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AERSP 458/550  
Problem Set #8  
Due Friday April 3 at 11:59pm

Submit your work via Canvas upload.  
Please submit a high-contrast pdf (scan or tablet output) – no photos please.

AERSP 458, 550: do all of the problems

1. Orbit #1 (Earth orbit) has  $a_1 = 20000$  km and  $e_1 = 0.5$ . When the s/c reaches  $\theta_1 = 30$  deg, it performs a single-impulse maneuver that places it on orbit #2 (same plane as orbit #1) with  $a_2 = a_1$ , but at a new true anomaly  $\theta_2 = 60$  deg.  $\mu_{\oplus} = 3.986 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^3/\text{s}^2$ .
  - (a) Calculate the new eccentricity  $e_2$ .
  - (b) Calculate the  $\Delta v$  required for the maneuver.
  - (c) Determine the alternative location (true anomaly) on orbit #1 where the maneuver could be performed to produce the same orbit #2. (It's not necessary to repeat parts a and b here).
2. Show that, for a pure inclination change, the maneuver location (node) closer to apoapsis will always require lower  $\Delta v$ .

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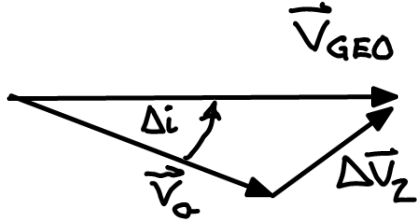
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3. Consider a Hohmann-like transfer from low Earth orbit (LEO) to geosynchronous equatorial orbit (GEO). The typical LEO has non-zero inclination (usually the same as the latitude of the launch site), whereas GEO has zero inclination. To reduce the total required  $\Delta v$  for the transfer, the s/c performs  $\Delta v_1$  to depart LEO on the Hohmann ellipse in the same orbital plane as LEO. When it arrives at GEO, it performs a single  $\Delta v_2$  (at the apoapsis of the ellipse) that both increases the orbital speed to  $v_{GEO}$  and changes the orbital plane to zero inclination, as shown in the figure.



For  $r_{LEO} = 7000$  km,  $i_{LEO} = 28.5$  deg, and  $r_{GEO} = 42164$  km,

- (a) Calculate the total  $\Delta v_{TOT} = \Delta v_1 + \Delta v_2$  for the transfer as described above.
  - (b) Now consider what happens if the s/c performs two separate maneuvers when it arrives at GEO:
    - 1)  $\Delta v_{GEO,c}$  which simply places it on a circular orbit with radius  $r_{GEO}$  but with no change in inclination, then
    - 2)  $\Delta v_{GEO,i}$  which is a pure inclination change from  $i_{LEO}$  to  $i = 0$ . Calculate the  $\Delta v_{TOT} = \Delta v_1 + \Delta v_{GEO,c} + \Delta v_{GEO,i}$  for the transfer and compare it with the value in part a) above.
4. A s/c on Earth orbit #1 with  $a_1 = 12500$  km,  $e_1 = 0.4$ ,  $i_1 = 51.6$  deg,  $\Omega_1 = 17$  deg,  $\omega_1 = 45$  deg performs a single-impulse maneuver at true anomaly  $\theta_1 = 22$  deg, resulting in a plane-rotation of 10 deg. (positive right-hand sense about the  $\vec{r}$  vector. The new orbit #2 has the same values of  $a$  and  $e$ .
- (a) Calculate the new values of  $i_2, \Omega_2, \omega_2$ .
  - (b) Calculate the required  $\Delta v$  for this maneuver. Note that  $a$  and  $e$  are unchanged, so this is similar to a pure inclination change.