

# Homework 7



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## AE 313 Homework 7

1. What is the initial Jason orbit semi-major axis, eccentricity, and true anomaly?

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1 syms am
2 eq = -MU/(2*am) == vm^2/2 - MU/rm;
3 am = double(solve(eq, am)) % 6.6993e3 km
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5 hm = rm*vm*cosd(FPAm);
6 pm = hm^2/MU;
7 em = sqrt(1-pm/am) % 0.5001
8
9 true_am = atan2d(rm*vm^2/MU*cosd(FPAm)*sind(FPAm), rm*vm^2/MU*cosd(FPAm)
    ^2-1) % 160.0052
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$$\begin{aligned}a^- &= 6699.3 \text{ km} \\ e^- &= 0.5001^\circ \\ \theta^{*-} &= 160.0052^\circ\end{aligned}$$

2. Draw the vector diagram.

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3. Determine the velocity and flight path angle immediately following the maneuver. Make sure to justify if  $\Delta\gamma$  is positive or negative.

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1 syms vp FPAp
2 vp = sqrt(vm^2 + dv^2 - 2*vm*dv*cosd(180 - abs(alpha))) % 6.1136 km/s
3 dFPA = acosd(((dv^2)-(vm^2)-(vp^2))/(-2*vm*vp)) %11.5652 deg | negative
    because the dv is oriented towards earth (indicated by the negative
    alpha)
4 FPAp = FPAm - dFPA;
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$$\begin{aligned}v^+ &= 6.1136 \text{ km/s} \\ \gamma^+ &= 6.3148^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$\Delta\gamma$  is negative because  $|\Delta\vec{v}|$  is oriented towards earth (indicated by the negative alpha).

4. Determine the orbital characteristics following the maneuver:  $a^+, e^+, \theta^{*+}, \Delta\omega$

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1 FPAp = FPAm - dFPA;
2 syms ap
3 rp = rm;
4 eq = -MU/(2*ap) == vp^2/2 - MU/rp;
5 ap = double(solve(eq, ap)) % 8.5290e+03 km
6 ep = sqrt((rp*vp^2/MU - 1)^2*cosd(FPAp)^2 + sind(FPAp)^2) % 0.1560
7 true_ap = atan2d(rp*vp^2/MU*cosd(FPAp)*sind(FPAp), rp*vp^2/MU*cosd(FPAp)^2
  - 1)
8 true_ap = atan2d(rp*vp^2/MU*cosd(FPAp)*sind(FPAp), rp*vp^2/MU*cosd(FPAp)
  ^2-1); % 141.4710
9 dAOP = -(true_ap - true_am) % 18.5342

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$$a^+ = 8529 \text{ km}$$

$$e^+ = 0.1260$$

$$\theta^{*+} = 141.71^\circ \quad \theta^{*+} \text{'s value is positive due to the fact that } atan2 \text{ takes into account}$$

$$\Delta\omega = 18.5342^\circ$$

the signs of the components.  $\Delta\omega = 18.5342^\circ$  is a positive value due to the fact that it follows the relationship of  $\Delta\omega = \theta^{*-} - \theta^{*+}$ .

5. Use GMAT to plot the two orbits. Propagate both orbits at least one period. Draw the vector diagram (vm, vp, alpha, dFPA, dv) and position vector for the maneuver on the printout. Check  $a^+$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $\theta^*$ ,  $v^+$ .

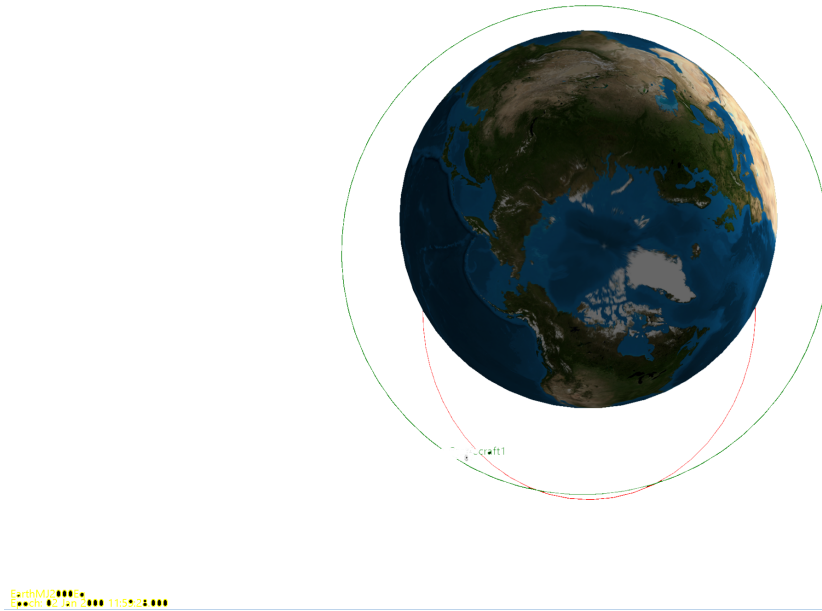


Figure 1: GMAT Plot of Orbits

$$\begin{aligned} a^+ &= 8529 \text{ km} \\ e^+ &= 0.1560 \\ \theta^{*+} &= 141.471^\circ \\ v^+ &= 6.1136 \text{ km/s} \end{aligned}$$

6. What would happen if you failed to perform this maneuver?

Without the maneuver, ICESAT-2 is on a parabolic collision trajectory with Earth. If the maneuver failed, the spacecraft would crash into Earth. This can be observed in (Fig. 1) where the smaller, red orbit displays the collision trajectory.

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1  clc;
2
3  MU = 398600; % km^3/sec^2
4
5  rm = 9478; % km
6  vm = 4.961; % km/s
7  FPAm = 17.88; % deg
8
9  dv = 1.6; % km/s
10 alpha = -50; % deg
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12 % 1. What is the initial Jason orbit semi-major axis, eccentricity, and
13 % true anomaly?
14 syms am
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18 hm = rm*vm*cosd(FPAm);
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    ^2-1) % 160.0052
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25 % 2. Draw the vector diagram
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27 % 3. Determine the velocity and flight path angle immediately following
    the
28 % maneuver. Make sure to justify if dFPA is positive or negative.
29 syms vp FPAp
30 vp = sqrt(vm^2 + dv^2 - 2*vm*dv*cosd(180 - abs(alpha))) % 6.1136 km/s
31 dFPA = acosd(((dv^2)-(vm^2)-(vp^2))/(-2*vm*vp)) %11.5652 deg | positive
    because the dv is oriented towards earth (indicated by the negative
    alpha)
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33 % 4. Determine the orbital characteristics following the maneuver: ap, ep,
34 % true_ap, dAOP
35 FPAp = FPAm - dFPA;
36 syms ap
37 rp = rm;
38 eq = -MU/(2*ap) == vp^2/2 - MU/rp;
39 ap = double(solve(eq, ap)) % 8.5290e+03 km

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41 ep = sqrt((rp*vp^2/MU - 1)^2*cosd(FPAp)^2 + sind(FPAp)^2) % 0.1560
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46 dAOP = -(true_ap - true_am) % 18.5342
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48 % 5. Use GMAT to plot the two orbits. Propagate both orbits at least one
49 % period. Draw the vector diagram (vm, vp, alpha, dFPA, dv) and position
50 % vector for the maneuver on the printout. check ap, ep, true_ap, vp.
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52 % 6. What would happen if you failed to perform this maneuver?

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