{\cot(i)}{na^2 \sqrt{1 - e^2}} \frac{\partial R}{\partial i}$$

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dt} = \frac{1}{na^2 \sqrt{1 - e^2} \sin(i)} \frac{\partial R}{\partial i}$$

$$\frac{dM_o}{dt} = -\frac{1 - e^2}{na^2 e} \frac{\partial R}{\partial e} - \frac{2}{na} \frac{\partial R}{\partial a} + n$$

Vallado (2013) Eq. 9-12

$$M = M_0 + n(t - t_p)$$