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Mars Explorer

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A small robotic explorer has been sent to the Martian system to observe and characterize the two moons - Phobos and Deimos, whose orbits are assumed to be circular and coplanar about Mars, with a radius equal to the semi-major axis listed in the constants table for moons and dwarfs. Let's assume that the spacecraft has completed its observations in the orbit of Phobos and must transfer to the orbit of Deimos. Consider only the gravity of Mars.

a) Assume that the spacecraft departs from Phobos to rendezvous with Deimos using an elliptical minimum energy transfer arc and a transfer angle of 240 degrees. Determine the following quantities: $a, TOF, p, e, \mathcal{E}, type$ (1 or 2), $v_D, v_A, \theta_D^*, \theta_A^*, \gamma_D, \gamma_A$.

inertial Y

Mg = 42828.37 Hm3/52 Rd = 3397 Km

aphobos = 9376 Km

aprimos = 23,458 Km





