

Initial Conditions

- **Dry Mass** (M_f): 10.65 kg
- **Target Apogee**: 1050 m
- **Burn Time** (t_{burnout}): 3.5 s
- **Specific Impulse** (I_{sp}): $I_{sp} \leq 2800 \text{ N s}$

Variables and Their Definitions

- g : Acceleration due to gravity (9.81 m/s^2)
- M_f : Final/Dry mass of the rocket (dry mass)
- M_i : Initial mass of the rocket (dry mass + propellant mass)
- M_p : Mass of the propellant
- T : Thrust
- v_{burnout} : Burnout velocity
- Δv : Change in velocity required to reach target apogee

Step 1: Estimating Δv Using Energy Equation

Using the formula:

$$\Delta v = \sqrt{(2gh)}$$

We can estimate Δv :

$$\Delta v = \sqrt{(2 \cdot 9.81 \cdot 1050)}$$

$$\Delta v = 143.53$$

Step 2: Tsiolkovsky Equation

Using the Tsiolkovsky rocket equation:

$$\Delta v = ve \cdot \log\left(\frac{m_i}{m_f}\right)$$

Specific Impulse Formulas:

$$Isp = \frac{ve}{g} = \frac{T}{\frac{dm}{dt} \cdot g}$$

Thrust Definition:

$$\Delta v = \frac{T}{\frac{dm}{dt}} \cdot \log\left(\frac{m_i}{m_f}\right)$$

Step 3: Finding Burnout Velocity

Total apogee reached is the sum of height during burnout and height of coasting phase:

$$H_{total} = H_{burnout} + H_{coasting}$$

Where:

$$H_{burnout} = \frac{1}{2}at_{burnout}^2$$

$$H_{coasting} = \frac{v_{burnout}^2}{2 \cdot g}$$

Combining these gives:

$$H_{total} = \frac{1}{2}at_{burnout}^2 + \frac{v_{burnout}^2}{2 \cdot g} = \frac{1}{2}v_{burnout} \cdot t_{burnout} + \frac{(v_{burnout})^2}{2 \cdot g}$$

Setting $H=1050\text{ m}$, and $t=3.5\text{ s}$ and :

$$1050 = \frac{3.5}{2}v_{burnout} + \frac{(v_{burnout})^2}{2 \cdot (9.81)}$$

Solving this equation yields:

$$v_{burnout} = 127.39 \frac{m}{s}$$

Step 4: Finding Propellant Weight Needed

Using the effective velocity equation:

$$v_{burnout} = \left(\frac{T_{avg} \cos(\alpha)}{m_{avg}} - g \right) \cdot t_{burnout}$$

Importing thrust from Tsiolkovsky Equation,

$$v_{burnout} = \left(\frac{\Delta v \cdot \frac{dm}{dt} \cdot \cos(\alpha)}{m_{avg} \cdot \log \left(\frac{m_i}{m_f} \right)} - g \right) \cdot t_{burnout}$$

$$\text{As } m_p = dm \cdot t_{burnout} \text{ and } m_{avg} = \frac{(m_i + m_f)}{2} = m_f + \frac{m_p}{2}$$

$$v_{burnout} = \left(\frac{\Delta v \cdot m_p \cos(\alpha)}{\left(m_i + \frac{m_p}{2} \right) \cdot \log \left(\frac{m_i}{m_f} \right)} - g \cdot t_{burnout} \right)$$

$$\frac{v_{burnout}}{\Delta v \cdot \cos(\alpha)} = \left(\frac{m_p}{\left(m_i + \frac{m_p}{2} \right) \cdot \log \left(\frac{m_i}{m_f} \right)} - g \cdot t_{burnout} \right)$$

On applying the values:

$$\frac{1.12674}{\cos(\alpha)} = \left(\frac{m_p}{\left(10.5 + \frac{m_p}{2} \right) \cdot \log \left(1 + \frac{m_p}{10.5} \right)} \right)$$

Step 5: Values at different angles of attack

a) Angle: 90°

$$\left(\frac{m_p}{\left(10.5 + \frac{m_p}{2} \right) \cdot \log \left(1 + \frac{m_p}{10.5} \right)} \right) = 1.12674$$

On doing iterations we get

$$m_p = 1.2626658982 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Error} = -4.771516515234e-12$$

b) Angle: 85°

$$\left(\frac{m_p}{\left(10.5 + \frac{m_p}{2}\right) \cdot \log \left(1 + \frac{m_p}{10.5}\right)} \right) = 1.16647$$

On doing iterations we get

$$M_p = 1.6318742415 \text{ Kg}$$

$$\text{Error} = -2.02469152554841\text{e-}11$$

c) Angle: 80°

$$\left(\frac{m_p}{\left(10.5 + \frac{m_p}{2}\right) \cdot \log \left(1 + \frac{m_p}{10.5}\right)} \right) = 1.1990$$

On doing iterations we get

$$M_p = 1.925382576 \text{ Kg}$$

$$\text{Error} = -3.22228910221156\text{e-}11$$

Step 6: Evaluation of thrust and specific impulse

a) Angle: 90°

$$\text{Total Mass} = 10.5 + 1.262 = 11.762 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Thrust, } T = \frac{(v_{\text{burnout}} + g \cdot t) \cdot m_{\text{avg}}}{t} = \frac{(127.39 + 34.34) \cdot (10.5 + 0.631)}{3.5} = 514.319 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Total Impulse, } I_t = T_{\text{avg}} \cdot t_{\text{burnout}} = 514.319 \cdot 3.5 = 1800.117 \text{ Ns}$$

b) Angle: 85

$$\text{Total Mass} = 10.5 + 1.665 = 12.165 \text{ kg}$$

Thrust,

$$T = \frac{(v_{burnout} + g \cdot t) \cdot m_{avg}}{t} = \frac{(127.39 + 34.34) \cdot (10.5 + 0.8325)}{3.5}$$

$$= 523.63 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Total Impulse, } I_t = T_{avg} \cdot t_{burnout} = 523.63 \cdot 3.5 = 1832.70 \text{ Ns}$$

c) Angle: 80°

$$\text{Total Mass} = 10.5 + 1.925 = 12.425 \text{ kg}$$

Thrust,

$$T = \frac{(v_{burnout} + g \cdot t) \cdot m_{avg}}{t} = \frac{(127.39 + 34.34) \cdot (10.5 + 0.9625)}{3.5}$$

$$= 529.636 \text{ N}$$

Total Impulse,

$$I_t = T_{avg} \cdot t_{burnout} = 529.63 \cdot 3.5 = 1853.7273 \text{ Ns}$$